

Dear Brethren

I pray all is well with you and the brethren over there , the family and I are all well besides the normal sniffs and coughs as it is our winter time now here in Africa .Last month we concluded our elections here in South Africa and it was quite a peaceful process not like other parts of Africa .The ANC is still in power but has lost a number of seats , we are happy about this since it's this ruling party that is pushing for taking of land without compensation , there was a big drive to go ahead with this before the elections , and it has not gone away , we still live in uncertainty on what the plans are with our land going forward .I can say that it has seemed to have been put on the back burners for now as our constitution does not allow this, but they are now in the process of trying to change our constitution to allow the taking of land , so please keep us all in your prayers about this.

ZIMBABWE :

The work in Zimbabwe has been very busy , the trips into Zimbabwe have been quite stable with the road blocks and border crossings and I have not encountered any serious resistance traveling and carrying maize to our brethren .The country is in dire economic melt down once again ,as I previously reported gas price has increased and even at these ridiculous prices it's not available .If a gas station happens to receive a supply I have witnessed cars queuing up to 3-4 miles waiting in hope to purchase some gas .I now travel with my own extra gas in Jerry cans so I can get to all the villages on my trips .The knock on effect of the high gas price has led to inflation spinning out of control and most goods not being available .

The brethren are doing well , as I stated in my last report the higher regions around Nugundu did receive the rains and are now busy harvesting their crops .The lower regions of Cheredzi and surrounding area's, I am still carrying in maize to each congregation to help with the food relief .

I want to take this opportunity to thank all you brethren for stepping in once again to help with the dire needs .I sent out a request for help of our brethren for the lower regions of Zimbabwe around end March , this was to secure food for , May , June , July , Aug .I have received all the funds needed plus some extra that I have put aside towards the next 4 month period from

September to December .I am so honoured to be your messenger and it seems unfair for me to see the joy and happiness first hand , I really wish you could all see how your good works bless and help on the ground , thank you so very much ,we are all blessed to have fellowship with you all .

I have been asked a few times , why I try to secure funds for 4 months at a time. There are a few reasons for this , firstly I can negotiate with the supplier to hold the price on the maize for the 4 month period , inflation is so high and food prices increase every week , secondly that I can secure the supply of maize for the 4 month period as goods and especially food goods are hard to find a consistent supply .

So at this time , I have secured and paid for a supply up to end August 2019.The next period will be from Sept to December 2019 (Lord willing the rains will come in December) then the last period will be if rains come January to April 2020 (this is the four months it takes to grow and harvest if the rains come in December) .

I hope this gives you all a better understanding of how I am trying to help our brethren in need as effectively and wisely for now and going forward .

We baptized 2 people at Nyhombe village last week and 3 people in the Chiromvati village .I continue to travel to each of the 11 congregations I work with and teach and encourage , also delivering the maize where needed. Its hard work and rewarding work.

BOTSWANA:

The Botswana work is going well , we baptized 2 sisters at Sehuno village which were the 2 sisters that have been visiting with the congregation for over 3 months , so we were very happy they decided to follow Jesus .I visit all 3 congregations on my trips in as normal , Ivy is still teaching the many children in the villages and her bible lessons are well attended .We still have had no real growth when it comes to men stepping up and leading , but continue to pray that this will come in time .The brethren are all well , just very cold this time of year in the desert especially when the wind blows .The border crossings and travels are uneventful and its easy to travel into Botswana.

SOUTH AFRICA:

The work at Mabalabala is doing well , we also had a baptism this month of a young man .The brethren are doing well besides the odd cold or flu ,all in all everyone is well .The worship services are well attended and brethren are growing in knowledge .The men I have been training in singing and preaching have started to take on some of these duties and they are doing a good job .The children will be on school vacation next week so the children classes will increase in number since many children come home to the farms for school vacation .

Brethren that is all I have to report on for now , a big thank you again for your generosity and love in helping our brethren in need , I really appreciate all you do .I also thank you for your continued love and support for the Lords work here in Africa and fellowship with me .Please keep our Zimbabwe brethren in your prayers .

In him we serve