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NEWS AND NEEDS

BIM:

Thank you for your continued support of the Bible Institute of Missouri. We are glad you share in the desire to train faithful men in God's Word.

Zambia:

Special prayers need to be offered for the work in Zambia. The main need is for the government to lift the restrictions due to the Covid pandemic. Schools have been closed. Pray that we will again continue training the present class and that we will soon be able to visit Zambia again.

Uganda:

We want to thank the Aldridge Grove church of Christ in Moulton Alabama for their donation of \$12,500 to go towards the construction of a mission house in Uganda for visiting teachers and missionaries. Also, we want to thank brother and sister Kenneth Johnson for their help with this project. The building will be completed in just another two months. We will put a picture in our next newsletter of the house.

Ghana:

In Ghana things are going well financially. As far as current needs, we are considering beginning the process to purchase land and build some permanent structures. I believe the two initial buildings needed will cost around \$70,000 each and the land between \$5,000-10,000.

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ONE NEWSLETTER

The Bible Institute of Missouri is seeking new students! Please see the Global News section for more details.

"Global News"

Jerry Sullins

IN LOVING MEMORY

On August 9, our brother in Christ, dear friend, and fellow worker in the proclamation of the Word of God in Zambia passed from this life to his eternal reward. Edith, I, and many others have fond memories of this loving brother in the three trips he made to Zambia over more than 20 years. Steve Martin was an elder of the Warner's Chapel church of Christ in Clemmons, North Carolina for 27 years. The Warner's Chapel church has been a major supporter of the work in Zambia for over two decades. More than that, he was a faithful Christian and a great encourager of those of us who labored on the field. We will greatly miss our brother and trust that we will see him in that eternal home prepared for the faithful. May the Lord comfort his family and loved ones during these difficult times.

BIM started its new year on August 3rd. We are very happy to report that a new student joined us to begin his first year of study. His name is Tony Welch. Tony is a very faithful Christian young man who greatly desires to learn God's Word. We welcome him to the school and know that he will make a great worker in the Kingdom in the future.

Because we have two classes going on at the same time, we added brother Cory Orr to the staff at the BIM. He is presently the preacher for the Bona church of Christ. We know Cory will be an effective teacher in our training program.

A special word of thanks for all of you who support the work at BIM and our other schools. Together, we can take this whole world for Christ.



Since 2003

Springfield, Missouri

Summer break quickly passed. Most of our faculty and students were involved with Bible camps during the summer. However, Jerry, Ray, and Chase Sullins were not able to make their trip to Zambia. Covid is causing problems again in Africa. Hopefully, they will be able to reschedule soon.

School is now back in session at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Orientation was August 3rd, and classes began the next day. We have one returning student,

Chase Sullins, who is now continuing his studies in his second year. We also have one new student, Tony Welch, who is just beginning his first year. Both of these men are from the Kansas Expressway congregation.



BIM Students

Presently, they are taking the following courses:

First-Year Classes: Second-Year Classes: Bible Geography Minor Prophets General Biblical Intro OT/NT Survey Preacher and His Work I Preacher and His Work V English Grammar I Greek I

> Combined: Hebrew History I John



We are also happy to inform you that Cory Orr, from the Bona Church of Christ, is now helping teach. This quarter he is covering one course for the first time. We are thankful for his help, especially with the number of classes we have to cover during this first quarter. Please keep all of our faculty and students in your prayers as they daily teach and study the Word of God.



Since 1988

Zambia

Our



students that are now unable to be at school due to a

class pictured

above is the

2021 class of

present

government lockdown that should end this month. We are praying that they will soon be able to come back and continue their first-year classes. We are still waiting for the lockdowns to stop so we can go to Zambia to meet with this new class and be a part of a graduation ceremony for the last class that did finish their two-year program last November. If the lockdown is lifted soon, we are planning on going to Zambia before the end of the year. We have not been to Zambia in almost two years now mainly due to the Covid restrictions.

As you know, brother Ron Gilbert, who directs the International College of the Bible, has for years made mission trips to Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, and Kenya. He has also assisted with the work in our schools in Africa and sponsored many of them as well. Ron has not been to Africa for two years and is doubtful that he will be able to return this year. We are hoping that we will be able to team together with him late this year for a much-needed visit to Uganda, Kenya and Zambia. You may remember that two years ago he was able to visit with the Siamafunga School of Biblical Studies, 3 hours from ZSOBS and during that time there was a gospel meeting with an attendance of over 5,000 for a period of four days. Our works together are bringing unbelievable results throughout Africa.

May God open up Africa once again so we can continue the great works on that continent!



Since 2003

Uganda



The picture above is an example of why we are in Uganda striving to commit the Word of God to faithful men who will lead the lost to Christ. More than likely the couple you see in the picture would have never heard the truth unless one of our trained preachers met them and lead them to obedience. This new brother and sister will be worshipping with the Butema church of Christ located close to EASOBS.

As most of you are aware of, due to COVID the country has been shut down for a second time this year for another extended period of time. Towards the end of August, we are praying that the President of Uganda will open the country back up and allow the people of Uganda to make their daily bread. No schools have been allowed to operate during the past few months. Churches are not allowed to assemble at all. It is hard to imagine such a situation but, to be honest, we have also very recently been under strict regulations and not allowed to worship in our country as we have in the past. One brother wrote recently and said: "we are really suffering." Most Ugandans must sell their goods in the marketplace to survive. So, our prayers are needed on the behalf of the people that soon the lockdown will be over, and people will be free to provide their daily needs.

Special prayers are needed for the continuance of the 2020 class at the end of this month.



Since 2017

Ghana

God continues to richly bless the work in Ghana. Fortunately, the school has not had any more closures because of Covid, like our schools in Uganda and Zambia. Since last year the school in Ghana has continue without hinderance, and we thank the Lord for this great blessing.

Our students are doing well in their studies and the good work of the Lord continues in Oboaso to His glory and praise! We really appreciate the good work of our brethren there who teach and administer in the school. Brother Williams, James, and Henry are doing a fine job and giving their best to the work of the Lord there. Please keep our students and our faculty in your prayers as the have committed themselves fully to the work of the Lord.

We are in our third school intake in Ghana, it is time to begin thinking about making the school permanent with its own facility, like our other schools in Uganda and Zambia. We hope you will begin praying about this need and considering being a part of building our own facility. We would need two modest buildings to start with. One is needed for housing students and the other for a classroom, library kitchen/mess hall. If you have any interest in this part of the work or would like more information, please contact me, and we would be happy to get you more information.

Finally, we were blessed to assist with two needs while in Ghana earlier in the year. We were able to contribute some money to plaster the existing church building where the school meets. It is now completely plastered. Also, we were able to assist one congregation with the wood for their rafters so they could put their roof on. It is always a blessing to be able to help our brethren when funds are available for special needs such as this. Thank you all for your prayers, love, and support. May God bless you all in His faithful service.