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Dear brethren

I trust all is well with you in the Lords family .We are doing fine except for a few medical issues , Keagan our son was injured in sport and has to go for knee surgery , Ivy has been having some trouble with reflux and digestion , after numerous medication the Dr has decided to send her in for a scope and Ivy's dad Charlie has just come out of hospital after having an operation to open his veins in legs to unblock and improve circulation but is doing fine now . It is very hot and dry and we have not received rains yet but are still praying as we head into our raining season .

The controversial issue of the government taking land without compensation is still being milled around , it has been met with allot of resistance from many different groups , the government is promising some groups and the rest of the world it will not be done to productive and inhabited farms but on the this side, it is promising all who vote for them in this election they will be given free working farms , so very similar to Zimbabwe as politicians loose favour they promise radical things to the masses to stay in power , so please continue to keep us all in your prayers about this .

Drought .

I am happy to report that I have received enough funds to help feed our brethren until December .I did manage to secure the maize and hold the price with the suppliers , this proved to be critical for Zimbabwe brethren ,as the Zimbabwe new government has just announced new taxes and new currency uses and rules ,which has sent their economy once again into a spin , retailers now will have to use the new restricted methods to import foods , many of the shops are now empty and some have shut doors due to not been able to buy stock , this also effects the gas stations buying gas from South Africa resulting in gas shortages , this was like Zimbabwe was 8 years ago .With all your help and love and continued fellowship our brethren will be fine , with

me delivering maize each month .The brethren have all asked me to please pass on their eternal gratitude and thank you' s for your love you have shown them ,not only now but in the past too .I have received a number of thank you letters , I will start to scan them and try send the clear copies on in time .I too thank you very much for heeding to my call for help , it is always humbling and a honour to serve as your messenger in Christ .

The food needs going forward will be as follows : (please note this is only if our brethren receive their summer rainfall , so please keep praying for rain .)

As said our rains normally start in November , if rains are received our brethren will plant early December and harvest April 2019.

So I plan to secure food once again in December for supply from January to April 2019 in view they have received rains and their crops are ready to harvest end of April, at this stage I have no idea what a bag of maize will cost , I can definitely predict that it will be significantly higher than we paid in the last months due to the issues going on in Zimbabwe.

Brethren it is essential for me to negotiate with the suppliers ahead of time , in this I need to pay upfront to secure the stock at a fixed price , I plan to have meetings with suppliers early in December and am sharing this information now in order for those willing and are able to help to be able to plan and to once again please help me to help our brethren to secure this maize .

Zimbabwe :

As mentioned the situation in Zimbabwe is not good for our brethren besides the drought conditions , the government policies are causing big shortages and stress please pray for all our brethren .My trips into Zimbabwe have been busy as usual , collecting maize from supplies and driving out to all the congregations in the bush to off load , I also continue to preach and encourage at each congregation on my visits .I continue to set time aside to teach the men and train them in leading in their congregations .The work is doing well , we baptized 2 people at Chiromvati village , we were also sad to lose two brothers who passed away at Chiromvati due to long illness .My trips across the border have been relatively easy no big delays and the roads are somewhat quiet due to the gas shortage .I still pass through numerous police road blocks ,

besides the normal hints and enquires about the maize I am carrying for brethren, no big incidents have happened .

Botswana :

My trips into Botswana have also been busy , with regards to collecting and delivery of maize to our needy brethren ,then also teaching the border crossings have been easy .The one issue I did have in Botswana and this is the first time ever , I was stopped at a Police road block and drilled about the maize I was carrying for our brethren .Ivy was traveling with me as she does in Botswana and was quite anxious with them telling me to get out calling me to the back of my pic-up , she wanted to record it on her phone but I advised her just to sit still and not say anything , I get this sort of shake down many times in Zimbabwe so too me it was quite normal , I did not realise Ivy had never witnessed it ,or had it happen to her ,as she does not travel into Zimbabwe ,they even questioned me on the bible you never know traveling in Africa. In the end I was allowed to proceed with no real issues in the end , we also then found out they were having local council elections that week so hence the Police shake down .The brethren are all doing well , we visited all three congregations ,Ivy taught the children and I taught the adults , the Sunday we had worship with all three congregations again .

South Africa :

The brethren at Mabalabala Church are doing well , the classes and the worship are well attended .little Falls Church of Christ donated us their old song books , so the brethren are keen to learn some new songs .We have 2 new visitors that have attended for a month now , so we hoping that they will give their life to the Lord .The men are also growing in their ability to teach and song lead which is essential for a strong work to succeeded .We are planning a preachers training again in November for all our younger and older men who want to attend , I always include in my teaching , how to serve the Lords Supper , how to preside over the Lords supper and preparation for bible reading , we also plan to try learn some new songs .

Brethren that brings me to the end of my report , thank you again for your continued Love and fellowship , none of this would be possible without your support and for that I praise the Lord and thank you all .

And once again thank you so very much for the Love and help of our brethren in need it is really appreciated . In Him, Warren Scholtz

