

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. We had a great mission trip to Malawi and Zambia in August. There were 6 that went on this trip: Rusty & Laura Stark, Oscar Winters, Steven Loo, Carolyn and I. During this trip 95 were baptized into Christ, 187 were restored. During the 4 Gospel meetings and a seminar on *Church Leadership* we had the privilege of preaching to a combined audience of 15,145. Since our return the brethren in Malawi have continued to study with contacts from the meeting and they have baptized 17 more. This was mission trip # 55 for me. I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to be a part of another mission effort to take the Gospel of Christ to Africa.

In September the school in Malawi conducted another Gospel meeting with 24 baptized into Christ. For the past few years our budget for this trip has been \$50,000.00 Before our trip we purchased 1,550 Bibles in local languages for Malawi & Zambia. We also sent funds to print 200,000 Gospel tracts and 4,000 booklets to be used during our Gospel meetings. We printed 2,000 song books and spent \$2,000.00 to print BCC booklets. We sent funds to help with the Gospel meetings and funds for benevolence to help those in need. In all we spent \$44,179.00 before we got to Africa. We left funds to purchase around 40 bikes for preachers.

We divided into 2 groups in Johannesburg. Carolyn, Steven and I went to Malawi while the others went on to Livingstone, Zambia. In Livingstone they had a Gospel meeting at the Highland congregation there at the preacher school. They had 310 present with 3 baptisms and 7 restored. In Malawi we had over 10,000 for the meeting with 56 baptized into Christ and 36 restored. On Monday August 11, our group flew to Livingstone.

On Friday August 15 we traveled to Siamafumba for another Gospel meeting. We had 4,328 present for the meeting. There were 36 baptized into Christ and 139 restored. During our stay in Livingstone we taught I & II Corinthians at the preacher school. On August 20 we traveled to Kalomo for a one day seminar on Church Leadership. On Friday August 22 we traveled to Ngwezi for a meeting on Church Leadership. They had 476 for the meeting. The church building was too small for this large number so they built a temporary shelter beside the building for the meeting. During this meeting we had 1 baptism and 5 restored. On Saturday we took time to have the graduation for the preacher school at Ngwezi. They had 7 preachers to graduate and each man received a new Bible, a bike and a few books. The new classes have already started with 12 new students now enrolled at Ngwezi. We look back over the years at the progress that has been made in Africa since Sept. 2007 when we started IBTM and we are greatly humbled by what the Lord has done through this work.

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We now have 6 preacher schools that have been started by IBTM and each school has its own property and multiple buildings to house and train faithful Gospel preachers. These 6 schools combined have around 100 current students. These schools each have a congregation that was started by the men at the schools. Each of these schools have a radio program where the Gospel of Christ is being preached each week. The men at these schools as being taught to evangelize. They go out often to conduct Gospel meetings. Many souls are being brought to the Lord through the efforts of these men.

Our radio programs in Africa are doing great. We have sponsored 12 different programs in 6 different nations. We have heard from 10 of the radio programs and during the past 6 weeks they reported 357 baptisms and 138 restored. Many Bible studies are being done each week from contacts from the radio programs. Some of the programs are 30 minutes some 45 and a few are 60 minute. The cost is different depending on the size of the town and the strength of the radio station. The average cost for the programs is 50.00 per program. We sent funds for June-August and need to send funds now for Sept.-Nov. Please help us keep these radio Gospel preaching programs on the air. Just think over 100 baptisms per month from these programs. These programs are inexpensive and very effective. Please help us by sponsoring one or more month of Gospel preaching in Africa. They are getting great results.

The print shop in Livingstone is almost finished and soon will be printing materials for preacher schools and churches all across Zambia. Thanks for your help. Please 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 Accomplish

Baptisms.....	55,607
Restored/confessed sins.....	48,165
New congregations started.....	985
Preachers to graduate from schools.....	1,025