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We are now almost through our 2nd quarter at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Chase Sullins had a good first mission trip experience, visiting Zambia and Kenva between guarters. We started 2nd guarter on October 18th just a few days after the trip. On the following Monday (October 25th), another student from North Carolina joined our first-year class. Dustin Pool has now joined Chase Sullins (second-year) and Tony Welch (first-year) to bring our total to three men who are presently training.

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students have been

preaching in chapel

this quarter. It is

always great to hear

their first sermons

and then watch as

they continue to

progress and grow

each time they



BIM Students

speak. Hopefully, after the first of the year, they will be able to start going out to do some fill-in preaching at some area congregations. Chase has been doing fill-in preaching since his first year, primarily at the Glover Chapel Church of Christ. This congregation has always given our students a place to preach, and we are very thankful for that.

Third quarter will begin after the first of the year. Next quarter will include the following courses:

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

Second-Year Classes: Preacher and His Work VII Greek III

Combined: Church History Wisdom Literature I **Romans and Galatians Ezekiel and Daniel**





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December 2021 **FIVE SCHOOLS**

ONE NEWSLETTER

KENYA SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES TO BEGIN IN 2022

We are happy to inform you that the new preacher training school in Kenva, East Africa will begin in January 2022. All necessary preparations have been made to open the school. Registration with the government has been accomplished. The faculty has been chosen and students have been approved to begin their studies as soon as we open. The facility has been secured as is pictured above. Soon the furniture and supplies will be purchased to prepare the building for the beginning of classes. Two instructors and their families must move to Nairobi to begin their work at the school at the first of next year. Our preliminary visit to Kenya in November, as reported in our last newsletter, has made it possible for the opening of the school in January of next year, 2022.

The existence of this school has been made possible by our Father above and the support of faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who have responded to the call of our Savior to: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." On behalf of the lost in Africa, thank you for caring about their souls in giving them the knowledge of God's will that concerns their salvation.

Our focus now is to provide for the monthly operation of the school. It has been projected that it will cost \$3,000 a month to train 12 gospel preachers. It is our prayer that we can raise six months of operational expenses which amounts to \$18,000. This will ensure that we will be able to keep the school open and at the same time continue to raise the funds for the school. We hope that you will consider a one-time contribution or become a monthly supporter of the work. However, you may choose to help, please send your contributions to the address on this newsletter and mark it for: Kenva School of Biblical Studies.

I am happy to report that a new student is now studying with us here at the BIM. His name is Dustin Pool. Dustin is a faithful Christian from a fine Christian family who recently moved here from North Carolina. He joined us in the second quarter of the first year and will graduate on schedule. This is a special time of the year when some brethren consider making contributions to good works for the kingdom and even for tax purposes. Please consider our work in that decision. Thank you for your prayers and support in 2021!

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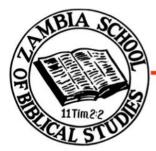


Committing God's Word to Faithful Men 2 Timothy 2:2

"Global News" Jerry Sullins



New Kenya Preaching School Facility



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Zambia



We were able to travel to Zambia in October as planned, and we were able to graduate the 2020 class who completed their studies in November of last year. All 16 students were present and

2020 Class Graduates

received their Associate Degree of Biblical Studies. Not many visitors attended because of Covid restrictions, but everyone was happy to witness a well-deserved recognition of two years of biblical studies. We were also able to teach several courses for a week at the school and preach on the weekend at two different congregations. The students seem to be a very good group who are dedicated to the Lord and His work.

I recently was able to make a report at the Double Springs church of Christ in Alabama. It was a great joy to be with them all whom I have known and loved for decades. The elders and members are very dedicated to the proclamation of the truth all over the world. The congregation made a generous contribution to the new work in Kenya and the starting of the new school and encouraged me in the work being done in Africa, especially in Zambia that they have supported for decades. May God continue to bless this faithful congregation and its elders.

