

Since 2003 Busia, Uganda

As you may know, the students in Uganda are now in Zambia and are finishing their training as we deal with some registration issues in Uganda. Everything is going great with our students and their studies. They all seem to be thrilled to continue their studies and to get their education finished as soon as possible.



Ugandan Students in Zambia

Lord willing, these men will graduate near the end of September this year. Then they will return to their home areas in Uganda and resume or begin their full labors for the Lord as fully trained preachers. I am so excited about their progress and what the future holds for all of them when they return. Please keep them and their families as they continue their studies.



Ugandan Students in Class

On a special note, we have one Ugandan student who greatly needs your prayers. His name is Raphael. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is now undergoing some treatment. May God be with him that he may overcome this physical trial and have many more years in the Kingdom of God.

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“Global Schools News”

By Jerry Sullins

The year 2024 is shining brightly as we have remarkable progress towards our mission of sending forth dedicated, trained individuals to spread the gospel across America and Africa. On May 25th, a graduation took place at the Bible Institute of Missouri. We are steadily accomplishing our vision of providing steadfast men to lead pulpits across the United States. Our goal is to bring back the spirit of evangelism in the churches of Christ, leading to growth in both spirit and number.

In our five schools in Africa, we now have over 80 men that are training to evangelize major parts of the continent. This coming September, 16 men from Uganda will graduate in Zambia as the school in Uganda has been temporarily closed for several months. In October, 14 men of ZSOBS (Zambia) will graduate after two years of training. In November, 16 will graduate in Ghana, West Africa. With the loving support of faithful individuals and congregations here in the United States, the work continues as planned. As one good missionary said many years ago: “We can take this ole world for Christ anytime you’re ready.” We all are the force, the church which God chose through His Son, to make known His “manifold wisdom” to all nations (Ephesians 3:10). Together, we can strive to accomplish that great work!

We are now faced with the important task of funding our work in Africa. To ensure the success of these efforts, we need to oversee the schools. This summer, we have planned trips to Ghana and Zambia, and additional visits required before the year’s end for graduations. We need to raise approximately \$20,000 for these trips. This includes the price of the tickets and some of the other expenses involved in finishing those classes and sending the graduates back home. Another great need facing us is our monthly support for the remainder of 2024 to operate all 6 schools. This need comes to \$1,450 per month. If you can help with any of these needs either online or by mail, please mark all donations “2024 special needs” or “2024 travel expenses.” Thank you for your consideration. We need your help to get these works accomplished.

As a special request, please remember brother Williams Benjamin Anarfi, Director of the School in Ghana, in your prayers. He is in the hospital in Accra, Ghana suffering from congestive heart failure. Our faithful brother Anarfi was trained in Botswana back in the 90’s.

May God bless you all in your service in the Kingdom. Thank you for your continued support throughout the years. You are God’s “special people” in taking Christ to the World (1 Peter 2:9).



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Springfield, Missouri

Graduation for the Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM) was Saturday, May 25th for Tyler Bird, Roy Goddard, T-Roy Hass, and Colin Lepley. These men have been training for nearly two years, having completed over 40 courses and logged over 2,000 classroom hours. It takes hard work, dedication, and a lot of study to complete this program. We are so glad all these faithful men finished the course.



2024 Graduating Class—Colin, Tyler, Roy, T-Roy (left to right)

This year's graduating class was an exceptional group indeed. The average of the entire class of 2024 was 95.64%, a remarkable feat. Consider just how well three of these men did during their two years of study. With a 95.30%, Colin Lepley ranks as the 9th highest GPA of all-time. He would have been the valedictorian in 12 out of 17 of the graduating classes. With a 97.24%, Tyler Bird ranks as the 4th highest GPA of all-time. He would have been valedictorian in any other class except for his own and the class of 2007. The record for highest GPA of all-time has stood for 17 years, dating back to 2007. This class had co-valedictorians because the top two students were only separated by two-hundredths of a percent. Now, T-Roy Hass stands as the record holder of the highest GPA of any BIM graduate with a final GPA of 98.08%. This class truly shined academically. They pushed themselves and each other all the way to the end.

While this class ranks at the top academically, what we are most excited about is that there are four more faithful men who will go out to preach the gospel. They have all already proven themselves to be men of dedication and sacrifice, and we expect they will continue to show the same in doing the work of God in the world.

