

## **Africa work report March /April 2021**

Inbox

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Dear brethren

I pray this email finds you all healthy and well .The family and I are all well and healthy , Ivy's dad is doing well with the treatment and continues to fight the cancer .As with the rest of the world covid has effected many people , we are currently injecting in our country but it is very slow , we are still only in stage one , that is our health workers and front line workers .Stage two will be the elderly and vulnerable which is yet to start only in stage 3 will the general population be able to be inoculated , so we have a long way to go still.

Our lock down restrictions have been lifted to stage 2 now so there is still some restrictions but things are better .I still have to have a covid test done very time I travel across the border to Zimbabwe or Botswana .This requires me to travel to our nearest town for testing which is a 2 and a half hour round trip .It then takes about 2 days for the results to come through , so it takes extra time and planning for my trips .The test result is only valid for 72 hours and cost around \$50 each time besides the gas to travel in and out of town , so it is starting to get very expensive for me .

Zimbabwe:

The good news in Zimbabwe is that our brethren have started to harvest their crops , everyone is upbeat and you can feel the atmosphere of excitement in the air .Our brethren grow crops not only to supply their own food needs , but excess is sold to pay school fees , buy clothes and other necessities , which they have not been able to for some years now .I am so happy for them our God is good .

In the Save valley area , near the Save river one congregation lost all their crops due to , flooding and too much rain , but the brethren in other area's have extra and have all contributed so much to help this congregation , that they too have extra to sell and pay necessities . I have facilitated by collecting the raw harvested maize and taking it in to the brethren with my pick -up.

The love demonstrated by our brethren in Zimbabwe is so encouraging , and this lesson of love has been taught by all YOU brethren that have always helped them in need , so the example set by the churches and brethren in the USA has been learnt and practiced here amongst our brethren in Africa .I thank you all once again for the fellowship in Christ we all share and the love you always demonstrate.

My last trip into Zimbabwe came with many challenges .I had a breakdown with my pick-up , the heavy maize loads and bad roads have taken its toll on my vehicles clutch and gear box over the years, it has now done over 260000 miles of hard and heavy roads .The last few months, I have had numerous smaller breakages and patching up of suspension and other things , it is now becoming unreliable and unsafe to make these bush trips , I need to replace it soon .This breakdown was a big deal and cost me 6 times as much and extra days in Zimbabwe waiting for spares , I also had to do 300 extra miles to the nearest covid testing Centre as my test had expired by then .

The lock down in Zimbabwe is still stricter than here in South Africa and business is still not back to normal working , only certain industry are allowed to operate.

Botswana:

The Botswana trips we good , also still have to do the covid testing before crossing the border .The brethren in Botswana are also harvesting crops and everyone is excited .I am able to teach in smaller groups under the Botswana Lock down rules , so we stagger our bible study and worship times throughout the day so everyone can meet and be encouraged.

The work is doing well , we baptized a lady last trip in , the children are still a joy and are always

excited to see my pick-up driving in .The brethren are all well and the work is stable and secure.

South Africa :

The work at Mabalabala is also doing well , as I said our lock down has been eased a bit so we are able to worship if certain protocol is followed , like distancing between chairs , hand sanitizers and temperature being taken , before we enter the building.

The covid restrictions have put a dampener on our visitor attendance , but our regular members are all well and faithful in attendance ,all in all the work is good.

Thank you for all your love and support , we pray that covid will pass and all will be back to normal soon

In Christian Love

Warren Scholtz