

Dear Brethren

I am happy to be reporting on the Lords work here in Africa .We are all doing well , Ivy's dad has made a good recovery so has Josh and Ivy everyone is back on track and in good health thank you for your prayers . The rains have also continued to fall and the crops are looking good for harvest a little later than expected as I reported last time, but Lord willing harvest will be ready by the end of May. This does mean that our brethren will need help for May month as my funds raised were originally planned and anticipated for harvest by the end of March latest mid-April .

Brethren thank you for all your help through these tough times for our brethren , they do really appreciate all you have done and in most cases this has saved their lives , I am always honoured to be your messenger and the end is in sight , but for this last month Please I am requesting help for our brethren one more time to see them through to the harvest next month.

ZIMBABWE :

The Zimbabwe work is doing well , as I said crops are looking good and will be a huge relief for our brethren .The crops not only feed them but any extra they grow this they sell and the income is used for school fees and clothing and any other basic living needs , this is why when drought hits the brethren really do suffer not only going hungry but their whole way of life comes to a grinding halt .I delivered all the maize meal to our brethren as normal , the brethren are all well and in good spirits .We baptized 6 new people over the last 2 months in Zimbabwe .

The heavy rains have also bought bad roads , if they were not bad enough .My vehicle has taken quite a beating over the last year and especially with a heavy load of maize traveling into the villages .My last trip in was cut short when damage to my back diff caused an oil leak .I managed to buy diff oil on my 5<sup>th</sup> stop at a garage and took their last small bottle ,I then travelled and stopped every 75 miles to top up the diff oil .It was a 12 hour trip back with many prayers, as I cannot break down in Zimbabwe ,there is no help for miles and most suppliers have no spares plus if you left your vehicle next to the road it would be stripped bare in a day .The trip before that my battery bracket broke loose and shorted out my wires on the vehicle ,I managed to do some road side repairs to keep going .

I have done a hundred and sixty thousand miles in my pick –up so I guess it's time to replace it shortly, as I need a reliable truck traveling into these remote places .

#### BOTSWANA:

My trips into Botswana have been good , the rain has also been very good ,in fact on my last trip in I could not get to the last village as the bridge had water flooding over it from the heavy rains .The Brethren are all well and my trips also include dropping off the maize and teaching and preaching at the 3 churches .Ivy is still teaching the children and it's always nice to have my wife along .The new translator is getting better each time , I guess practice makes perfect .We baptized 2 ladies last month and the churches are stable and growing in knowledge .Botswana roads are not as bad as Zimbabwe but still rough .

#### SOUTH AFRICA:

The Mabalabala work is going well , we have a well-attended worship service and bible study , the young men also are learning fast and are participating in leading singing and conducting the Lords supper as well as reading etc. , they are growing and it good to see. We baptized one man about 3 weeks ago he has been a regular visitor and we were thrilled he gave his life to Christ. Ivy also takes the children classes and that is going well .We have not had as much rain as Zimbabwe and Botswana but enough to ease the drought .

We are set to be in the USA from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to around the 24<sup>th</sup> Lord willing I will send out my schedule once my visa and air tickets are sorted out and everything is final .

Thank you again for all your prayers for the rain and all your love and support.

Please don't forget our brethren who need help for May

In Christ