Our graduates wanted to convey their thanks for your support during their two years of training:

I would like to say thank you for all the support you have blessed me with over the past two years during my studies. Whether you have contributed to help fund my schooling or to give encouraging words and prayers, I really appreciate all you have done for me. I am excited to use the things I have learned to help spread the gospel to this world throughout the course of the following years. Once again, thank you very much!

-T-Roy Hass

I want to say thank you to the Bible Institute of Missouri and all the supporters who made it possible to devote two years of my life to the study of God's Word. Thank you to the instructors and my fellow students who have made the last two years the greatest years of my life and led me to decide to preach full-time. God's Word is powerful and living, and I encourage you to let it lead you in all aspects of your life. Please pray for the students who will complete their studies next year and the incoming students who will begin their studies. You all are a blessing to this great work. Thank you!

-Tyler Bird

Thank you so much for your support and all of your prayers! We could not have done this without all the help from the saints of our Lord's church! God bless you and may the kingdom continue to grow and prosper!

-Roy Goddard

Thanks for all the support and prayers over the last two years. My family and I appreciate it and it wouldn't be possible without your help. God bless you and your future work in the kingdom.

-Colin Lepley

With another graduation complete, the next school year is just around the corner. Orientation will be on August 6, 2024 with classes resuming the next day. At this time, there are several students joining and returning. It is still not too late to join the next class of men. If you would like to train at the BIM, then please contact us today. If you would like to help support any of our new students in their training, please let us know that as well. Praise be to God for all the blessings He continues to bestow upon this work.

Written by Brent Green



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Livingstone, Zambia

Our dear brothers who teach in Zambia, have been very busy the last few months. Overseeing two different schools and students at the same time has been no doubt challenging but a great blessing at the same time.

Brother Webby said that they are really enjoying having the Ugandans in Zambia. Being together, learning about different cultures, and experiencing different places has been great for them.

Hopefully, I will be in Zambia near the end of June to meet with all the Zambian and Ugandan students. While in Zambia, we are going to have a graduate seminar with likely more than 70 graduates for a one-week lectureship. Our theme will be "Buy the Truth and Do Not Sell It."

Please keep the good work in Zambia and all the activities that we have planned this summer in your prayers that they may glorify God and be according to His perfect will.

Written by Ray Sullins



Since 2017

Kumasi, Ghana

Things are quiet in our Ghana school this month as the school is on a short summer break. According to recent updates, all 16 men are doing a great job in their studies and Lord willing will be returning in June for their final quarters of study. It's hard to believe that in November another class will graduate. However, God continues to bless our labors together in Ghana, and we all have a lot to be thankful for.

As also mentioned on the front page, I have a special prayer request for one of our teachers in Ghana. Brother Williams Benjamin Anarfi has been the director of this school since its opening in 2017. He is currently in the hospital in Accra, Ghana with congestive heart failure. Although he seems to be making some improvements, we ask that you pray for him and his family as he struggles with his health. Throughout his life, he has dedicated himself to serving God and has accomplished so much for the Lord.

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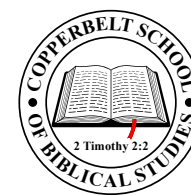
Nairobi, Kenya

By the time you get this report, the Kenya school will also be on a short summer break. Things are going well in Kenya and the Lord's work continues to grow. The congregation which meets at the school has had several baptisms in the past month and they have also just hired a previous graduate to work with the church full time.

We are currently working on our nonprofit registration in Kenya, which will allow us to expand the work and invite foreign students. We are in the final stages of the process, and everything has been accepted and approved so far. Please pray that the final approval will come soon so we can do more for the sake of the Lord.

Hopefully, we will begin construction of a new office and small apartment building by the end of the summer. These will be significant assets for the school in Kenya. Please keep the good work in Nairobi in your daily prayers.

Written by Ray Sullins



Since 2024

Ndola, Zambia

According to our brothers in Ndola, things are going well in the Copperbelt School of Biblical studies. The students in Ndola are also soon to be on a short summer break, but overall, they are all doing a great job in their studies.

One challenging thing we are facing in Zambia right now is power sharing. This means that for about 8 hours a day, our school is without power, and even the timing of the daily outage is unpredictable. We have had to add some solar lighting to both of our facilities in Ndola and Livingstone. We also had to buy a generator and a gas stove for the school. Despite this challenge, everything else is going well.

We have started a new congregation where the school meets. Last week there was a baptism at the new congregation. Please pray for this new congregation and the good work the school is doing in Ndola. God certainly is blessing His good work in Ndola.

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