

Dear brethren at North Beach

Please excuse the brevity of this report. Linda is typing it on her phone as we travel in Zimbabwe.

May was a busy month for us as, except for the class at Phoenix, we had a normal heavy schedule plus we were trying to get ready for our trip to Zimbabwe.

Besides the normal Sunday schedule, I continued teaching the Minor prophets on Wed, first principles with Simphiwe on Thurs mornings, Journeys of Paul at Unit 9 on Thursday evenings, a study with Lefa on Friday evenings, and a class on Bible history in Pietermaritzburg on Saturday afternoons.

The week before we left, a sister at Silverglen and a brother at Unit 9 passed away unexpectedly. I helped lay these two fine servants of God to rest, and we both tried to be of comfort to the grieving families.

We spent Monday, 30 May, driving from Durban to our old house where our renters are happy for us to store the camper. I spent virtually all of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday working on the camper as several things had gone wrong in the past 9 months that it stood idle. On Friday we drove up near the border and last Sunday morning at the crack of dawn we began crossing the border. Zimbabwe is facing a financial crisis and customs officials were acting like Jewish tax collectors, but thankfully they were good to us and, despite spending 2 hours at the border, the brethren waited so that we arrived in time for preaching and Bible study afterwards.

We spent all day this past Tuesday and Wednesday teaching about 3 hours north of Bulawayo, and tonight I begin a weekend meeting in Bulawayo.

Brethren, your prayers are very important to us, both for our personal safety and for the severe challenges the brethren here and their fellow countrymen face. Not only did they experience drought but they are having a difficult time drawing money from the bank as currency (US dollars) becomes scarce. The government says that in August they will replace everyone's US dollars with Zimbabwe currency, which is worthless. Since virtually everything in the stores is imported, shelves will soon be empty as shopkeepers have no US dollars to restock. Please pray for this situation.

Your servant in Christ,

Les Maydell