

#### Springfield, **Missouri**

Third quarter ended on March 9, 2022. The students had four days off (Thursday-Sunday) before the start of fourth quarter. Though it is brief, this respite at least gives them a short break before moving right into the next quarter. The final quarter for this school year started on March 14. It is hard to believe that another school year is already quickly winding down.

Fourth quarter includes the following classes:

First-Year Classes: Preacher and His Work IV **English Grammar IV** 

Second-Year Classes: Preacher and His Work VIII Greek IV

Combined: Revelation Timothy and Titus

Wisdom Literature II The Godhead

The annual Bible Institute of Missouri lectureship will be May 1-4, 2022. This year the lectureship will include teachers and second-year students. The theme for this year's lectureship is "What Is Man?" (Psalm 8:4-6). Lessons will be Sunday (9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM) and Monday through Wednesday (7 PM nightly). Look for a flyer to be posted on social media in the near future. Please make plans to hear these encouraging lessons.

The Bible Institute of Missouri graduation will be on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 2 PM at the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ building located at 2540 N. Kansas Exp., Springfield, MO 65803. This vear there will be one student graduating—Chase Sullins. Chase has worked hard for almost two years now to complete all of the courses and requirements. Please mark this date and plan on coming to encourage him at his graduation.

Future students: Enrollment is open now for the next class that will begin in August 2022.

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#### "Global News"

#### A Growing Work for a Growing Kingdom

By Jerry Sullins

In 1988, we started our first school of preaching in Botswana, Africa. The Botswana School of Biblical Studies graduated 2 classes before moving to Zambia in 1991. From this humble start, we now have been blessed with five full-time schools of preaching. One school is in Missouri and the other four are throughout Africa. The name Global Schools of Biblical Studies was adopted in order to make it easier to comprehend the scope of the work by presenting our five schools as one overall work. The new organization helps us with the necessary raising of funds to support our works. Most of you are aware that we have recently started a new school in Kenya and because of our continued growth in workload we have added a new worker to our team. Trey Sullins joined us in March 2022 full time. God has already richly blessed our efforts in so many ways, and we appreciate the important roll you all have played as supporters and encouragers! With these new additions, we need more funds to get our monthly contributions up to a certain level to be fully funded in all our works. So, let me break down the funding needs for you.

Currently, the total operating budget for our entire work is \$30,390 a month. I am excited to say that even with our new needs, we have 78% of our funding for the entire work. That means that we currently receive \$23,790 a month to fund all our schools, students, and employees. This further means that at the present time we only lack about 22% of our monthly funding in order to be 100% fully funded. Reaching this goal would allow us to use our one-time offerings for more specific special needs rather than for just covering needed monthly budget. This amount equals a monthly need of \$6600. Our main goal is to secure our monthly funding, but if you prefer one-time contributions, then \$39,600 in one-time contributions would cover the deficit for 6 months.

Will you please consider helping us with our urgent monthly needs? Even if you are able to give onetime money, know that all these funds continue to accomplish the overall purpose established by God of training "faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). The point is that any way you can give is a great blessing to the work, and any money given will further this work of the Lord. Thanks so much for your consideration of helping with these needs and for supporting this great work in the past. The kingdom of God is greatly growing because of your efforts in training faithful gospel preachers! May God continue to bless us all as we strive together to do His will.



We are happy to report that the work in Zambia is now almost back to normal after the Covid era. The present class is now in the first quarter of the second year of training and will be graduating in November of this year. Presently, there are 17 students in training. Two students were not able to continue due to their inability to keep up with the pace of training. They were referred to our sister school in Siamafumba where they could complete their studies in their own language.

As the world is returning to some normalcy, a team lead by brother Ron Gilbert will be visiting Zambia this summer in August. Rusty and Laura Stark will work in Malawi and will join Ron in Zambia in August where they will be participating in teaching at ZSOBS and conducting gospel meetings in Siamafumba and the Ngwezi Valley. Two years ago, there were over 5,000 people at the Siamafumba meeting which lasted four days. These brethren have helped with the work in Zambia for years. Brother Gilbert has been a co-worker of ours for decades. We continue to pray that they will be able to go and begin their works again in Africa.

One of our major works in Livingstone, Zambia was to plant a church known as the Fallsview church of Christ. The building and land were purchased by a brother named Waymon Swain who visited with us while we lived in Zambia. One of our trained preachers was with that congregation for years. During this time, some of the land was sold illegally. After some work, the land was able to be purchased back so that the work could continue on the property. One or our instructors and students are working with this congregation at this time.

The Lord willing, I will be visiting the school in June and July and hold an annual seminar for the first time in two years.

Written by Jerry Sullins



## **Since 2003**

# Uganda

After a long struggle from shutdowns and restrictions due to Covid, we were able to graduate the 2021 class and begin the new 2022 class on March 21st.



Current Class and staff

The report is that instructors as well as students are excited about being able to begin their work. Our new class is made up of 14 Uganda students and 3 students from Kenya. One student has delayed in coming. The names of the students are:

John Musando Joseph Wejuli Raphael Oburu **Wycliff Otieno** Kenneth Kisakye Hamadah Bisthu **Bruce Benson** Sedrack Kisoni Jacob Mugenyi

Jackson Mayanja Zephania Oketch Festo Onvango Sisvester Odiambo **Iankin Mutina** Samuel Bwambale Amon Kule Saul Mujungu

The Lord willing, these men will be graduating in November of 2023. They have a lot of work before them, and they need our prayers. If this class is like the last classes, all these men will do the work and graduate unless their health fails or there is a family problem that will force them to go home. We are so thankful to God for His blessing so that we can return to normal and continue training preachers.



#### **Since 2017**

## Ghana

The work is going great in Ghana as a new quarter has now begun and the school is on schedule for a November graduation. God continues to bless our work in Ghana, and we praise Him for the 9 men who continue to train there. Slowly but surely, we are having a great impact throughout Ghana in striving to strengthen and grow the church in truth and soundness. How blessed we are to play a part in West Africa in training faithful men to teach others also.

Lord Willing, on April 12th, Dad and I will be headed to Ghana as we continue to play catch-up from the effect of covid on our travels. We will only be in Ghana for a little over a week, but in that time, we can accomplish what is needed and get back home to prepare for the end of the year graduations. We are excited to see our brethren in Aboaso again and know God will bless our way. We are headed to Ghana to encourage our brethren, make sure all is operating well, and deal with any needed issues while there. Please pray for us as we again head to Africa for a safe and successful trip.



Current Class and Staff

Above is the current class and faculty. Please keep all of these good brethren in your daily prayers as they serve God and strive to live for the furtherance of the kingdom.



## **Since 2022**

# Kenya

It's hard to believe but our first quarter for the first class in Kenya is coming to a close. After all of the hard work, it is very exciting to see that we now have a school successfully operating in Nairobi, and that we are able to begin making a difference in



Current Class and Staff

train qualified men preach the gospel and to fill local oulpits.

Although one student decided to stop training because of personal reasons, we still have 12 students going strong. They are all doing well and making the grade so far in their studies. I can't wait to see them again and to see their growth as Christians and Gospel preachers.

Our new temporary faculty member is working well and is doing a good job at the school. Brother

and Samson Wilson are doing well and staying busy. Everyone is finally in the swing of a normal daily routine helps which things run more smoothly. Brother Samson and Wilson have now



**Current Instructors** 

moved into their apartments which are near the school. This will help so much with their ability to be involved daily. We love and appreciate them all!

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