

Dear Brethren

I hope all is well on your side of the world .This side of the world has been quite eventful ,The family and I are doing fine we are now deep into our winter months , as it does not get as cold in Africa as it does in some places of the USA its still cold and our winters are dry .Everyone seem to get the flu ,I am experiencing a few heath issues , the drs are still running some blood tests they think it may be a virus or bilharzia which is a small virus type that you can contract in fresh dam or river water and since I baptize in this type of water it's a high probability .

ZIMBABAWE:

So much has been happening in Zimbabwe over the last few weeks , people that are desperate have nothing to lose and have been protesting and blocking roads and burning state owned properties .

The chaos first started when the banks had run out of money ,so they limited the people and business to the amount of money they can draw each day ,this lead to business and state not being able to pay wages in full or at all .

The second blow came when the President ban all imports of any groceries and goods from South Africa , his idea was the money from Zimbabwe was being used in South Africa .This was the match to the fire as you can understand 90% of food stuff comes from South Africa since Zimbabwe has none and people are starving .The people went on the rampage and blocked the border and burnt down a number of buildings at the bridge border post .I was blessed not to get caught up in it but managed to miss the border closure and riots .It did however did delay my movements and trips , but with help of the brethren giving me warnings and routes it worked out fine .I still manage to arrange the maize for the brethren and had to meet preachers at a different location .

The third upset came with the road uses and taxi operators have now had enough of the police road blocks and called it what it is .The road blocks are just used by the police to solicit bribes from road uses and they are sick and tired of it , I could not agree more with this complaint as I experience this all the time traveling the roads in Zimbabwe. It is all back to calm for now but the people of Zimbabwe have given the government some deadlines and ultimatums , they have

also already embarked in a mass stay away .These deadlines are in 1 months' time so please keep us in your prayers .The Zimbabwe government did a complete shut down on all social media and silenced the newspapers as normal so most of this uprising can be hidden , very sad.

As of now no brethren in my areas have been caught up in any violence but please keep them in your prayers .As I said I still managed to deliver the maize the brethren and the churches are all doing well .The food needs as mentioned before have been met until my next trip in first week August due to your love and continued support of our Brethren , as from then I am requesting assistance once again to anyone who can help feed our brethren in famine conditions , I am requesting now in advance as I know these things take time to finally get to me , on top of this I anticipate we will have to secure food quickly due to all the trouble brewing in Zimbabwe.

#### BOTSWANA:

The work in Botswana is doing fine , and the brethren are all well ,my trips into Botswana have been uneventful there is no political problems or issues in Botswana and makes it a pleasure to drive through .The border has become even more under pressure since many people were avoiding the Zimbabwe bridge border , so longer delays are the normal thing .

On my trips in I visit all 3 congregations as normal and deliver the much needed maize , the work is moving along well and the brethren are learning and growing in knowledge .The children are still always a treat and Ivy enjoys them so much .It is however very cold in Botswana at night in the desert conditions they live .The wind makes its very challenging to teach and worship in the open .

#### SOUTH AFRICA :

We were very sad to lose brother Luxon last month , he had a very short illness and liver cancer was diagnosed with him passing in less than 3 weeks , he will be missed by all on the farm and especially in our congregation. The work is doing well , Ivy is still taking the children's bible class and we have been doing the Old law verse New Law in our Adult class .Our attendance has gone down a bit since it is hunting season in Africa now and some of the brethren that work for hunting operations have to work Sunday mornings .Otherwise everyone is doing well as we continue in the Lords work.

Thank you all again for your love and support for the Lords work here in Africa and for my family and I , we appreciate your fellowship and love .Please be reminded once again for the need of famine funds, to help our brethren in Zimbabwe and Botswana .

In Christian Love

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