

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are working trying to get things ready for our Africa trip in August. We are continuing to pray that things will be open and we will get to go on this mission trip. Our funds for this trip continue to come in. We are now about \$8,000.00 short of our needed funds for this trip. During the next few weeks we will be purchasing and shipping about 5,000 New Testaments and Bibles to different locations in Africa. We also have over 100,000 Gospel tracts and several thousand booklets to ship to Africa. We also hope to ship several thousand BCC booklets. If you would like to help us with these materials and shipping them to Africa make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Missions and mark for Malawi-Zambia trip and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. Time is getting short we need to get this material shipped soon if we want to get it there by August.

We are hearing good news concerning the Gospel meetings in Africa that are sponsored for \$300.00 each. During the past few days there have been 14 baptisms and 12 restorations reported. More Gospel meetings are planned during the next few weeks. We need to send more funds so these meetings can go on throughout the Summer. These meetings are \$300.00 each for transportation, food and lodging for some of the teachers and students at the preacher schools we are working with to go out in their areas and conduct Gospel meetings. One of these recent Gospel meetings was at Nambaza, Zambia. On May 7-9 there were 8 congregations that put together a Gospel meeting and they had 220 in attendance. John Simwiza and some of the students from Ngwezi School of Preaching conducted this Gospel meeting. They had 3 baptisms and 4 were restored.

Another building project we plan to start is to help some brethren in Lilongwe, Malawi to build a new church building. These brethren had been renting a school building but have lost that building and have decided to try to build a permanent structure for this congregation. We know this congregation and have visited with them and know their leaders. They are good brethren sound in the Faith. Malawi is one of the poorest of the African nations but these brethren are determined to have their own place to worship God. The land for the new building will cost \$10,200.00. The brethren there have come up with just over \$8,000.00 to purchase the land and we have sent the remaining funds for the land. During the next few weeks the paper work should be completed and the deed drawn up. They plan to build a church building 60 by 36 feet. This church building should cost around \$30,000.00 to build. It is in the capital city of Lilongwe and cannot be a mud hut due to city building codes. We have raised \$15,000.00 of the needed funds and are seeking to raise the other \$15,000.00 to complete this new church building. Gospel meeting pictures below.



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In Bomet, Kenya we were able to start the building project for the new preacher school building there. The rains have finally stopped and construction can begin. The picture below to the left shows the footer being dug. This is a much needed building project and we have been raising funds most all of 2020 and now are ready to see this project completed.

Floods have caused Lake Victoria in the Homa Bay area to rise and destroy many homes and property. Several members of the Lord's church in that area have suffered damage to homes and had to move out due to the floods. Pictured below are some of the pictures we have received from our brethren in that area. Our good brethren at one of the preacher schools in that area has started delivering food supplies to those in need. We wired \$3,000.00 to assist needy brethren in the Homa Bay area. These brethren will need help for several weeks getting their lives back to normal. If you would like to help these flood victims please send your funds to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for "flood victims". We will wire these funds to our brethren at the preacher school in Homa Bay and they will distribute food and other needed items. Brethren, we as Americans are blessed above most people in the world and we have so many opportunities to help spread the Gospel of Christ to every corner of the world and to help the poor and those who are suffering due to floods and famines and other disasters. Thanks for your prayers and support and continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director



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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms.....21,874
Restored.....17,949
Congregations established..... 576
Preachers graduated..... 624