

Dear Brethren.

I trust all is well on your side of the world ,as you approach your winter months we are now going into our hottest time of our summer months .The Lords work is doing well here in Africa and I am blessed and happy to be in His service and your fellowship .My health took a turn for the worst last week Monday and I ended up in Surgery that night and had to return to Surgery within the same week due to complications .The problem as I mentioned is I contracted a parasite called Bilharzia which can infect you when you enter fresh water streams and dams here in Africa .I evidently contracted it by baptizing in Zimbabwe waters .This parasite attacked my kidney which led to very swollen and inactive kidney which then also caused a blockage in the kidney tube .I am still recovering from surgery but am feeling much better and nearly back to normal .Thank you for your prayers in this regard .The family and children are all well .

Drought update :

Some parts of South Africa have started to receive rain , but no rain has fallen in the lower regions of South Africa also no rain in Zimbabwe or Botswana .I am still distributing food relief to our brethren in Zimbabwe and Botswana ,and as stated have secured enough food to last until early December .

Lord willing the seasonal rainfall should fall now in November ,allowing our brethren to plough and plant their crops .If this all happens and there is follow-up rains throughout December to March 2017 our brethren will be able to harvest early April , we all really need your prayers to relive this drought .

As stated in my last report our brethren will still need further help until harvest ,that is from December to March 2017 , I will be negotiating with suppliers at the end of this month (November) to secure this food and try lock the price .I am therefore already asking for help now for our brethren ,so I can secure this food at the end of this month and I can help our needy brethren on time without interruptions .Please any help will be appreciated and is needed.

Zimbabwe :

My trips into Zimbabwe have been going well , I have had relatively easy border crossings and road blocks have been bearable .I still continue to load and distribute maize to our brethren on my trips along with preaching and encouraging each congregation and teaching the men .The brethren are all well and are always so great full and happy to receive the wonderful gift of food from you good brethren , I am always so humbled by their gratitude and joy.

We baptized 4 people at Machona village , the Save river that runs through the village is now dry due to the drought, the villages have now dug holes in the river bed to get water ,so it took some negotiating for us to obtain permission to baptize in one of these holes .In the Botswana work, I am quite use to not having water as it's in a desert and we have a portable baptistery which we fill with min water to baptize people .I am going to have to travel with this portable baptistery into Zimbabwe too .

The Lord is good and looks after his people , I just want to share with you that on my last trip into Zimbabwe I returned home the Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th I was rushed for surgery , who knows what would have happened if I was in the middle of the bush in Zimbabwe when this happened ,so even in our most hard and tough situations the Lord is our shepherd .GOD IS GOOD.

Botswana :

The trips into Botswana have been easy with regard to travel and border crossings .As said above in my report Botswana has had no rain as yet so still very dry and hot in the villages ,water for the villages have become quite scarce although the Botswana government has equipped a borehole in most villages , these boreholes are not very strong or consistent so many times the people sit without water and have to travel on foot to the next village to get drinking water ,this just adds to the stress of no food so it's really tough in these villages .The work has been challenging as reported last sister Sametse has passed away and she was the one helping with all the translating in the churches .I have a younger man who I have used and am hoping he will become a consistent reliable translator in the future. The Children are always a treat and Ivy has also had some challenges with translating ,but uses many visual guides to teach her lesson .The brethren are all well and continue to worship and grow.

South Africa :

The Mabalabala work is doing well , we are studying prayer now in our bible study and the attendance has been good over the last few weeks .The men are growing and it's encouraging to see them rise to the occasion , when I have been sick they have stepped up and lead well in the Church .Ivy still takes the children's classes and the children attendance is growing. Over all everything is going well in the Church.

Thank you brethren for all your support ,prayers and fellowship with me and the Lords work here in Africa .This work would not be possible without your continued support and I thank you for that .

Please keep us in your prayers , please remember the food needs coming up for our brethren at the end of the month , please prayer for rain.

In Him