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Springfield, Missouri

The quarter at the Bible Institute of Missouri is progressing well. The first-year students are acclimating well to the environment and workload, while the second-year students have settled back into the routine they know well.

Our classes will continue through October 8, with final exams scheduled for October 9-11. It's incredible how quickly time passes in the midst of the day-to-day work.

We were excited to welcome back Brother Adam Orr to preach in chapel for us for a few days. Adam is a graduate of the BIM's very first class. He has spent nearly twenty years preaching in various congregations and recently came to preach at the gospel meeting at the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ. We invited him to deliver lessons in our morning chapel services as well; his experience and knowledge have been a great blessing to our students, offering valuable lessons that will undoubtedly encourage and strengthen them as they prepare for their future roles in the Lord's work.



Adam Preaching in Chapel

One of our primary focuses at BIM is to equip students with a solid foundation of knowledge. Each quarter, the students dedicate countless hours to reading, studying, writing, and preaching. This rigorous work not only helps them build a strong base of biblical understanding but also teaches them the skills needed to continue studying and growing in their knowledge. With the vast depth of information in the Bible, it's essential for these men to remain lifelong learners of God's word, just as every Christian should. Our goal is to provide them with this foundation so they can faithfully preach the word of God for years to come.

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"Global Schools News"

By Ray Sullins

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters! May the grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you all! It is our hope and prayer that each of you stay busy in the work of the Lord, just as we continue to labor for His glory and praise. How blessed we are to be children of our God.

Things continue to go well with the Global Schools of Biblical Studies, and the past few months have been very busy in the service of God. Trey and Brent recently returned from their visit to the school in Ghana; there is a full report inside this newsletter. By the time you receive this newsletter, Lord willing, my father and I will be in Zambia to attend a graduation and seminar at the school in Livingstone. All our schools are currently in session. Soon three of them will have graduations, sending 46 more men into the vineyard of the Lord to labor for His will. God is certainly doing great things through all of us and through our collective efforts with the Global Schools of Biblical Studies. We truly love and appreciate all of you for your support and for all you do to help us continue achieving these wonderful results in His glory!

Sometimes people wonder how effective our efforts have been. Every day and every week, our graduates are preaching the gospel in 13 different African countries, and souls are being harvested for the Lord. Often daily, we receive reports of those who are responding to the gospel or returning to the Lord. Praise be to God for allowing us to play a part in training up "faithful men who will be able to teach others also." We now have 395 graduates—this does not include the 46 men who will graduate in the next few months. Can you imagine? Over 400 soldiers laboring for the cause of Christ! Praise be to Almighty God.

Once again, let me say that it is only because of your help that we can continue to accomplish these great things for God. Without your prayers and generous support, we could not do all the work we are doing for His kingdom. We thank you wholeheartedly for your continued partnership. May God continue to bless you all as we labor together for His cause. However, I must mention that the only thing preventing us from doing even more—enrolling more students or establishing more schools—is funding. I am excited to announce that we have secured full funding for all our students and needs at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Thank you for answering the call in the last newsletter to meet this need. We have also received very generous gifts toward our travel expenses, and again, we thank you.

Our current focus is on addressing a \$1,000 monthly shortfall to ensure that all our work is fully funded. Would you consider helping with this need? With full funding, we can plan for further growth and even more work for the Lord. As we know, Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plentiful," but we need more laborers. Won't you consider helping us do even more for our God?



Baptism of a Man in Zambia



Since 2017

Kumasi, Ghana

The school in Ghana continues to operate exceptionally well, and there is a noticeable excitement among the students as they look forward to their graduation in November. The commitment and enthusiasm of these preacher students is evident in their diligent studies and desire to be equipped for the work of the Lord.



Sunrise from a Plane on Our Trip

In September, Brent Green and I had the privilege of traveling to Ghana to spend time with the students and staff. During our visit, we taught classes daily, offering biblical instruction and encouragement to the students. Brent taught the class on the Godhead, as well as the books of Timothy, Titus, and James. I had the opportunity to teach the book of Revelation and Wisdom Literature II which covers Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Alongside class teaching, we also preached in the daily chapel sessions, where we brought lessons to encourage and strengthen the students for the work ahead of them.

On Saturdays, we had the chance to listen to the students preach. Each student presented a lesson, demonstrating growth in both knowledge and preaching ability. It was truly encouraging to witness their passion and skill in proclaiming the word of God.

