

Dear Brethren

We are blessed to have fellowship with you and are happy to be working in the Lords kingdom .I pray all is well with you and the work in the USA is strong .Ivy and the Children are all well besides the normal bits of flew as it is now our winter months ,so the weather has changed rapidly and its cooled down fast .We continue to pray about the land issues in South Africa as the government is still trying to press forward on changing our constitution and laws to be able to deposes us of our land without payment , we still don't really know as citizens what their plans will be going forward and ask that you continue to pray for us.

Food & Drought .

As the drought conditions continue now into our winter months for our brethren , I am happy to report that after my last appeal for help I have received sufficient funds to help our brethren In Zimbabwe and Botswana until the end of August this year .I thank you so much on their behalf they are so very grateful for your love and fellowship and continually request I pass on their deepest gratitude to all of you good brethren who have participated in this good work .I also want to thank you personally all for your continued love and support of our brethren in need , I am always ready and honoured to be your messenger and although it is quite a logistical job purchasing and delivering maize meal it brings me great joy and honour to be able to help in this way ,thank you so much.

Zimbabwe :

The trips into Zimbabwe have been busy with the logistics of loading maize and delivering into the bush , the roads are dirt and in very poor condition , the joy in the brethren's hearts makes it all worthwhile .I continue to teach at all the congregations on my trips, a total of 11 established congregations and continue to visit and conduct bible studies at the new village where we are building up quite a number of people interested to learn . I am hoping to baptize people in this village and Lord willing start a new work in this village in the future.

The border crossings have not been too bad ,I did have one long delay coming back through on my last trip and it took 4 hours , the authorities were conducting some operation that delayed all travellers .Zimbabwe is now in the process of building up to election in July , I find that the intimidation and shake downs are certainly not as bad as it used to be under the Mugabe regime , but it is still present in the villages .I have been scrutinised much more at road blocks especially caring maize .The ruling party does not want any completion and especially if it appears the "competition is giving maize meal" .We have had to postpone and in some cases cancel meetings in some villages where politicians are competing .I have also had to renew all my existing paper

work to travel and meet in villages with the police , but considering the above the brethren are all well , and as I say very happy and great full to receive food in their desperate situation .

Botswana :

The work in Botswana is steady , my trips in have been quite uneventful besides the odd puncture .The border crossings have been fine and the roads are in much better condition than Zimbabwe but still not easy .I also continue in the logistics of collecting maize and delivering maize on my trips along with the teaching and preaching .You almost never see a road block in Botswana which makes the process much less stressful .The brethren at the 3 congregations are also very grateful to receive your help thank you .Ivy continues to teach the children and is in the process of giving the children their knitted hats kindly made by a number of sisters at Dowlen rd congregation and others , since it is now our winter months .The brethren are all well and besides the drought conditions seem content .We did have two people wanting to get baptised on the last trip , but had to return the next day since there was no available water in the village for the portable baptistery .The next day the brethren and I collected a number of containers and travelled to the next village and manged to get permission from the chief to fill our containers there and were able to baptize the two sisters .The 3 congregations are stable and are learning and growing .

South Africa:

The work at Mabalabala is doing fine , we have two new visitors from neighbouring farms who have been coming quite regular , we hope they will learn and follow the Lord soon .Ivy continues to teach the children's class which are much better attended in school holidays as most school going children in our farming area attend schools with hostels and sleep there as the distances are just too far to travel. The men are growing each day with handling leadership roles in worship and they are very enthusiastic in trying and learning which is encouraging .

Our attendance has been down a bit since it is hunting season in Africa now and many of our members work in the area on hunting farms and are often required to work overtime on Sundays.

Thank you all for your continued fellowship with me and the Lords work here in Africa , we are blessed with you and your continued support and love .

Thank you again for answering the call for help for food for our brethren in need .

In Christ we serve