



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. The Lord continues to bless our work with many souls. We thank God and give Him the glory. In June 1,541 baptisms and 2,668 restorations and 22 new congregations were started. June reports were from students reporting the past few months. July there was 456 baptisms and 132 restorations with 3 new congregations being started. August there was 525 baptisms, 236 restored and 2 new congregations started. Many of you may know that Carolyn and I did not get to go to Africa in August due to our having COVID pneumonia. But all the Gospel meetings we had scheduled went on as planned. In Malawi the teachers and graduates from the preacher school did the preaching at this Gospel meeting. In the past we have had 5,000 in attendance for meetings there. This year the brethren said that many more would attend. On Saturday August 6th they had over 8,000 in attendance then on Sunday the 7th they had 10,000 attending. Several local congregations dismissed their services and joined the brethren at the big meeting on Sunday. During the meeting in Malawi there were 95 precious souls baptized into Christ and 101 confessing sins.

A special thanks to our longtime friends and co-workers Rusty & Laura Stark for being able to go on this mission trip. They were getting over COVID when they departed for Zambia. The Gospel meeting at Siamafumba was a great meeting also with 3,493 present and 52 baptized into Christ and 99 confessing sins. There were other Gospel meetings and opportunities for Rusty to teach at the preacher school in Livingstone, Zambia and for Laura to teach ladies. Our thanks to Rusty & Laura for their work in Africa for many years.

In November we have several preacher schools graduating men and we are in need of more funds for bicycles for these men when they graduate. We have had one congregation to give funds to purchase around 40 of these needed bikes. We have around 80 men to graduate during August-December. These bikes are different prices in different nations but they average \$125.00 each. If you would like to purchase a bike for a preacher or if your congregation would like to purchase 5 or 10 please make check to IBTM and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. We wire the funds to the schools and they purchase the bikes. We also try to keep a few bikes at the preacher schools so the students can go out each Sunday to preach.

Our building church buildings project is doing a lot of good work. We can build these small church buildings for around \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. We have about 10 places that are in need of church buildings in Zambia and Malawi. If you or your congregation can help with these church buildings please send your funds. Many of these places are new congregations that have no place to worship. In Malawi during the preacher school break the students and some of the teachers went to 2 different locations for meetings. In these areas the Lord's church does not exist and they are conducting a 2 week Gospel meeting with teaching and preaching during the day and night. They have completed one week of the 2 week meetings. At the time I am writing this they have reported 57 baptisms at these 2 locations. Last Sunday the 2 congregations meet for worship for the first time. One meet under a tree with plastic spread out on the ground to sit on. The other rented a class room at a local school. Both of these areas need to have a permanent building so the people in the community can come and sit in the dry and out of the sun for services.

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We also need to send more funds to Africa to purchase Bibles in local languages and song books for many new congregations. Last week we sent \$1,000.00 for Bibles and \$1,000.00 for song books but much more is needed.

We continue to send funds for food relief to Zambia and Malawi. In the Siamafumba area in Zambia people are suffering due to the drought. A bag of maize did cost around \$12.00 and will feed a family of 5 for about 2 weeks. However as the drought worsens the maize goes up in price. If you would like to help with this food relief and those suffering due to the drought please send your funds. We try to wire funds every month or two. This problem will go on for several more months. November is the time they will plant the new crops then wait for it to grow to harvest. It will be next Spring before they harvest their maize.

There are so many things that need to be done in Africa and people are very receptive to God's Word. God has blessed us so much and given us so much we need to think about the Great Commission and try to bring as many souls to the Lord as we can while we can! Please pray for our mission work efforts in Africa and consider helping with some of the things we have mentioned in this Newsletter.

Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

Mabombo church building



Chuundwe building now has roof



Solwezi ready for roof



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Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	30,168
Restored.....	25,981
Congregations established.....	685
Preachers graduated.....	654