

Dear Brethren

I pray all is well your side of the water , especially for those rebuilding after the devastating hurricanes .The family and I are all doing well , we are blessed with good health and ability to work and serve in the Lords work .Thank you for all the messages of concern and love sent to both me and Ivy after the news of the Zimbabwe coupe ,I know Ivy was very stressed at the time as she was not able to get hold of me , but having all your messages and prayers did bring the comfort and confidence she needed at the time , so thank you so much. We are so blessed and thankful for all you good brethren that show so much Love and support ,it is good to be in the Lord and have you as our family.

It's now our mid-summer and the days are very hot , it is also the time our rains should be peaking , I am happy to report that the rains have started off well in most areas and it is looking good for a harvest next year , we do have two areas where they have not yet received rain , but it is not too late , so please keep our brethren in your prayers.

ZIMBABWE:

AS most of you are aware a military coupe was staged in Zimbabwe , without repeating myself as I did send out a more detailed account at the time, I was caught up in the middle of the coupe ,but all ended well and none of our brethren were injured or arrested in these tense few days .

So what does this mean for the brethren and the work going forward .

As you may have heard in the news , the old President Mugabe was forced out and replaced by the new guy Emmersion , unfortunately this was not really a coupe that was staged to set the people free , but rather an internal fight with in the current dictatorship of the ZANU PF ruling party .The new President worked with Mugabe at his side for the whole of Mugabe's 37 odd years of dictatorship and in many cases lead the atrocities' against the people of Zimbabwe .The

people of Zimbabwe and most politicians do not believe that much will change , but we are all hopeful and continue to pray for our brethren .

Things all seem calm now and I am heading back on my next trip .I will be able to shed more light on the situation once I return .The exiting news is I have made a new contact in a new village , I had just received the permission from the Chief and the councillor to go into the village and have a public meeting with some people that we have been studying with privately , this was when my trip was cut short ,so I am looking forward to returning and teaching in the new village .

I also managed to hand out some of the bibles that arrived , but this activity was also cut short , I will resume with this too when I return .The brethren were thrilled to receive a bible and many asked me for verses an stories they wanted to read for themselves in their own bible .I did try send some photo's on a separate email , the brethren do look a bit nervous, in the photo , this was due to the fact we were finding out about the military entering the villages at that time , the photos don't give justice to the real excitement at the time. I want to thank all you brethren that helped with the funds for bibles .When I was in the USA this was one of my main tasks I was endeavouring to do , to raise funds to help brethren with bibles and song books , I am very humbled to report that I received more funds than was needed for the bibles at the time . I have ordered extra bibles with the remaining funds and even replaced at least 10 other bibles for brethren who's bible's had fallen apart over the years of outdoor use. The extra bibles will now be very useful with the new village if we convert people and establish a new work and any further growth in the Lords Church ,Thank you again.

BOTSWANA:

The brethren in Botswana are doing well , Botswana villages have not received the rain they need yet so please keep them in your prayers .The brethren are well and the work is continuing , my new translator is getting better on each trip and this makes it a lot easier . I have not received the Tswana bibles as yet, but they are ordered and paid for so I am hoping by my next trip in , I can take care of this .

The 3 Churches are all doing well , we baptized a 2 new ladies into the Lord and the work continues to grow slowly but consistently .The baptisms in Botswana was not without work , there was no water on the day in the village to fill up the portable baptistery , so we had to return the following day only to find the chief was at a funeral ,so we were not able to ask to use the

water .We finally managed that evening to get hold of the Chief and baptise the ladies. I am happy with the questions asked in bible studies as this shows brethren are growing .The children are having so much fun learning all the bible stories , with the new material Ivy received from the Laddies in the US .It is always a joy to see the many children filling the congregations every time we come into the village , they really love Ivy and I am very blessed to have a wife that is able and willing to help teach in the villages.

I still constantly pray for more men to be converted and find faithful leaders to help in this work .

SOUTH AFRICA;

The Mabalabala work is doing well , we are continuing in our bible study about the woman's role as a Christian and in the church , it has been very well participated study with many questions . Ivy continues with the children class here too , we don't have that many children since allot of the brethren are immigrants and working as labour on surrounding farms , so many of the children are staying back at home with family .On school holidays we tend to see more children .We have had two new visitors attending and they seem really interested .We were excited to baptize brother Martin this month also a long time visitor deciding to follow Jesus. All in all the work is doing well.

New Pic-Up .

My dear brethren , I am happy to report that I have received all the funds needed to replace my old pic-up and it did not come a day to soon . My old pic-up has really done more than I could hope for and with endless problems in and out of the shop mainly due to old age and wear and tear, my last few trips have been risky .I will have my new pic-up in a few weeks .I wanted to take this time and opportunity to say thank you to all the brethren who individually contributed and to all the congregations and elders who helped. I am so very great full , humbled , very blessed and loved by you all .My mind can be at ease now traveling into the bush and over the bad roads with a reliable vehicle again , Ivy is also so very thankful and great full .I know the best way to show my gratitude to the Lord and you good brethren is to use this valuable tool to work hard in his kingdom and preach his good news to all I can.

Thank you all again for all your continued support and love for me and the Lords work here in Africa , please keep the prayers for rains in Botswana , and a better life for our brethren going forward in Zimbabwe .We pray the Lord keep you all safe and you have a good and happy holidays .

In Christian Love

Warren Scholtz

