# The Seeker

"Seeking the Souls of Men and Pointing Them to Christ"

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our work continues to grow so fast it is hard to keep up! Our distance learning program, International College of The Bible, is growing each month. Since the first of the year we have added over 12 new students and graduated 2 students. Our students are from all over the world. The last students we have enrolled have been from the following places: South Africa, Nigeria, TN, TX, Malaysia, Turkey, Malawi, India, Botswana, AL, IL, and NC. Since 2007, when ICOTB started, we have issued 84 diplomas for men and a few women from around the world. Much of our time is spent making assignments, grading test papers and looking over assignments from our students. For the first few years I was the only teacher and the load got so heavy we had to get some help. We have a few good men who are helping as teachers with our program and we are so thankful for them and the good work they do.

Currently we are working with 12 different preacher schools in Africa. We are sending tracts, Bibles, books, BCC lesson books to these schools to help in their work. Five of these schools we support with monthly funds. Some of them we only send a small amount every few months due to a lack of funds. Three of these schools are funded by brethren at different congregations here in the USA. We still try to send these schools that have support Bibles, tracts, books and BCC lesson books. Three of these schools are in need of monthly funds for food for the students and funds to rent a house where the school can meet and paper, pens and school supplies for the daily operation of the schools.

We would like to find a few congregations that would like to get involved in the training of faithful Gospel preachers in Africa. We know these schools and the men who teach at them with many of them being graduates of our school, ICOTB. We also go to these schools and visit with them personally so we will know what is going on at the schools.

If your congregation can help us in this good work, please get in touch with us and we will be happy to discuss the needs in greater detail.

Our Malaysia trip is just a few days away. Carolyn & I plan to visit with 4 different congregations in Malaysia. We will end our trip with a visit with the Jurong congregation in Singapore. There Carolyn & I will conduct a teacher's workshop and I will speak at the congregation our last Sunday there.

Plans are well underway for our Malawi-Zambia trip in August. We have sent out letters again this year seeking to reach our goal of \$60,000.00. So much more than the cost of the trip is done with these funds. Below I have listed what we plan to do with the funds:

Printing & shipping 200,000 tracts	\$12,000	Benevolence for preachers	\$ 3,000
Books for preacher schools, shipping	. \$ 4,000	Bibles in local languages	\$ 4,000
Printing & shipping BCC lessons	\$10,000	Bikes for preachers	\$ 5,000
Funds for preacher school support	. \$ 6,000	Preacher school help, food, supplies	\$ 6,000
Travel, taxi, hotel, food and fuel	. \$ 2,000	Misc expense for van & truck repairs	\$ 2,000
Air fare, travel ins., Zambia & Malawi	. \$ 6,000		

We are very excited about our work at IBTM! Thousands of souls are being taught the Word of God through our online BCC program and over 400 are enrolled in our distance learning program. Souls are being taught and led to the Truth each day and faithful Gospel preachers are being trained in their home country and we thank God and rejoice over this!

Our work is not limited by the number of prospects we have; it is limited by the funds we don't have! Please join us in this great work and help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

Ronald D. Gilbert, Director of IBTM

### Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	8,338
Restorations	8,087
Congregations Established	165
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	31,003
ICOTB Students	418
Preachers Graduated	341

## Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Linda Hill added books in memory of *Joe G. Wright* 

Donations to this library should be sent to:

New Hope Road Church of Christ
PO Box 1334 • Dacula, GA 30019

#### From the Inbox

I enjoy hearing things like these from students:

"I really enjoyed this course, if there's more let me know please"

"Am humbled to have been part of **IBTM** as a student. For sure it has been a lot of pleasure studying with IBTM. I take this chance to passionately say thank you"

"I am very grateful you for given me the opportunity to study more of God's Word under you. I especially thank my Teacher, Ms. Michelle Hargreaves, for her kindness and simplicity in explaining the lessons and her encouragement and prayers all the time I was under her as her student. May the LORD our God bless her richly in Jesus' name. Amen. The lessons were simple and precise. I had read Hebrews (and other 'difficult' Books in the Bible) many times without understanding much of them, but your explanation of them are straightforward that I now understand them now perfectly. In fact, I have gathered all the lessons and made them into a book for me to study further."

Linda Hill

#### India Campaign Report



Mathew Amos, P.J. Joseph, the Ex-Apostle who was baptized into Christ, and Dave Amos

Four members of the Woodstock Church of Christ departed for India on February 9, 2017 for a thirty day effort to reach lost souls. They were Reg and Kathy Berry, my son, Matthew, and myself. Kathy taught the ladies classes, while Reg was mostly involved in organizing and scheduling, without which our effort would have been a failure. Matt and I were given over totally to preaching the Gospel to varying size groups, including many of the denominations in many different areas, and also those who followed Hinduism. During the thirty days Matt and I preached a total of 129 times resulting in 529 initial baptisms, and the conversion of 83 denominational preachers who would then go

back to their congregations to teach them

truth and, thereby, increase the results of the overall effort. Some of these preachers had more than one congregation. One of them was a man very high in the New Apostolic Movement, being referred to as an "Apostle". He has total authority over 232 congregations and buildings consisting of over 8,600 members. His effort following conversion was to do all within his power and authority to convert all of the members and to remove the "Apostolic" name from all the meeting houses in favor of the "Church of Christ". We were able to visit three of these buildings with him. Faithful Indian brethren are in place to assure completion of the processes



10 lepers were baptized into Christ – and all 10 came back to say *Thanks!* 

now in place. The trip was very exhausting (Me being 83 years of age and Matt at 55), but quite satisfying to us and hopefully totally to His glory who gave the increase.

Dave Amos