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Springfield, Missouri

The second quarter of this school year is just about to wrap up. Classes will end on December 15, with final exams concluding on Wednesday of the next week. It has been a good quarter so far, though we have had some out with sickness throughout the quarter. Classes have included the following:

First-Year Classes:
Preacher and His Work II
English Grammar II

Second-Year Classes:
Preacher and His Work VI
Greek II

Combined:

Acts
Isaiah

Hebrew History II
Thessalonians and Hebrews



There will be a two-week break after this quarter before classes resume on January 3, 2024. Plans are already being made for third quarter. This year we will be including a couple of new things in our classes. In next quarter's Preacher and His Work VII course, our second-year students will be learning how to teach a Bible class for different age groups. In the final English Grammar IV course, our first-year students will be studying the use of technology in ministry.



Current Students at the BIM

We are so thankful for the opportunity to teach these men and for their willingness to study God's word. What a blessing we all have to serve the Lord!

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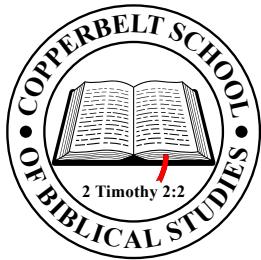
By Jerry Sullins

As children of God, we have a great need to go into all the world and spread the good news that there is a Savior, Jesus Christ, who offers salvation to all. Realizing the command of our Lord to "preach the word," we continue to train men throughout Africa and here in the USA to fulfill that same command (2 Timothy 4:2). Since 1988, we now have six schools of preaching in four different countries that are committing the word of God to faithful men who will lead the lost to Christ.

In the United States, the Bible Institute of Missouri was established to reach out to the lost all across the nation. In East Africa, we have two schools: one in Uganda and another in Kenya. In West Africa, we have another school located in Ghana. In Southern Africa, we now have two schools located in Zambia. One of these schools is in the city of Livingstone, and the other is in the city of Ndola.

Just last month, Ray and I spent time in Ndola, Zambia setting up the second school. We already have over twenty applicants, and we are aiming for around fourteen students for the intake that will begin in February 2024. This school will be making a special effort to reach out to the country of Tanzania that shares the northern border of Zambia. Our hope is that we might be able to enroll students from the neighboring countries, and then after graduating, these students would spread the gospel out into their home countries as well. The Lord has truly been good to afford such an opportunity as this, and we are very thankful.

As many of you know, each of these schools requires funding which is provided by faithful supporters throughout the brotherhood. Last year, we made a special request for one-time funds to fill our budget shortage in 2023; we praise God that we were able to meet that need. The GSOBS budget wouldn't be met without these one-time funds. This year we are making a similar plea for your help in covering our monthly budget shortage for 2024. We are very grateful that we have around 90% of our monthly budget met. To close the gap for the 2024, we will need to raise approximately \$35,000 dollars which will guarantee the training of over eighty students in six schools. There may be a congregation or an individual that would like to make a one-time contribution or monthly contributions to this need. We need your help to continue these necessary works to evangelize the world, and we thank you deeply for your consideration of this need. With God's blessings and our unified efforts, we can accomplish this goal. To God be the glory!



Starting 2024

Ndola, Zambia

We are excited this month to be able to give you more details about our new school in Northern Zambia. It will be called the Copperbelt School of Biblical Studies.

We arrived in November to begin the process of finding a facility to house the school in Ndola, Zambia. Dad and I were joined by brother Scott Richards. This good brother is a long-time missionary and worker in the Lord's kingdom. Through the mission works he oversees, he will be fully funding the new school in Ndola. We are very thankful and blessed to be working with this good brother.



Travel Group in Ndola

Why did we decide upon Ndola, Zambia? There are almost 20 million people who live in Zambia. It's also a land-locked country with seven other nations bordering it. There are plenty of prospective men from Zambia and from the surrounding countries who we will be able to draw from for our student base. Choosing Zambia for a second school also has a couple more great benefits: we already have a registration to operate in the country, and there are many faithful and trained men who we can use in the work as teachers. Having two schools in Zambia will give us the ability to train between 30 to 40 men in Zambia altogether, rather than only half of this amount.

