

# Warren Scholtz – South Africa

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Dear Brethren

I pray all is well with you and the Church in America , we are doing well and are healthy here in Africa , I am reporting back over a 4 month period as we have only been out of lock down and allowed to move freely for the last two months .We are currently still under lockdown level 1, this has allowed a lot more movement then before and things are almost back to normal , we are still limited at church meetings and wearing a mask is still mandatory. Our vaccination program is starting to move much smoother now and we hope this will restore some sort of normality again. We are in our spring months now and praying that our first rains will start soon, so the brethren can start to plough and prepare their fields for the crops.

I am also happy to report that , I have raised the funds needed to repair my old pick-up and order a new pick -up , I really feel so blessed and humbled by the love demonstrated thank you so very much I am so grateful .I am waiting for my new pick-up as with covid and the fact that our vehicles being mostly imported, there is a big back log on the orders , once my new pick-up arrives I will trade my old pick-up in .In the mean time I have had my old pick-up repaired and maintained. For safety and back up when I travel now into Zimbabwe I have at least two brothers with me , it does not always work out logistically but it gives my wife peace of mind while I still use my old pick-up , looking forward to collecting my new pick-up.

Zimbabwe

The brethren in Zimbabwe are all well; numbers are a bit down after covid restrictions not allowing meetings. The trips into Zimbabwe still require a covid test that is not older than 72 hours so this still poses challenges for my trips, things take a lot longer to do and organize , the brethren in Zimbabwe have had many restrictions concerning covid and for about the last 6 weeks and were not allowed to gather unless they were vaccinated , that has eased a bit now so we are pretty much back to normal .

As I said we are all praying and waiting for the first rains, so the brethren can prepare the fields for planting, we were blessed last year with good rains and a crop and we ask all to pray that this year will be a good rainy season again.

I have made as many shorter trips as possible in the past months, being limited to the time as the covid test expires in 72 hours, the area's I teach in the bush have no facility to test for covid , so I need to get back to South Africa .I have spent a lot more time with individual visits to families and preachers as covid restrictions were not allowing us to meet as a group .I am so happy things are getting back to normal .

### Botswana

The work in Botswana is also slowly returning back to normal, I still also have to be covid tested for every trip and make it back again .I can do a covid test in a small town I travel through if I am delayed, South Africa is working on a covid vaccination "passport" to allow free movement of vaccinated people through borders , I hope this is effective soon , there is still negotiations go on with Zimbabwe and other African countries to accept the passport .

The brethren are all doing well, the church is stable although our numbers have gone down a bit as in Zimbabwe with covid restrictions ,when brethren cannot meet regularly it certainly has an impact on their spiritual growth and commitment .I think there is a lot of encouragement and visits ahead for most churches to encourage people and strengthen numbers again .Fellowship is so important with brethren.

### South Africa

The work at Mabalabala is also doing fine, I have spent more time in South Africa due to lockdown, the positive is I have been able to cover a lot of study material in our bible classes and visiting brethren .The numbers also took a dip, but we are back up to our full membership now and brethren are happy to be back at worship as normal.

We too here in South Africa are praying for the rains to fall on the farm land and bushveld for the animals and game.

Thank you for your love and support especially through these tough times , I am blessed to be in your fellowship and working in our Lords kingdom .Please keep praying for the rains here , you are in our prayers .

The brethren send their greetings to the Church there, we love you all .

In Christ serve

Warren Scholtz.