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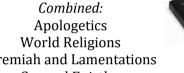
### Springfield, Missouri

The days are long, but the quarters go by quickly. This school year has nearly elapsed with 4th quarter now well underway. The students are presently taking 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: **Apologetics World Religions Jeremiah and Lamentations General Epistles** 



Our two second-year students are finishing up their final quarter. Dustin Pool (left) came to us as a transfer student and started in October 2021. Tony Welch (right) is a local member of the Kansas Expressway church of Christ and started in August 2021. Both have done exceptionally well in school and have really developed into fine gospel preachers. They are now exploring options for the future. Both will be great workers in the church.



BIM Second Year Students

Graduation for the Bible Institute of Missouri will be May 20, 2023 at 2 PM at the Kansas Expressway church of Christ. Come wish these men well!

Interested in enrolling? Our next intake will begin in August 2023. Check out our website for details.

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#### "Global News"

#### **GENERAL NEWS:**

Enrollment is up! It is exciting to inform you that enrollment has increased in several of our schools. In Ghana, the class which started this year is over double the size of the previous class so that there are now twenty students. We began a new class earlier this year in Zambia as well, and it is currently at seventeen students. In Kenya, we still have twelve students who are now training in their second year of studies. Lord willing, the school in Uganda will graduate seventeen students in November. Presently, there are six students here at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Two of these men will graduate in May of this year. Our facilities can handle training more preachers when funding is available.

There are many encouraging things in the work as well. First, we were deeply humbled and grateful when recently one of our instructors asked us to keep a fourth of his salary as a donation to the work. What a powerful example he and his wife are. Furthermore, it incredible to see the great affect which God's word has in each of our lives. Second, one of our graduates from Uganda is evangelizing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He has sent us pictures of the baptisms taking place in that troubled country. Other graduates from the East Africa School of Biblical Studies are also involved in this evangelistic effort in western Uganda and the Congo.

#### **NEEDS FOR THE WORK:**

- Due to the fact that our enrollment has increased, our budgetary needs have also increased. To cover this we need to raise money for about ten new students. Thankfully money goes much farther in Africa. For the small amount of about \$250 a month, we can train one preacher in one of our African schools. This amount covers all costs related to the student's needs in a month in school. This amounts to only \$3,000 a year to train a preacher. We are constantly striving to keep expenses down, but due to worldwide inflation and many other factors, it is a challenge to do so.
- A need has arisen in Kenya to add a small addition to the existing facility. This will provide a larger classroom and space for a library. The estimate for this project is around \$5,000.
- Summer trips are also being planned to Ghana and Zambia maintain proper administration over these schools.

Thank you in advance for considering these needs. If you need more information contact Ray Sullins at 417-818-7426 or raysullins@att.net. We would also like to remind you that you can learn more or donate on our website at: gsobs.org.

Written by Brent Green



The new class in Zambia is doing well. We have a total number of seventeen men who are now training at the school. The men are learning well and growing in their knowledge of God's word.

This month we had a few extra needs in Zambia from general wear and tear; therefore, we had to repair a few different items around the school that are getting old like our stove in the kitchen and the pump for our borehole. As we all know, there are always things that are wearing out and needing to be replaced or repaired. Upkeep of the grounds and equipment is just a part of operating a school of preaching. Most of these needs are covered with one-time donations while our monthly budget goes toward things that are directly related to the training and care of our students and staff. Thank you all for your continuing help so that we are able to take care of all the needs that arise on a monthly basis.

We appreciate brother Webby (an instructor and the director of the school in Zambia) who travelled in March to meet me in Kenya. There will be more about our work accomplished in the Kenya section of this newsletter.

We thank God and you all for our progress and work in Uganda.

Written by Ray Sullins

#### Uganda Continued



Ray teaching at the school in Uganda.



### **Since 2003**

# Uganda

Brother Samson (director of the school in Kenya) and I arrived in Uganda on March 8<sup>th</sup> and were welcomed by brother Alex, James, and Mike (instructors in Uganda).

We had a great visit while in Uganda. We were able to teach classes, and I taught the book of Romans. We also spent a lot of time together working and fellowshipping with the brethren. It was a very profitable time and gave us a lot of opportunity to think about the future of the work in Uganda.

On one Sunday we were able to worship with the brethren at the Butema Church of Christ. This is actually the congregation which is located next to the school, and it was established after we built the school there. This school property is located near Busia, Uganda and Kenya-Uganda boarder.



The Butema Church of Christ

We also had the opportunity to visit the home of brother Alex and eat with him. He is originally from this area of Uganda. It was a blessed and enjoyable day for all.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school in Uganda. Lord willing this class will graduate at the end of the year. Please keep our students there and faculty in your prayers. May God bless us all in our labors for Him.

Written by Ray Sullins



### **Since 2017**

## Ghana

God continues to bless His work in Ghana. It is hard to believe, but the school is already in it's second quarter of the first year of classes. It is also exciting to report that we had one additional student join us; we now have 20 students training in Ghana. This school now has more students training than any other school. Praise be to God! Besides Ghana, there are four other African countries represented in this class. How exciting it is to see the Lord's work flourishing in Ghana.

Since we have doubled our class in Ghana, our budget needs have increased as well. Hopefully you will consider this need as it costs about \$250 a month to fully fund one student's training in Africa. Currently we are needing to raise money for seven additional students in Ghana. Thanks for considering this urgent need.

Lord willing I will be able to visit Ghana this summer and meet the new class. It will truly be a great day to be with the brethren there. May God continue to richly bless His work in Ghana. Please pray for the continued success of everything there.

Written by Ray Sullins

#### Kenya Continued



Kola Church of Christ



Jehhy Ray John Samson (left to right)



### **Since 2022**

# Kenya

I arrived in Nairobi on March 1<sup>st</sup> after over thirty hours of travel. Following a good night's rest, I went to the school the next day to visit and greet the brethren. The real work started on Friday when we began teaching and had a meeting about the administration and work of the school in Kenya.

It was also nice to have brother Webby join me from Zambia and to help with our discussions. One of the primary points of the meeting was to plan the possibility of a future school in another neighboring country.

On Sunday, I travelled to the Machokos area of Kenya and worshipped with the Kola Church of Christ. This congregation was established by one of our former graduates of Botswana, John Mbithi. He planted this congregation in his home area after returning from school about 30 years ago. This is also an area where we have assisted in the past with drought relief. At our services that Sunday, all seven churches which we had assisted in that area were present to show their appreciation.

Another exciting project is that we have decided to add a larger classroom to the house which we are using as a school because the current classroom is too small. For around \$5,000 we can add a classroom to the current house structure. This will allow us to have more room in the facility for a dining area and an extra bedroom as well. If any of you would be willing to help us cover this cost it would be a great blessing to the work.

Finally, I extend greetings and thankfulness to you all from the faculty and students of the school in Kenya. They are very thankful and appreciate you all, your prayers, and the financial support you give to make this work possible.

Written by Ray Sullins