

Dear brethren

I pray that you are all doing well under the circumstances of covid 19 , we read in the news of 50000 + people dying in the USA and please know that we are all praying for you brethren ,and know that our Lord is in control .I have been encouraging our brethren here with the quotation that goes , “test positive for faith” , “keep your distance from doubt” and “isolate from fear”. TRUST IN OUR LORD. We too have been hit by the virus and our health department says we are only starting our infection rate and will probably only hit peak around August, even so we have a number of deaths already and like yourselves and is climbing every day.

We are in a nationwide lock down and have been for almost 5 weeks now , as is Zimbabwe and Botswana . We are allowed to meet as small immediate household families in groups no larger than 10 people , so we continue to meet and worship under these strict rules and I have encouraged each house hold to do the same .In the villages since their huts are so close to each other brethren have been able to meet in small groups too .So the Lords work still continues under adverse conditions , this will not shake our Love and faith in our Father in Heaven.

The biggest challenge and worry for Africa is that over 70% of people live in rural or village conditions with no running clean water or toilets , so when the virus does start in these villages they are expecting massive loss of life , as the ability to sanitize hands and keep social distancing is almost impossible , we do need your prayers .

We do not have the technology to live stream lessons and teaching , but I am preparing lessons regularly and emailing to my supplier of maize in Zimbabwe and Botswana ,these business do have email , the men of the church in turn collect the printed hard copy and share it and teach it over that side .We are not sure when lock down will ease but keep praying and striving to work diligently in our Lords service .It has also given me time to prepare extra lesson material and personal study work .

UPDATE ON DROUGHT AND FUNDS.

I did manage to deliver the food for our brethren for the end of March period , before the lock down .I have also managed to arrange for my maize suppliers to deliver to a central point in the

different areas , the brethren are still allowed under lock down to collect their food which they either do by donkey or ox wagon , and as I said above they are able to get hard copies of my lessons and encouragement .

The delivery of maize by suppliers instead of me collecting and delivering has cost extra , I had received funds to cover all food needs until the end of April and received extra which have been able to cover these extra delivery costs ,the Lord always provides.

Yesterday the final delivery was made to the different area's and I have received messages that our brethren have received their food , thank you again for your love and support in helping our brethren in there

dire time of need .

NEEDS GOING FORWARD.

As I reported the wonderful news in my last report that our brethren had received good rains and have planted their crops , the need for follow up rains was vital so their crops can reach maturity and be ready to harvest .

I am happy to report Botswana has received good follow up rains and will be harvesting within the next 2-3 weeks God is good and once again thank you for your help when they needed it.

Zimbabwe is a mixed bag , there were 2 villages that have received good follow up rains and will also harvest a full crop this year , another 1 village has been able to water their crop due to a well that was donated and is helping with reliable water on the fields .There are a least 4 villages that received some follow up but not enough to maximise their crop , however they will harvest but only about 50 -60 % yield .The 3 congregations that have a crop will be sharing and helping these brethren when the need arrives , it will be later in November early December , we are hoping there will be sufficient extra food to help ,but will have to monitor and see what is actually harvested , I will keep you updated on these 4 villages as time goes on .

Unfortunately the last 3 villages that lie in the lower regions did not receive the follow up rains and their crops did not survive .

The need for now is only to help these 3 congregations .

There are 148 brethren in these congregations the current price of a bag of maize is \$19.55 that includes my supplier delivering them to a central point.

The need will be from May to April next year in the hope the summer rains come in December and they can plant and harvest in April.

So it will be \$2893.40 per month for next 11 months

Brethren I know that this is probably the worst possible time to ask for help , as I am very aware of the loss of jobs and income due to the covid 19 , I know the economy is collapsing fast and there will be many with needs .

I still have \$418 left towards the new needs going forward.

I can only ask you humbly to please help our brethren to eat and survive , I am there only voice and hope they have ,and I have promised to put their needs forward to you to hear their call, so please any help will be a blessing .

We will continue to keep you all in our prayers as we request your prayers for us .

Thank you for your continued love and support , we love you all and long to see you again.

In Him we trust and serve

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