

Dear Brethren

It's good to report back to you all once again , so much has happened both in the USA and in the Lords work here in Africa .We are all doing well here in Africa , Ivy and the boys are all well and it is starting to get hot very quickly now as we approach our summer .As your winter approaches I am sure its cooling down on your side of the pond .We were shocked and concerned to hear about all the brethren that were hit by the hurricane in Houston and Beaumont, please know that you are all still in our prayers and all the brethren in Zimbabwe and Botswana are praying for you also. South Africa too has had some bad weather in the Johannesburg area's and the coastal area's were hit by a tornado and very big hail storms recently , we are fine in our area though and pray we have a good raining season throughout our summer months. You will notice I did not send out a report for July /August this was because my wife and I spent time in the USA and reported back to the brethren and Church in person .

Ivy and I would both like to thank you all so much for receiving us and looking after us so well , collecting us from the airport and feeding us so

much food , putting us up in your homes we really felt loved in Gods family and enjoyed meeting some old friends and meeting new brethren thank you .We also find out what is, Chicken fried steak , Krispy creams , biscoff spread ,Chick fillet just to mention a few that helped put on the 10 pounds extra we took back to South Africa ha ha .We also really enjoyed sharing the Lords work with you and the stories , we tried to see as many brethren as we could but as time was not our friend unfortunately we did not get to see or fellowship with everyone .

Zimbabwe :

The brethren in Zimbabwe are all doing well , my trips in have been good and I have not had too many problems with the road blocks .On my last trip in the system was down at the border and I ended up standing for 4 hours in the customs que just to get through .The brethren were thrilled and excited to hear that you good brethren had given funds for bibles and song books , it's always so humbling to go into villages and realise a simple thing that we may take for granted like a bible is a big deal to them .I have ordered the bibles , as you are aware I had to order bibles in Shona ( Their home

language ) this had to be done in Zimbabwe , I have paid all the deposits and we are expecting the bibles within the month , thank you again to those who contributed to this good need. This will certainly make my teaching and the bible study follow ups so much easier and effective .As mentioned above this is now our summer months , which we pray bring the summer rains to all the brethren for crops and food going forward , so please keep us in your prayers .

Botswana:

Botswana trips have also been good , the brethren there also were very excited to hear the good news about the bibles and song books .The children were also very excited to get their knitted hats that brethren had sent back with us .Ivy is also making good use of children teaching material she received in the USA thank you so much for all this help and fellowship in the Lords work. We baptized two laddies and the work is moving on well , we still need more faithful men to lead in these congregations.

South Africa ;

The Mabalabala work is good , the hunting season is over and this means a lot of our members from neighbouring farms do not have to work on Sundays , so our attendance is back to full status. Ivy is still teaching the children class and we are studying the woman's role in the church which is going well .We had sad news as our one visitor who had attended regularly , but had not yet made the commitment to be baptized passed away 2 weeks ago .

Pick Up update :

Thank you again to all who helped with funds towards replacing my pick-up .The progress is as follows ,I have ordered my new pick up and have paid the deposit , I have been faced with some setbacks , as with the terrible tragedy of the Hurricane hitting our brethren in Houston and Beaumont previous funds committed from brethren needed to be redirected to the rightful urgent needs of their own brethren hit by the hurricane , so I wanted to be transparent and keep everyone informed as to where I am with this process and pray it will still be possible fund allowing in the future.

Brethren thank you all once again for your continued love and fellowship in the Lords work here in Africa and the love you show for my family and I .We are blessed to have good brethren like you and thank the Lord for this blessing .Please know you are in our prayers , please keep us in your prayers especially for rain this season .

In Him