

# ZIMBABWE MISSIONS

- Serving The Lord Through Evangelism, Encouragement, and Education -

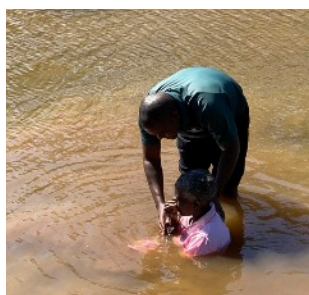
## A PROFITABLE PARTNERSHIP



The Lord has been working wonders in the village of Sipaba. Five students from the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Zimbabwe (BVBIZ) spent a week at Sipaba and managed to reach over 50

homes with the gospel. As a result of their field work the Sipaba Church of Christ recorded their highest attendance yet of 80 people! Additionally, three women have since been baptized into the Lord.

We are very excited to be working with BVBIZ, and are thankful for their efforts in training preachers in Zimbabwe. Clearly they are doing something right as many members of the Sipaba congregation were left uplifted and encouraged by the students. Together with the students Sipaba was able to host a Gospel Week where we congregated at various homes each day for an hour of worship. The students also helped us in our ongoing M4C program, and they also managed to host a Youth Day. We are very optimistic about the growth of the church at Sipaba both in number and, more importantly, spiritually. We ask that you continue to pray for this church that God may continue to give the increase.



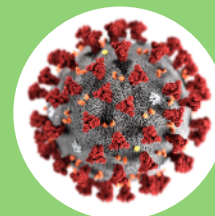
### Keeping Our Supporters Posted

A brief report of our trip in the USA



### S4S Off To A Good Start

An update on our Bible distribution program



### COVID-19 Update

How the virus has impacted our work

## Keeping Our Supporters Posted

While we were in the United States we managed to give an end of year report to our supporting congregations. We are grateful that on three occasions - Southwest Church of Christ in CO; Stantonville Church of Christ in TN, and Bargerton Church of Christ in TN - all four of us were able to report jointly. We are so beyond thankful for all the support you show us, and your prayers are a great source of encouragement to us all. In Ndebele they say, “*Lingadinwa lakusasa*,” literally, “Don’t get tired tomorrow,” in other words please keep doing what you are doing.



We are also thrilled to announce to you that we gained another supporting congregation - Estes Church of Christ in TN - in supporting the Zimbabwe Missions efforts. God is certainly answering prayers. Another reason for our trip to the USA was to fundraise for the Sipaba church of Christ. We planned on asking various churches to contribute towards this effort. We also decided to

set up a booth at the Freed-Hardeman University lectureships in order to promote the work in Zimbabwe and fundraise for the Sipaba construction. We can happily report that we have raised over \$20,000.00 USD! We want to thank all those who gave, and much appreciation goes out to the Glovers for their hard work in fundraising for this amount.

## Scriptures4Souls Off To A Good Start

Over 220 Bibles have been distributed so far this year! One of the local preachers, Br. L. Ncube, said about S4S, “Thank you so much, this has revived our congregation. They are thankful, and hungry also, for the the word of God.” We want to also express our gratitude to Br. Jamela for leading S4S in our absence earlier this year. Please continue to pray these Bibles will help many to grow in grace and in knowledge (2 Pet.3:9).



## PARTING WAYS

We regret to inform you that the two individuals from Zimbabwe who had come onboard to be part of our team have since resigned from their positions. Simangaliso Jamela cited some family problems, and asked to take a step back. Sekai Malunga has recently not been coming to work, and has effectively resigned due to her absence. We have since attempted reaching out to her but our efforts have been in vain. The work has not stopped, though! We pray that God will grant us the wisdom as we move forward to eventually finding suitable replacements. We are not in a hurry to bring anyone onboard, but are being diligent in prayer as we begin the process of finding new teammates. Please keep us in your prayers.

## S4S COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

After Zimbabwe issued a 21-day nationwide lockdown, we knew that many preachers that live in town but preach in the rural areas will be looking for ways to encourage their congregants during the missed Sunday services. We then decided as a team to offer some Ndebele Bibles to any rural churches that needed them. With the lockdown upon Zimbabweans we knew home Bible studies were going to be key for many to keep getting closer to God, but that is at times difficult without God's Word. We are happy to inform you that on March 28th 120 Bibles were distributed by various preachers to encourage and assist their members.

## COVID-19 Update

God has always been with His people, and we know without a shadow of a doubt that He will see us through this period of the coronavirus. We continue to pray for all those affected by the virus throughout the world. Here in Zimbabwe, as of end of March, we know of 7 cases that have been confirmed in the country and 1 death. We are very grateful that the government has taken various measures to keep the virus from spreading. Some of the measures taken include closing borders, limiting gatherings to 50, closing schools, encouraging people to practice good hygiene, to stay at home, and others. We continue to be extra careful ourselves as well in our day to day lives.

The Glovers are still in the USA because of the travel restrictions caused by the virus. They would love to be in Zimbabwe working, but they also have to be careful in traveling. Currently they are temporarily grounded in the USA and they will resume their travel once it's prudent to do so. As a result of COVID-19 here are some of the measures we have taken to play our part in this fight:

- **Praying** - We have stayed prayerful, especially on all our Sunday services.
- **Closing Offices** - We closed our offices temporarily until further notice, and we are currently working from home and abroad.
- **Pausing Meals4Children** - We will be suspending our upcoming feedings until further notice.
- **Sunday Service** - As of the end of March 30th our Sunday services were suspended until April 26 due to the 21-day nation lockdown. However, members have been left with all materials to conduct home services on missed Sundays.
- **Upholding Government Guidelines** - As noted, the government has been giving us guidelines and we will continue to work within those directives

We know that times like these can be difficult, but even in times like these our Father wants us to go to Him. He cares for all of us, and we know He is always there for us. We leave you with the words of Peter, and we pray that these words will encourage us all in this time of distress.

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen*

**-1 Peter 5:6-11-**

# GET INVOLVED TODAY

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DOING THE FOLLOWING



### PRAY

- ❖ Please include us in your daily prayers
- ❖ Please also include us in your congregation's prayer list



### PARTICIPATE

- ❖ Share our work with others around you
- ❖ Take a mission trip to Zimbabwe and come see the work yourself



### PARTNER

- ❖ Support our work with a one-time-donation of any amount
- ❖ Become a regular donor of our work

## KEEP UP WITH US AND STAY IN TOUCH WITH US



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