

The Seeker

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Bibles-Kalomo, Zambia



Gospel meeting-Kenya



Baptism-Malawi

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been working trying to get our second container ready to ship to Africa. This one will be going to Malawi. Most African nations have been closed to containers due to the virus. However, we are hearing that South Africa and some other nations are reopening to containers being shipped to their nations. We have around 610 of the 700 boxes that we plan to send to Malawi ready to deliver when they reopen.

We received a donation in September for \$10,000.00. Of these funds we were to purchase \$6,000.00 in Bibles in Local languages in different African nations and \$4,000.00 was to be used to print more BCC booklets. We wired \$6,100.00 to several different preacher schools in Africa and over 600 Bibles were purchased in 6 different languages. We are also printing another 1,000 full sets or 12,000 BCC booklets and certificates.

Our Gospel meetings in Africa are getting good results. We started a program asking brethren here in the USA to give \$300.00 per meeting for the instructors at the preacher schools in Africa to take some of the students out in their local areas for Gospel meetings. We have received funds for over 50 Gospel meetings and have had around 200 baptized into Christ with several more restored and a few new congregations established. We plan to send more funds for more Gospel meetings as the funds come in.

Every 6 months we ask the men who have graduated from the preacher schools in Africa that we are working with to report the number of baptisms, restorations and new congregations established. We hear from less than half of the men due to lack of phones and email on their part. The reports we received on the work done from January through June 2020 was as follows; 786 baptisms, 1,145 restored and 23 new congregations established. We rejoice to hear such good news, when so much news around the world is bad news!

Our building projects in different locations in Africa continue to move forward. We are finishing up the small staff house in Solwezi, Zambia and one of the instructors should be ready to move in at the school in October. We are working on getting a well in Bomet, Kenya so we can start the building project for the new school building there. This building will cost around \$70,000.00 and we have raised \$50,000.00 and hope to break ground in the next few weeks. We are helping the brethren in Kalomo, Zambia build a new church building. The cost of this building we believe will be around \$10,000.00 and we have raised about \$4,000.00 toward this new church building.

Some of the preacher schools we are working with will have graduations in November and December. We had hoped to be able to go to Malawi and Zambia for some of these graduations but due to the virus it is not looking like we will get to go at this time. We are praying that things will change in the next few weeks and we will be able to go. There will be around 70 men to graduate from these schools this year. We are so thankful for these good men and the sacrifice they have made to leave their homes and families and attend these 2 year preacher schools. Please pray for these good men and their work as they will graduate soon.

So many good things are happening around the world. Thanks brethren for your prayers and support of our mission work efforts. Please continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ “into all the world”. Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	16,884
Restorations	12,960
Congregations Established	408
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	49,592
ICOTB Students	98
Preachers Graduated	492

Please visit our college web page at WWW.ICOTB.org click on “Gospel Books” there are hundreds of good books available for your use, free. Also look over our “Gospel Tracts” over 100 are there for your use. At the bottom of the reading version of the tracts you see “Printable Tract” if you click here the tract is in a PDF format with the art work ready for you to print. Please print these good tracts and use them as you can to teach the Gospel of Christ. Many people have been converted to Christ overseas and here in the USA because they read a “Gospel Tract”. Each year we try to print 200,000 Gospel tracts in English and other languages and send them to Africa. These Gospel tracts are a great help in evangelism by the brethren there. Why not print a few tracts and carry them in your Bible and car then as you have opportunity give them to those who show interest in God’s Word.

What Percentage of People Obey The Gospel?

The Gospel of Christ still has the power to save (Rom. 1:16). There is still much work to do at home and around the world. If we want to reach more people with the Gospel of Christ we must preach to more lost people! Whether it be thousands, hundreds, ten or even one at a time, we must keep preaching the Gospel. Let us not grow weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9). Only a percentage of those who hear the Gospel will obey.

The day of the Gospel meeting is not over! We are doing pretty good when we have 5 non-Christians at our meetings and we baptize one of them. That’s 20%! Can you imagine the kind of results we could have at Gospel meetings today if we could get 100 lost souls to attend?

Don’t give up brethren, your preaching and teaching may be more effective “percentage wise” than you think and you may be getting a higher percentage of lost people to obey the Gospel who hear our preaching than the Apostles got on the Day of Pentecost.

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If you would like to give funds so a book can be put in the library at a preacher school in Africa \$20.00 will purchase a book and pay the postage to send it. Just let us know the name of the person you want to be remembered so we can put that name in the book.