Before we left, we shared a meal with the students and teachers, which was a wonderful time of fellowship and connection. The camaraderie among the students and staff is strong, and the teachers have been doing a tremendous job in training solid men who will take the gospel to the world. The students are progressing well, and we are confident they will be ready to meet the challenges of the ministry when they graduate.



Worshipping at Old Tafo Church of Christ

During our stay, we visited two congregations for worship. On the first Sunday, we worshiped with the Old Tafo Church of Christ, where we were warmly welcomed by the congregation of over 400 people. On the second Sunday, we worshipped with the Aboaso Church of Christ that meets at the school's compound. The Aboaso church has about 125 members currently. Both congregations are doing well, and it was a joy to see the impact that the school's training is having on local churches.

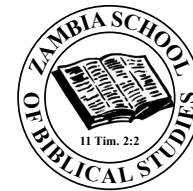


Brethren at Aboaso Church of Christ

On our last day in Ghana, we visited Brother Williams Benjamin Anarfi in Accra. Brother Anarfi is the director of the school in Ghana. He has been very sick for several months, but we were glad to see that he is on the road to recovery. Our visit with him and his family was a highlight of our trip. It was a joy to reconnect with this dear brother, and we left feeling encouraged.

Our time in Ghana was productive and uplifting: The school is thriving, the students are growing, and God's work is advancing through the efforts of these dedicated men. These men will graduate very soon, and we are excited to see the great works they will accomplish for the kingdom of God!

Written by Trey Sullins



Since 1988

Livingstone, Zambia

Seven more souls have obeyed the gospel during a recent gospel meeting in Western Zambia. These are results we are frequently hearing about in Zambia as the kingdoms expands throughout the region. Praise be to God!

Lord willing, when you receive this newsletter, we will already be in Zambia, hosting a graduate seminar with over 100 of our graduates. We are very excited about this gathering and ask for your prayers for its success and for all those traveling.

In November, we will graduate another class of 14 students in Zambia. After this graduation, our total number of graduates will reach 246, marking the 17th completed intake of the Zambia School of Biblical Studies. We once again thank you for your support of the school there, and we thank God and praise Him for these results. May He continue to bless us richly as we work to achieve great things for Him in Zambia.

Written by Ray Sullins



Since 2003

Busia, Uganda

By the time you receive this newsletter, our brothers from Uganda will have already graduated in Zambia.

How exciting it is, after all the trials and delays in Uganda, that we were able to send these students to Zambia to complete their training. Now they are ready to return to their homes in Uganda and diligently use their new skills and knowledge to serve in the Lord's work. We are very proud of these men for their sacrifice and endurance in staying the course to complete their education. They are now well-trained and equipped to be effective laborers in the kingdom of God.

After this class graduates, we will have a total of 96 graduates from the school in Uganda, laboring for the Lord.

Written by Ray Sullins



Uganda Students



Since 2022

Nairobi, Kenya

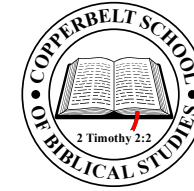
The fourth and final quarter of the year is underway in Kenya, and our class of 18 continues to do well. Our faculty—brothers Samson, Wilson, and Kenneth—are all doing an excellent job.

The new congregation that meets at the school is also growing and doing well. One of our graduates from the first class is now serving as the preacher there.

In other exciting news, we are working on updating our registration to allow us to accept students from neighboring countries. If everything goes as planned, we are also considering establishing a new school in another part of Kenya in the near future.

Please keep these efforts in your prayers and consider how you might be able to help make this vision a reality. We love and appreciate all of you for the tremendous support you give to God's work in Kenya.

Written by Ray Sullins



Since 2024

Ndola, Zambia

Great things continue to happen at our new school in Ndola! This past week, there was another baptism at the congregation that meets at the school, and the congregation continues to grow.

Lord willing, my father and I will visit the school in Ndola for a few days on October 4, while we are in Zambia. We are looking forward to meeting the current class, encouraging the faculty, and worshiping with the new congregation. It will surely be a great time of fellowship and encouragement.

Currently, we have 11 students in their first year of study at the Ndola school. Please keep the Copperbelt brethren in your prayers, so that their work prospers and the students excel in their studies.

Written by Ray Sullins



Baptism at the School