

Dear brethren

I pray all is well with you , the family and I are all doing well as I continue to work in the Lords harvest we feel blessed and loved doing his work and being in fellowship with all you brethren .

I must first apologise for the delay in my reports , this has been due to a number of reasons .We are experiencing a frequent amount of load shedding In our country .What that means is for at least 3-4 hours every day the electricity supply is turned off as our electricity supply is monopolised and only supplied by the state , unfortunately like all our state owned entities in our country , it has been riddled with corruption and looting and as a result it is now collapsing , this is having a huge impact on our economy .When power is off my service provider cannot run the internet service , and many times when power is restored , all the settings and connections give problems which takes time to correct and then not long after that the power goes off again , I have only managed to send out LMT emails via my cell phone , but cannot send long or big files.

ZIMBABWE:

I am happy to report that Zimbabwe has received good rains , the Lord has answered all our prayers and it brings such relief to the country and the people .Our brethren have planted their crops and in most villages the crops are knee high our GOD is good . We all need to continue to please pray for follow up rains over the next 3 months so their crops can reach maturity and brethren can harvest for the first time in many years .

If we receive the follow up rains we anticipate harvest will be around early May , but only if they receive the follow up rains needed .I am also very happy to report that I have secured enough funds to feed all our brethren in need up to the end of April , so if we do get to harvest in May ,our brethren will be self-sufficient and managing to rebuild .

The work is doing well and we have baptized 7 people over the last period , the brethren are upbeat and so great full to receive the help with food and now that it has rained are excited for the next few months .In Conjane village we baptized a sister in the river , at the very same place we baptized her 2 days later a crocodile grabbed the young nephew on one of our sisters in that congregation when he was drawing water from the river , there were people around and they managed to help him get free , he has suffered numerous bites and wounds and is in hospital so please keep him in our prayers .

We also had a child that drown in the river after the rains the river came down strong and swept the child away , so some tragic events over the last period .

I still continue to collect and deliver maize to every congregation every month in the bush villages, and as said above I do have the funds to continue with this until the end of April , a very big thank you to all the congregations and individuals the has helped with this need , I know at times it may seem never ending , our brethren are always asking me to please send on their eternal gratitude and love to all you good brethren .

The economic situation in Zimbabwe is still totally collapsed , very difficult to find gas and things are very expensive if you can find them , my trips in have been relatively easy , there are still the road blocks that slow me down , and especially when you are carrying maize which is so sort after . The roads are breaking up and there is no money in the government to fix them , so my vehicle plus suspension and tyres are taking beating especially with the heavy loads .

BOTSWANA:

Botswana has also received the rains and there too crops are growing , the brethren are all well and the work is consistent .I continue to teach and preach at all three congregations and brethren are growing , it is slow and there is still a very big lack of faithful men .The children are all ways a treat and so excited to see us when we teach in the villages .My translator continues to get better each time , I pray this man will be baptized and be able to help in these works going forward .

It is still challenging worshipping out in the open in Botswana as , the weather conditions can change very rapidly and with the desert sands , it blows so bad some days you cannot keep your bible pages open .Our brethren remain faithful , I am currently working on a new contact in a new village and pray that that develops over time that I may be able to start a new work in that area .

SOUTH AFRICA:

The work at Mabalabala is doing well , we have managed to save enough funds to finally put down floor tiles in our building , the brethren are strong and faithful .The men continue to help in the worship taking active roles in the leadership , song leading , reading and preaching ,It is encouraging to see them grow in confidence and knowledge .

We had a visitor over December from the JHB area , who decided to be baptized , she will be attending worship with the local congregation in JHB .We too have received rains in our farming area which is a big relief for the animals and bushveld .

Thank you brethren all for your love and fellowship along with your support , the Lords work here in Africa is strong and would not be possible without your continued love , please continue to pray for follow up rain for our brethren and for us here on the farm in South Africa .

In Christ we serve

Warren Scholtz



Crops Growing!



Maize for Christians during Drought