

Dear brethren

I trust all is well with you , we are doing fine , blessed to be in the Lords vineyard and happy to be in fellowship with good brethren like you. Ivy and the children are all well and in good health , we are quickly approaching our Autumn months now and things are finally starting to cool down , our days are still warm but night temperatures are dropping .

I am sure most of you have seen on the news that our government in South Africa is trying to pass a new law to take farm land and other land from White farmers without payment or any compensation for improvements. This same kind of law was passed in Zimbabwe a few years back which lead to hundreds of whites leaving and the in entire economy and country collapsed .This idea is always with a political motivation and never intended to really help any group as history has shown in Zimbabwe , Mozambique , Zambia just to name a few .The reason I bring this to your attention is we really need your prayers as we live on a small farm , the Mabalablala Church has a building and meets on this farm ,we have our whole lively hood in the farm and will have no place to go that's besides losing everything we own .The brethren who work on our farm and surrounding farms would also all lose their jobs and places to stay , so as you can see the impact of such a law would be devastating so please pray for us.

Zimbabwe :

My trips into Zimbabwe have been busy as I am back into the routine of loading maize and taking maize into the villages as needed .The good news is I have received enough funds to secure maize meal for our brethren who needed for 3 months .Our brethren in Zimbabwe have asked for me to please thank you all so very much for your love and help with food. The Nugundu area in Zimbabwe which I spoke of did receive follow up rains so our prayers were answered and it is looking very good for a harvest by end May , there are four churches in this area .The Chredzee area and Mukukusi area had no further rains , so the late crop they did replant does not look like it will be harvested , there are 6 Churches in this area with brethren that will need help in months to come so please keep that in mind brethren .

The travel on the roads in and out of Zimbabwe have been much easier with the military still monitoring the road blocks , it is not a shake down every stop .The brethren are all well besides the challenges of the rain , the work is growing we baptized 4 people at Nyhombe village and

have started to study and work with people in the new village I talked about in my last report and hope to baptize people and establish a new church in this area.

The sad news is at Sadzagwena village one of the members was bitten by a poisonous snake and passed away , this lady is also a family member of brother Esaya who worships with us at Mablalabala , we are saddened by the loss and pray for the family .The church at Moshovi also has had some problems but with lions coming in and eating their cattle and terrorising the people. The villagers were confined to their houses a few days until authorities managed to come in and dart them .

Never a dull moment in Africa .

Botswana :

My trips into Botswana have also been good , the border was quite a hold up the last time, as it took Ivy and me 2 hours to get through , the rest of our journey was uneventful .In Botswana I am also distributing the needed food to our brethren , they too have asked me to pass on their many thanks and appreciation for the love you have shown them and continue to do .The brethren are also doing well in Botswana besides the drought challenges , as I reported last time Botswana has had no real rain in the area's I work ,so our brethren will need long term help in Botswana until next season .Ivy is teaching the children as usual and I have had some good studies with the brethren , on the Sundays we also managed to worship with all three congregations as they staggered their times .The work is moving slow in Botswana , due to translator issues .I do have 3 new visitors at Mabua village and Lord willing they will follow the Lord soon .I really need some strong men to help lead in these congregations and some consistency from a translator.

South Africa:

The Mabalabala work is steadfast , the men are growing well and getting better all the time with leading the service and being involved with the work .This does make a big difference in the work and the members, as the responsibility is shared and embraced by all. We have a regular 4 visitors who have shown a big interest in the Lord and the way we only use the bible for authority , our bible studies have been full of questions and some good ground has been covered.

We did baptize a young man about two weeks ago unfortunately he has now been transferred with work and is attending elsewhere .Other news is we have had a Malaria problem in the last 2 months with two of our members ending up in hospital but both have made a full recovery. We too have given funds to help our brethren in Botswana and Zimbabwe , we are small and members are poor but I am encouraged on their willingness to want to help.

That brings me to the end of my report for now brethren , thank you all for your Love and fellowship in the Lords work in Africa , also a big thank you for the help for our brethren for food they really do appreciate your continued love and I am always blessed to be your messenger .Please keep us in your prayers about the drought and the land issues , we love you all dearly .

In Christ we serve