We now have three teachers chosen who are ready to begin the work in February. They are Ziko Mulenga, Michelo Siamdwa, and Costain

Muchindu. We are so excited about the prospect of the new school beginning and are glad to say that everything is falling into place.



New School's Facility

We were able to secure a facility while in Ndola and get it under contract. We are currently making some adjustments and building another building on the property to meet our needs.

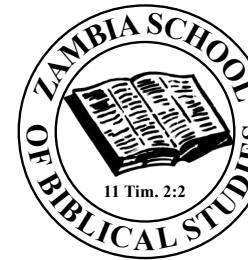
Please keep all these plans and preparations in your daily prayers so that God will continue to bless us to get this school up and running and to continue to accomplish great things in Southern Africa.



The Congregation Near the School

Pictured above is a local congregation we met with while in Ndola, Zambia. The congregation is called the Ndola Central Church of Christ. We hope to get to know them better and to have a good relationship with them in the future, according to the truth and soundness in the word of God.

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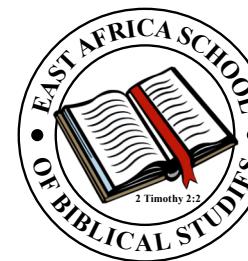
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Livingstone, Zambia

The work in Livingstone, Zambia is going well. The students are currently on break until after the first of the year. However, we are happy to say that the current class is doing a great job. As you may know, our school in Zambia is our oldest school in Africa, and it continues to train good men of God to take the gospel to a lost and dying world.

We also are very blessed to have some great workers in Zambia. Brothers Webby, Peter, and Godfrey have been with us for many years and are doing a great job in training preachers. We are thankful to each of them. Please keep the good work in Zambia in your daily prayers that it may continue to do the work of God in Southern Zambia.

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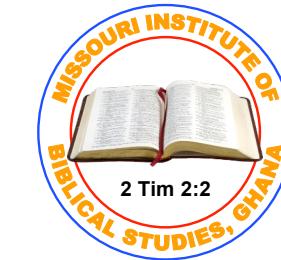
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Busia, Uganda

We are certainly thankful for our good workers in Uganda. Brothers James Oketch, Mike Awuor, Dan Okanya, and Steven Kimuli are all doing a great job and have been great supporters and laborers for the school.

As far as the school, it is still not open yet, but our goal is to have our current students' classes resume after the first of the year. We are currently working on multiple options that would allow us to accomplish this task. Lord willing, we will be able to give you more details in the next report. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to do the Lord's work in Uganda. We know that the will of God will prevail in all things and that the glory belongs to the Lord.

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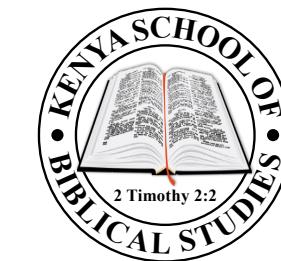
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Kumasi, Ghana

Well, 2023 was a great success in Ghana. It's hard to believe, but our first year of studies with our current class is now complete and everything seems to be running smoothly in Ghana. The school is now on break and all the students seem to be doing well. I know they are now enjoying their break at their homes with their families.

The Lord is truly blessing the work here as things continue on well. The teachers and other staff are doing a great job. As far as the facility it is in good working order and continues to be adequate for our needs in Ghana. Please keep the great work in Ghana in your prayers. We look forward to the school starting back after the first of the year.

Written by Ray Sullins



Since 2022

Nairobi, Kenya

The year of 2023 was a great year in Kenya! In November, we were able to graduate our first class of twelve students. What an exciting day it was to celebrate with brethren, family, and friends of those men who graduated and who are now back at home beginning the work of evangelists. It was a great blessing for Dad and I to be a part of the graduation.



Graduating Class of 2023

Our next class will begin in February of next year. We appreciate your prayers and support and God's blessing in this good work.

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