

Since 2003

Springfield, Missouri

The days at school seem long many times, especially for the students. They start classes each day at 8 AM and finish at 4 PM. After school they often spend hours each night studying and doing homework. While the days seem long, the quarters go by quickly. Our second quarter at the Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM) is quickly drawing to a close. Once final exams are completed in December. the students will then have a two-week break before classes start back up in January 2023.



the last is tremendous.



BIM Student Preaching in Chapel

Preaching during chapel is one of the critical components of our program at the BIM. Our students preach two to three times each quarter in chapel. Jerry Sullins critiques the students as they preach and goes over those critiques in the Preacher and His Work course each quarter. The students gain experience in preaching and also are able to improve their technique and delivery in the process. While the thought of being critiqued and graded for preaching can be daunting, it is of immense importance to the goal of producing not just well-educated men but also well-trained preachers. By this time of the school year, all of our students have spoken in chapel multiple times. It is always amazing to see the progress the students make during their time at school. Often the change within two years from the first sermon preached to

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Five Schools - One Newsletter



"Global News"

Greeting brothers and sisters! I pray that this report finds you healthy, well, and prosperous in the service of God. We hope that you have had a good holiday season so far! We truly serve a loving and gracious God.

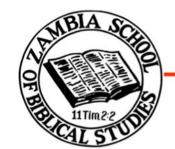
TWO SUCCESSFUL GRADUATIONS IN NOVEMBER: We rejoice that twenty-four more soldiers have gone out into the field as laborers in Zambia and Ghana. There are more details of our trips to Zambia and Ghana in each school's section of this newsletter, but these men have completed their training and have begun preaching. Without your prayers, encouragement, and support we would not be able to accomplish this work for the Lord.

ONLINE DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE: We are excited to say that we have been successful in setting up online contributions to the Global Schools of Biblical Studies. Many of you have requested the ability to send monthly and one-time funds online. We are happy to say that you can now go to our website and send your support or make donations. Check this out at *gsobs.org* on the *Give* page.

CURRENT URGENT NEEDS: As God continues to bless the work, we are so thankful that three of our five schools have met their budgets! However, we are still not meeting our regular monthly budget for all our schools. We also have several of our full-time workers who are lacking some of their monthly support. Therefore, at this time we are still focused on trying to get our budget up to our regular monthly needs, so that we will not have to use one-time contributions to cover monthly needs. We could then use these funds to cover other needs and unforeseen needs. Would you be willing to help with one of the following

- 1. MONLTLY NEED! We still need to raise funds for 10 more students in our African schools. One student can be fully supported for \$250 a month.
- 2. ONE-TIME NEED! We need to raise one-time money to have the equivalent of one month's budget in each of our school accounts, so that funds can always be available on the first of the month to send school monthly budgets to Africa. The total for this need is \$13,500 one time.
- 3. ONE-TIME NEED! We need to raise one-time money to cover the cost for two more years of rent for the school facility in Ghana. The total for this need is \$2,000 one time.
- 4. MONTHLY NEED! We are lacking about \$2,500 a month in support to cover our full-time teachers/ administrators involved in GSOBS.

If you would like more information, please contact Ray Sullins at 417-818-7426 or raysullins@att.net.



Since 1988

Zambia

On Friday, November 11th, brother Scott and I had the privilege to attend and take part in the graduation at the Siamafumba School of Biblical Studies which is located about 4 hours from Livingstone. The school was



started by brother Lloyd Henson and me in 2000 because of a great need to train men in another lan-

guage. These men were unable to train at ZSOBS because of the language barrier. Several years after it was established, brother Ron Gilbert took over the work, and since that time, the school now has a facility that is more than adequate for training gospel preachers. The class that graduated was made up of 13 men.

On November 12th, I had the privilege of being present for the graduation of our 16th class at ZSOBS. After an intense study for two academic years, 15 men received their Associate Degree of Biblical Studies. Around two hundred family members and friends were present for the ceremony. Accompanying me on the trip was Scott Richards. Brother Richards is a coworker in our African schools and in missions throughout the world. He gave the baccalaureate address to honor the students and the great effort they all made in achieving their goal. It was a wonderful day knowing that each of

these men would be qualified to go out in their communities and proclaim the gospel to the lost and establish and serve the Lord in the churches.



Graduating Class

After graduation, brother Scott continued his trip to Uganda to continue his work.



Since 2003

Uganda

The work continues to go well in Uganda, and the sixteen men in training now are on break. They will return to the school in February of next year to begin their second year of training. The year has certainly flown by. The men, teachers and students, have all been working very hard to ensure a successful class. Much progress has been made to solidify the school's governmental registration. This process takes a lot of time and money in Africa, but certainly necessary so that we can continue to train preachers in the country of Uganda.



Preachers receiving their bicycles

The picture above shows how a preacher in Africa can become a greater evangelist. By using a bicycle he can serve churches that are miles away. Many times we take for granted our transportation. For many in Africa, it is too expensive to keep and maintain a motor vehicle. However, a bicycle provides a much cheaper alternative for these men to serve God to a much wider

We thank brother Ron Gilbert for providing bicycles for all our graduates in all our schools. We also thank you all as well. This school has been around since 2003. This great accomplishment is only possible when brethren work together to accomplish the Lord's work. Little by little the church is having a great affect on the people of Uganda. Thank you and praise God!



Since 2017

Ghana

November was a great month in Ghana. We had our third graduation which brings our total number of soldiers trained and sent out to twenty-four. Praise be to God for His wondrous blessing and care over the work in Ghana. We also thank you all for your prayers and support to make this graduation possible.

My son Chase and I were blessed to attend the graduation in Ghana. We arrived on November 9th. and we celebrated with the brethren there on November 12th. Our day began around 8 a.m., and we finally concluded the graduation festivities around 2 p.m. It was a very hot day in Ghana, but that didn't dampen our spirits as we celebrated with our nine graduates who were given their degrees that day. I spoke for the baccalaureate address, and Chase was able to assist in handing out the diplomas and some of the other awards. It was truly an exciting day, and the students really enjoyed their graduation. The realization of what they have each accomplished for the sake of God came upon them. These brothers will now begin to use their skills for God. May the Lord continue to richly bless His laborers in Ghana. We know that through your efforts and theirs the doctrine of Christ will be upheld!

We were also excited to give the students several gift and awards at the graduation. One specific thing that is a great blessing to them is that we were able to give them each a bicycle to help in their work. This was possible because of a donation from our brother Ron Gilbert. We thank him for his love for souls and his willingness to help men who are going out to preach the gospel. We also were able to visit with the local congregation that Sunday and witness a baptism. What a great day it truly was and what a blessed trip we had. Thanks be to God in all things!



Since 2022

Kenya

God continues to bless His work in Kenya. I'm excited to say that our twelve students have now completed their first year of studies successfully and have are now on a break. In January they will return for their second year of studies, and Lord willing, next November we will have our first graduation at the Kenya School of Biblical Studies! Please continue to pray for the teachers and students in Kenya that they may enjoy their muchneeded rest, time with family, and that they will be back in January ready to tackle their second year.

During the break these men will be able to preach in their home villages and even attend a graduate seminar in the area. Again, please keep this good work of the Lord and these good brothers in your prayers.

Written by Ray Sullins









Instructors at Graduation

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