

Dear Brethren

I pray all is well with you , the family and I are all well the children are back at school , Keagan our second youngest is now preparing to write his final high school exam's and will be finished with high school by the end of the year , and Joshua our youngest will finish high school end of next year , where does time go . October month is the worst of our months here in Africa as its very hot and very dry , our raining season Lord willing will start in Mid-November , but until then the earth is parched.

Zimbabwe :

The work into Zimbabwe continues to have its challenges with regards to crossing of borders and road blocks along the routes .I have had no major issues with my trips into Zimbabwe , the churches are all doing well under the circumstances and brethren are faithful .

I have been doing my normal , teaching and encouraging at 11 congregations I work with in Zimbabwe , we baptized 3 people in Chiromvati village and 2 people in Nyhombe village , the attendance has been good and I feel the brethren are growing in knowledge which I can gauge by the good questions being asked in our teaching and studying sessions.

The economic situation in Zimbabwe is still very dire , and each trip I make in you can see the general despair and disheartened people , most of the time there is no electricity in the cities , and they have just announced a 320% increase in the charge for electricity , on top off that another 25% increase in gas , this just has the knock on effect for business and ultimately the population trying to survive.

On top of all this they have a drought in a lot of the country , we need to continue with our prayers brethren .

Our brethren are also effected by all of the above , only they have God on their side and through you good brethren have provided funds to help feed them in their dire situation. I am happy and relieved to report , that I did manage to raise all the money needed to help feed every member in the 6 congregations currently experiencing the harsh drought . The money raised was used to buy and secure maize needed to help these brethren until December . I am so very thank full to all of you brethren that participated once again , even to the extent of some young people getting involved with helping , I am always humbled buy your charity and continued love , I know this seems like an endless need and I have mentioned to some that it is certainly getting harder each time to manage to raise these funds for our brethren , this is why we need to pray earnestly for the rain to come this season please brethren .Firstly to try collect these funds , then transfer them to South Africa from the USA, then change them into our currency then cross the border change them back to Zimbabwe currency , secure reliable suppliers , collet the maize for our brethren then the delivery to brethren over bad roads , harsh heat and weather, through all the road blocks is a challenging task .I do see the joy and the relief first hand when you hand a hungry brother or sister food and that makes me do it over and over again .I AM HONOURED TO BE YOUR MESSANGER, thank you so very much , I do not want to name all , as I do not want to leave anyone out who played a part out , GOD’S love is good when demonstrated through his saints and it is a lesson I learn first-hand form you all, thank you .

What’s next is to pray the rains will now come in November , and they continue to follow up so that our brethren can ,work the earth , plant their maize and eat , Lord willing if the rains are good and crops are planted our brethren will harvest around April /May next year . My next fund raising task for me will be for December –April needs to see our beloved brethren through if the rains have been consistent , I please ask you in advance to keep this on your agenda.

Botswana:

The brethren in Botswana are all well , my trips into Botswana have been good , also very hot and dry but that is normal this time of the year only in the desert you feel the effects more when you worship in the open .The 3 congregations Mabua , Moijabane and Sehunno are all doing well , we have had a bit off a challenge with our translator that has been sick , so that makes its very difficult to teach , I do have another person who can translate and helps out , but the level of understanding is not as good , so this really forces you to adapt your lesson to very simple English which does take longer .All in all the brethren are all well and are regular in attendance.

South Africa :

The work at Mabalabala is on track and going well , the hunting season in our area is now finished so attendance is back to normal and its always encouraging to worship in a full building , the singing is so much better and the energy is definitely felt.

We still have at least 4 to5 regular visitors and , we continue to teach and pray that they will give their lives to the Lord .The brethren are all doing well and continue to grow in knowledge .We had some visitors from the USA a few weeks ago and brother we also had Brother Frans Botha preach for us .

Thank you brethren once again for taking the time to read about the Lords work here in Africa , thank you for your continued Love and support for me and the work here .Once again a special thanks to all who participated in helping our brethren in need .We are blessed to be in your fellowship.

In him we serve