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Springfield, **Missouri**

School is back in session! We had orientation on August 2nd and began classes the following day.



First Year Students

We are excited to have four more men join us this year. They include (from left to right) T-Roy Hass, Tyler Bird, Roy Goddard, and Colin Lepley. We are so thankful to have more faithful men to train in God's Word.

First-Year Classes: OT/NT Survey Bible Geography Preacher and His Work I English Grammar I



We are thankful for their commitment and dedication to His word.

Second-Year Classes: **Minor Prophets**

General Biblical Introduction Preacher and His Work V

Greek I

Combined: Life of Christ I Genesis



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During this difficult time, we have all endured the hardships through the Covid pandemic throughout the world and also now we are battling a period of economic decline in our nation. Now we are experiencing a decline in monthly support in some of our works. Although we have had success over the years in raising monthly support for all our schools, currently we are still facing a lack of monthly support for our works in Kenya, Zambia, and Ghana of \$3,900 per month combined. We have found that individuals and congregations like to support students, but finding support for the schools and staff is much more difficult. One way to consider support is that it takes about \$250 a month to train one student in our African schools. This includes everything it takes to feed, house, train, and provide money for supporting their families. Would you help us with this? Would you be able to help us train these men? If you can help in anyway, please contact me at: 417-619-8197 or email me at jerryrsullins@yahoo.com Thank you for your help with this need.

Some exciting news is that we have just begun a new class of four students at the Bible Institute of Missouri. We have three married men and one single man. Three of them are from the immediate area and one of the brothers is from South Dakota. We have almost completed our second week of classes. These men seem to be doing a great job and seem to be very committed to their studies. We were also excited to be able to raise all of the needed support for our new students at the BIM in a matter of about three months. Please pray for these men in their studies for the next two years.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LAMAR PENICK FAMILY

The Lamar Penick family has been actively involved in the work in Uganda for decades beginning with the training of two Ugandans in the early 1990's. After supporting these men for years they expanded their support of gospel preachers for East Africa by supporting the establishment of the EASOBS; then they continued that support. They assisted, in a major way, with the building of the new campus in the Busia area of Uganda. Their support covered a period of all eight classes that have graduated from EASOBS. Words cannot express our appreciation for the sacrifices the Penick family has made, that brought about the advancement of the cause of Christ in East Africa in souls saved and congregations established. Our prayers are ever before the Father on their behalf.

Unavoidable circumstances have come about in their lives, that have caused the Penicks to no longer be able to support the efforts in Africa. I am happy to report to you that the support has been picked up by others that will allow us to continue the training of our nineth class of sixteenth students who come from Uganda and Kenya. For this we are also greatly thankful. To God be the glory!

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Zambia

In June of this year, Ray Sullins made a trip to Zambia to participate in the Seminar held for past students. The Seminar hast not been held for the past three



strictions. Over sixty attended the Seminar from three difcounferent tries. A group of six came

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Seminar Attendees

from Malawi. One came from Zimbabwe and the rest were brethren working in Zambia. Highlights of the Seminar were the group discussions periods and sessions dealings with questions and answers. In all, many brethren were able to visit with other graduates who they knew and some they had never met before. In all, it was a time of refreshing and renewal for all who attended.

This August was supposed to be a time when our coworkers, the Gilberts and the Starks, would return to Malawi and Zambia for annual gospel meetings and teaching in the schools. I'm sorry to report that they Gilberts were unable to go because they got Covid one week before their departure, and Rusty Stark got Covid as well. Rusty was able to reschedule their trip, but the Gilberts had to cancel. The meeting in Malawi did take place without their presence. During that three-day meeting, over ninety were baptized and they had over one hundred restorations. The meeting was attended by over 8,000 people from area churches of Christ in the capitol city of Lilongwe. The school in that city is under the direction of Ron Gilbert and the staff are graduates of our Zambia School of Biblical Studies. The work in Africa is expanding greatly from efforts there over the years



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Uganda



Seminar Attendees

Trey Sullins and I made a recent two week plus journey to Uganda. It was the first time in over two years that we have been able to visit EASOBS due to Covid and civil disorder. While there, we participated in the first Seminar of past students. Fifty prior students returned for a three-day meeting of spiritual enrichment. Twenty of the returning graduates gave reports of working with and establishing forty-four churches with memberships totaling 1,959 members (not including children), and 1,408 of those members were baptized during that period. This included churches in Congo and Kenva.

Also, in our visit we participated in the Graduation Ceremony of the 2020 class. Because our inability to visit for two years, this class finished their studies last year. Over 60 attended the Ceremony as



the graduates received their welldeserved Associate Degree of Biblical Studies. All these graduates are already

preaching in local congregations in Uganda and Kenya.

We are so thankful for the work that we have been able to accomplish in Uganda because of so many supporters and the Lord God!



Since 2017

Ghana

God has blessed us with another great month in Ghana. The students and faculty there continue to do a great work. How wonderful it is to know that everyday there is teaching and instruction going on at the school, and that as time goes one we move closer and closer to a graduation.

Lord willing in November we will have the third class of students graduate from the Missouri Institute of Biblical Studies Ghana. This full time work continues to bear great fruit in the Kingdom of the Lord throughout Ghana and specifically I the area of Aboaso, where the school is located. Every week our students are growing in God's Word and are teaching and preaching in local congregations. I am thankful to God for all the great work that continue to take place in Aboaso, Ghana.

Finally, I wanted to take a minute to remind you all that we are still running under our need monthly budget to run the school in Ghana. Our budget is \$2,960 a month and currently we are getting in \$2,500 a month. That means we are at least \$460 a month underbudget for our minimum monthly budget in Ghana. I hope that some of you might consider this need and help us to finally get the Ghana School up to a level of full support. Meanwhile, we continue to have to use one-time funds to cover the shortfall. Thank you for considering this urgent need.

Brethren, we love and appreciate you all and are so thankful for your continue prayers and support of the school in Ghana. I know the Lord will continue to bless our labors together for Him there and I know we will continue to prosper for the sake of God to reach the lost souls of Ghana. Thanks be to God for His bountiful care and blessings.



Since 2022

Kenya

I was blessed to speak with brother Samson Omutele just vesterday about the good work in Kenya. As most of you know brother Samson is the director of the school there. I am happy to report that things are going well in Kenya with the school. The students and faculty are working hard in their roles at the school. The school is already now in the third quarter of the first year.

Samson also told me about some evangelism and a seminar that he was involved in near the end of June. It's sounds like that they had a great opportunity to teach church leaders from the area. Our Kenyan brothers are really good workers in the Kingdom of God. They certainly like to be busy with every opportunity to preach and share the word of God.

I was also alarmed to hear that some of our brethren in Kenya are starting to face some hunger issues in the Machakos area. We are going to try and assist these faithful brethren some as we don't want anyone going starving.

Finally, Remember that the school in Kenya is very young and only within its first intake. Although we have had good one-time contributions keeping us afloat, we have not yet been able to secure the needed monthly money to fund this school and to have it on a sure footing for the future. The school budget for Kenya is \$2,960. We have received some one-time funds for the work which are keeping it afloat through most of this year; however, our current monthly commitments are only \$1,300. That means we are still under our minimum monthly needs by around \$1,660 a month. Thanks for considering these needs for God's Work in Kenva.

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