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Springfield, Missouri

Everyone seemed to be greatly refreshed by having two weeks off for the holidays. Classes started back on January 3, 2023. We are now in our 3rd guarter for this school year. The students are presently taking the following classes:

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

Second-Year Classes: Preacher and His Work VII

Greek III

Combined: Corinthians **Numbers and Deuteronomy Denominational Doctrines** Hermeneutics



Our students are right back to work, preaching in chapel two to three times each quarter. T-Roy Hass, one of our first-year students, is pictured below.



BIM Student Preaching in Chapel

In addition to speaking in chapel, all of our students do fill-in preaching regularly at area congregations. Each of them is usually preaching about once a month—some of them are even preaching more often than that. Both of these opportunities really help to strengthen our students' preaching skills prior to graduation. We are grateful for the congregations that allow them to come while they are training. This is a critical part of our students' overall training. Practical experience is the best!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR BRETHREN! We hope and pray that your new year is off to a great start and that we are all doing our best to take advantage of every opportunity to serve our God. We certainly serve a loving and caring creator. Our God truly is so good.

END OF YEAR FUND RAISING WAS A HUGE SUCCESS: We are happy to report that our end of the year push to cover our deficit has been a great success. We were able to raise one-time money to cover all of our current deficit for the period of one year. That means all of our schools are fully funded for one year which is a wonderful blessing and a great load off our minds as we look toward the future. As far as our actual monthly support, we are working getting full funding on a permanent basis. We are down to around \$4,000 a month. So over the next year we will continue to try and sure up our permanent funding for all of the schools, but in the mean time we are covering our budget with one-time funds until we accomplish that next goal!

We are also happy to say that our new online giving tools have been received very well and many of you are already taking advantage of this easier way to contribute to the work. This was something which many of you had requested for quite some time now, and we are thankful that we are finally able to make this option possible. Find the link on our website: gsobs.org.

NEW CLASSES START IN GHANA AND ZAMBIA: We are excited to say that a new class of students has begun in Ghana. Also on February 7, a new class will begin in Zambia. More information on these classes can be found inside this newsletter, but God continues to richly bless both of these schools and the work overall. Thanks to all of you for continuing to make these good works possible.

THE FUTURE CONTINUES TO LOOK BRIGHT: As God continues to so richly bless our work we have to continue to look to the future. The fact is, people are dying every day and souls are being lost who have not yet heard the gospel. We can never become satisfied with our work or feel like we are doing all we can. Recently, we had a brother in Christ tell us that if we can decide where we would like to start a new school, he would be able to fully fund the start up cost and the monthly support for the school. So we have already begun the process of looking for the right country with the right graduates so that we might start another new school in Africa. Truly the "fields are white unto harvest." Thus we must be the laborers that strive to get the job done. Please pray for the future and all the preliminary work being done to establish a new school.

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February 7th is only days away and is set to be a great day in Livingstone, Zambia. We will begin our 17th class of students at the Zambia School of Biblical Studies. Currently, there are twenty-seven men who have been invited to join. This is a great number considering that we only had fifteen graduates in our last class. How exciting it is to think that so many more faithful men will be trained to become proclaimers of the gospel for the souls of Zambia as well as for the souls of neighboring countries. If everything works out, then we also will have one international student as well. Please keep all these future students in your daily prayers as they prepare to undertake the great challenge: studying God's word.

Let me also encourage you to continue praying for our instructors in Zambia. Brother Webby, Godfrey and Peter are doing an excellent job and have done so for many years. We know they are very capable of getting the job done and turning out quality students. We love and appreciate these good men very much.

I also want to ask that you pray for our other workers at the school in Zambia. They are all not only Christians, but are fellow laborers in cooking, cleaning, and keeping up the grounds. All of these laborers are so important for us to have a successful school in Zambia.

Brethren, please keep these important needs before the throne of God in prayer that this new class will start well, will find great success in their studies and will graduate ready to take the Gospel of Christ to the souls of this world. Thank you all for your continued love and support in making these things possible in Zambia. May God continue to richly bless our labors there.



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Uganda

This year is off to a great start as our students in Uganda continue their studies and strive to work toward there graduation later this year. We are very appreciative of the good work our instructors are doing in Uganda, and we thank God that everything is going well there. Continue to pray for our instructors as they labor at the school and our current class of seventeen students. They are brother Alex Barasa, James Oketch, and Mike Omondi.

Lord willing, I am currently planning to visit Uganda in early March of this year. This trip will be to encourage the students and to challenge them toward graduation. I will also have the privilege of teaching some while there. As well, I will be able to worship with and visit brethren in the local area. Please keep me in your prayers as preparations are being made for this trip. Any help with such trips is also appreciated as these trips are not included in our regular budgets.

One thing of interest in Uganda is that our faculty has been tirelessly working to get our registration up to date. There are so many requirements in Uganda to keep a school legal that it requires a lot of time and effort to get the registration up to date. Please remember this effort in your prayers also. May God continue to richly bless our efforts together in Uganda.



Students In Class



Since 2017

Ghana

A new class of nineteen students began in Ghana on January 17th. Praise God for this new class and its successful start. We are excited about this class as it is the first class where we have international students at our school in Ghana. We have students from the nearby countries of Chad, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Cameroon. The man from Cameroon was actually living in Nigeria due to the problems in his home country. How wonderful it is to know that we will now have the privilege of reaching out to souls in other countries in West Africa as well. Who knows what the Lord has in store for us through these graduates and so many more in the future!

Please pray for all of our new students in Ghana and all of our beloved faculty. Our instructors currently are Williams Benjamin Anarfi, James Acheampong, Henry Owusu, Festus Nkrumah. I know that God will continue to bless our good work in Ghana and our Labors for Him there.

Here are some pictures of the new class from the first day of school:



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Kenya

God is good and the work continues to be blessed in our newest school in Kenya, East Africa. Our twelve current students are growing spiritually and becoming better equipped to serve God every day. This year, they will also begin to go out regularly to congregations and preach on the weekends. They typically go in teams to encourage and work with churches.

I am going to have the opportunity to travel to Kenya in early March of this year. I will spend time with the students and faculty, teach classes, visit with local brethren, and make sure all is well with the operation of the school. Please pray for me and the trip ahead. Any consideration of funds to help with this trip would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your many prayers and continued support for the school in Kenya.

Written by Ray Sullins

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