

Dear Brethren

I trust all is well with you on that side of the world ,time seems to fly buy when you are busy and I cannot believe we are almost in the last quarter of 2016.The family and I are doing fine , I have still not resolved my health issue ,last the dr's seemed to think I had a parasite called bilharzia which you get from rivers and streams. They have been treating it but it seems there has been no real change over the last month , it is a parasite that eventually attacks you liver and kidneys if not treated , it makes you feel extremely tired and like in my case causes blood in the urine .I have been coping with normal routine it's just taking a lot more energy from me ,I am seeing a specialist at the end of the month I pray it is sorted out once and for all.

We have had quite a hard few weeks , Ivy and Josh were involved in a serious car accident ,some guy smashed into her and totalled her car , Josh was not hurt but Ivy did have some minor injuries and was treated in hospital , I was in Zimbabwe at the time and had to rush back but they are all fine now and insurance is replacing the vehicle .After I had sorted out Ivy and the car I returned to Zimbabwe to finish my trip.Then as I crossed the border back into South Africa ,I received a call to say that sister Sametse had passed away in Botswana and they wanted me to bury her the next day at Sunrise (this is their culture sine they have no refrigeration in the villages).I then rushed home got a change of clothes and immediately left for Botswana .Thenlast night were received bad news that sister Constance had passed ,she is a member at Mabalabala, so quite a hard and emotional time for us.

Drought Update :

Brethren about a month ago I sent out an urgent request to help our brethren in dire need both in Zimbabwe and Botswana as the drought has not broken and brethren needed food .I am humbled and so proud to be in fellowship with God's people like yourselves ,I have received either commitment's to send funds or funds deposited which has enabled me to secure food for all the faithful brethren right up to December this year .I cannot express in words the gratitude ,joy and relief our brethren have voiced here in Africa ,I really wish that all of you loving brethren could experience this when I told them the news of your love and wonderful gift that you have shared with them .It is truly an honour to be your messenger in Christ .The situation is as follows: Our normal rain should start by the end of November Lord willing if it does rain our brethren will plant their crops and harvest by the end of March to mid-April 2017 , as I have stated we have

secured food until December and by the end of November I will have to start to negotiate with suppliers for food up until harvest the end of March to mid-April(if it rains) It is getting tougher to find food as the new import restrictions are putting pressure on the supply ,but I will keep you all informed closer to the time on what the situation is on the ground .If the rain does not come in November we are in for a long winter and a need for help will be up until next November .My request now is all to please keep praying for rain we need our Lord to help us.

Zimbabwe :

The work in Zimbabwe has been going well , we baptized 3 people at Venega village ,this is a relatively new work so it is encouraging to see it growing .As mentioned above the brethren were thrilled to hear the news of the food relief supplied by you good brethren .I have been distributing maize to all the congregations on my trips as is my normal routine , this itself is almost a 2 day job as these villages lie deep in the bush over bad roads and then also doing my normal teaching at all the works .The brethren are upbeat and the work is consistent and encouraging to see .The demonstrations and uprising is still on going in Zimbabwe , not every day but mainly in the cities when they get a chance. They are however shut down quickly by the army , the government also shuts off all social media and internet to avoid anything getting out .I had a close call on my last trip in, on my way home the road was blocked off by demonstrators but I managed to get around through the bush as I have a 4x4 pick-up .There is definitely a pressure building up among the people of Zimbabwe and it remains volatile so please too keep this In your prayers.

Botswana :

As mentioned above the sad news is that sister Sametse has passed away a few weeks ago .For those who don't know ,Sametse she was the first person I made contact with while trying to establish Churches in Botswana , she was also the first convert in that area which was 16 years ago .Sister Sameste also helped with translation as in Botswana the language of Tswana is spoken predominantly in the villages and English is very foreign .This is a huge blow for the Lords work and the brethren in Botswana as she always encouraged and helped many brethren in her village and surrounding villages , she was a sound Christian and an example in her community , this was very evident at her funeral which over 300 people attended .The work is continuing but communication has been very difficult ,I am I the process of trying to organise a new translator which will get the Botswana work back on track .

South Africa:

Once again as mentioned we had the sad news of sister Constance who passed away , it seems like she had a heart attack as she was rushed to hospital last night but passed away .We are all saddened by the news and she will be missed .The work is doing well at Mabalabala as the hunting season has ended, so many brethren that have had to work overtime are all back and attendance is back to normal .We are studying bible authority in our bible study and all in all things are going well.

Thank you all once again for your fellowship in the Lords work here in Africa , none of this would be possible without your continued support and love , thank you also for helping our brethren in need .

You will notice my email address has changed as using the farm name on my email, often software on your side kicks it out as spam , so some of my emails are not getting through I hope this resolves some of the problem's.

In Him.