



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 BCC program continues to grow with over 55,000 online students that have enrolled and over 9,000 postal students. Recently we have added a new worker at IBTM. Karen Knight has joined our team as a part time worker with our BCC program. She will be enrolling our students and assigning them to one of our 160 plus volunteer teachers. We appreciate Karen and the good work she is doing to help people around the world learn more about Jesus Christ. Linda Hill will continue to work on our web page, the internet and other needed things for IBTM. We are thankful to have both of these Christian ladies to be helping with the work at IBTM.

We recently lost one of our BCC online teachers. Tilmon Bonner from Weatherford, TX. recently passed from this life. He had been one of our BCC teachers for several years. He also served in the past as one of the elders at the Windmill church of Christ in Weatherford. Bro. Bonner enjoyed his work as a BCC teacher. On more than one occasions we worked with him trying to get a student of his in contact with a preacher in Africa for further study and to baptize the student. He was always very excited when one of his students learned the truth and wanted to become a Christian. He would always continue to study with his new converts and help them to grow and be grounded in the faith. He encouraged several of his BCC students to enroll in our Distance learning program. Some of these men are preaching today because of his encouragement.

Books will be placed in preacher school libraries in Africa in memory of bro. Bonner. Linda Hill purchased 2 copies of Vines Exp. Dictionaries. Ron & Carolyn Gilbert added, Handbook on Denominations, Great Doctrines of the Bible and Sermons on Salvation. Another book was added in memory of Brenda Anderson. The book was Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts. Brenda was a member of the Wheeler Hill church of Christ in Pikeville, TN. Her husband Greg served as one of the elders at the Wheeler Hill congregation. Brenda was a fine Christian lady and will be greatly missed.

The new church building in Lilongwe, Malawi is getting the final touches and they plan to meet there for their first worship service in this new building on Sunday August 29th. The second week in September there will be 4 preachers graduating at Ngwezi, Zambia. Due to Covid last year the school closed and students went home and some got jobs and only 4 returned to graduate. We rejoice to see 4 more faithful Gospel preachers begin their work preaching and teaching God's Word.

We are still having great success with our Gospel meetings in Africa. Many of you have sponsored a meeting for \$300.00 and we are getting reports each month telling of those who have been baptized into Christ. We plan to send more funds in September. The rains will start in November and people will be planting crops so most congregations will not have meetings November through April. If you or your congregation would like to sponsor a Gospel meeting in Africa please make checks to IBTM and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506, and mark check for "Gospel Meetings".

We are getting reports from our graduates from the preacher schools in Africa. In July they reported that during the past few months they have had 1,114 baptized into Christ and 586 restored and 26 new congregations started. We rejoice to hear of so many who have obeyed the Lord in becoming Christians and those who have repented of sins and rededicated their lives to the Lord and His service.

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We are having difficulty in purchasing paper back New Testaments and Bibles that we have used in the past. These Bibles are on back order and we cannot get them now and have been waiting for 2 months. We are trying to locate other sources and get these Bibles and send them to Africa soon.

One of our printing projects is nearing completion. We are printing 2 large booklets to send to Africa. One is on Jehovah Witnesses and the other is on the Seventh Day Adventist Church. These booklets will help the brethren greatly in many areas in Africa as they are dealing with these groups. We have several thousand Gospel tracts printed in different African languages and plan to ship them to Africa during the next few weeks. Due to Covid some African nations will not receive packages from the USA so we must check before we mail them.

Brethren, thanks so much for your support and prayers. There is much good being done for the cause of Christ in Africa. These preacher schools are doing a great work in training faithful Gospel preachers. We need your help in this great work! Please continue to pray for our mission work efforts and continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

Ronald D. Gilbert-Director



Bikes for preachers-Zambia



5-Baptisms in Uganda



Gospel meeting
Kenya

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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms.....23,241
Restored.....18,636
Congregations established..... 598
Preachers graduated..... 624