We are planning at least one trip to Zambia this coming summer. Hopefully, we will be able to have a seminar with former students and hold some gospel meetings in that good country. Pray that Covid will not hinder our work this coming year.



Just in the last week, I received this message from Alex Barasa, the director of the East Africa School of Biblical Studies. It reads: "Dear brother, the country is threatened. Life in Kampala is hard. There were bomb blasts in Kampala that claimed many lives, but no one knows the cause. Otherwise, the rest of the country is moving on as usual." These kind of events happen in our own country so they can certainly be expected in other countries where we are spreading the gospel of Christ.

During the same time this happened, one of our adjunct instructors at EASOBS who works just a block away from one of the bomb blasts sent me some pictures of the destroyed bodies of those affected. This brother went home and got his family and took them out of town for a few days until the crisis was over. Praise God for his safety.

We take risks in life, and such is the case all over the world; however, the work of the Lord must go on. Our advantage is that the Lord is on our side, and He is a very present help in times of trouble. Our goal is to proclaim the gospel to the lost in every nation. If God is on our side, who can be against us? Prayers are needed for our brethren in Uganda. The school in Uganda is continuing in the good work of training gospel preachers. When people obey Christ, they will find peace on this earth.

All sixteen students returned to school on November 1st and will graduate in approximately eight months from now. Thank you for your continued support for the work throughout these difficult times.

We hope to be able to go to Uganda and be a part of the graduation of the present class next year.



I am happy to report that the work in Ghana continues on well to the glory of God without any delays. Our faculty there are busy training our students, although at this time they are about to go on their holiday break.

It is exciting that this current class has finished its first year, and I thank God that despite Covid, we have been able to stay on course and should be in good shape for another graduation in November 2022.

I would like to thank you all for your continued prayers for and support of the work in Ghana. We have not had to worry about the funding of this work since its beginning in 2017. God has truly been good to us. We thank all our supporters and God for this blessing.

I remind you that we are still about \$300 short for the monthly budget for this school. We have been able to cover this need with one-time contributions, but it would be great if we could come up with the additional \$300 needed to meet our current budget every month. I hope you will consider this need.

As was in our last newsletter, we are still wanting to begin the process of having our own permanent facility in Ghana. Some of you have already shown interest in this need to build a few buildings and to make the school permanent there. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interesting in this work. We are also still considering the option of purchasing the current house we are meeting in. However, the compound is very small. We might be able to purchase some property around the house to expand some. It would also be good to be able to have houses for teachers on site as well. Please remember the good work in Ghana in your prayers. May God bless us all as we labor together in Ghana.

Written by Ray Sullins





How excited I am to write the first entry in our newsletter for the new school in Kenya. We are very thankful that things have continued to come together to begin our school in Nairobi in January. God has been very good to us in our preparations thus far.

We have now found an adequate starting facility, and recently we had a brother in Christ agree to pay for the first two years of rent on this facility. He also agreed to help with another \$3,000 to finish the needed money to set up the school and buy the needed furnishings and supplies. We thank this good brother for all his help to get the school off the ground in Nairobi.

We have also secured our teachers and a director for the school. All are previous graduates of our schools of preaching in Botswana (now Zambia) or in Uganda. They plan to move to Nairobi after the first of the year that they may begin their work with the school. Their names are Samson Omutele, John Mbithi, and Wilson Kibet.

Lord willing, I will be traveling to Nairobi in January to help with the final set up preparations, start the school, and teach. I hope to have a traveling companion with me, but this has not been confirmed yet.

At this point we still need to raise our monthly budget. We can do this in one of two ways. First, we need to raise a monthly operating budget of \$3,000 or any onetime money can be given to apply to this monthly need. Also, as we raise the monthly budget needs, I would also like to raise at least \$18,000 in one-time money to help cover the operating cost for 6 months. This will buy us the needed time to get the monthly needs raised. So brethren, we ask you to prayerfully consider these needs to help us "train faithful men to teach others also" in Nairobi, Kenya. I know God will bless us all as we labor together in Nairobi.