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# ZIMBABWE MISSIONS

## OVERVIEW REPORT

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# GOD HAS BEEN IN IT

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers as we all work for His glory!

It has been over three years since we began our full-time mission work in Zimbabwe, and we have been beyond blessed by the hand of the Lord at work in Zimbabwe. We have witnessed numerous baptisms and seen the church grow. Our work thus far has not been without its unique challenges, of course. Our intended initial plans were diverted when we first stepped on the field, the pandemic brought about obstacles to the work, to now sorting out my citizenship paperwork, but through it all, we have seen the light of the Lord shine brighter than ever before. We are encouraged by all that has been accomplished in Zimbabwe through our partnership, and we feel optimistic about the road ahead. We praise God!

Our goals have remained the same over the years. We hope to live out our faith through works of evangelism, encouragement, and education. These three goals are at the center of Zimbabwe Missions and keep the heart of the organization pumping. Christ is at the center of everything we do, and God gets all the glory. With our partnerships, including with the local teammates on the ground, we are confident that as we keep the Lord first in everything, many wonders will be accomplished for his glory. Finally, I know you have many other tasks to attend to, but I just want to thank you in advance for your time spent moving over both our report and proposal.

In Him,

**Nkosi Mpofo - CEO**



# THE RESULTS

In all that has been accomplished, we give honor and glory to God.



## CHURCH PLANTS

Since our move to Africa, we have been a part of **three church plants** in rural Zimbabwe. Namely the Amazon Church of Christ in 2018, the Sipaba Church of Christ in 2019, and most recently, the Mbembesi Church of Christ 2021. The Amazon church is under Minister P. Ncube, a South Africa Bible College graduate, and Minister S. Jamela, a recent graduate from the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Zimbabwe. The church is located at the Amazon Christian Academy, a church of Christ-affiliated high school built by the Partners4Africa organization.



The Sipaba church is located in the Mawabeni region and currently has an average membership of 70. The church started meeting at home with about 10 in attendance, and it saw its members grow over the years. The church applied for land in 2019 and was finally approved in 2020. The members worked tirelessly in molding their bricks, constructing their structures, and fencing their church stand. To date, the church now has a fully functional church pavilion able to comfortably seat 100 people. The church was also blessed with a borehole drilled not too far from the church ground.



### THREE CHURCH PLANTS (cont.)

Next to the borehole, the church managed to put together a community garden. The produce from the garden will assist the church's feeding program, help those in need in the community, and feed the preachers as well. The church will also build a chicken coop on the church grounds, and the chicken project will not only help in various feeding programs but will also be a financial resource to ensure self sustenance.

Sipaba is very active in its community with the children's feeding program being held twice every month. Children in grades seven and below from the Sipaba, Mlomoliwoto, Thusi, and Gongo villages flock to the church grounds not only for a nutritious meal, but more importantly for Bible lessons. The local members have adopted the program as their own and have dedicated their time and effort to ensure the children are fed spiritually and physically.

An important question we always ask ourselves is about the **continuity** of the church upon our departure. Paul's words are always a gentle reminder that God is in control at the end of the day. To the Corinthian church, he would write that while he planted and Apollos watered, he reiterated that it was God who gave the increase (1 Corinthians 3:4-5). We never want to underestimate God's hand in all of this. Additionally, we know that Paul also emphasized the training of others so as to ensure the Lord's work kept going forward. We are reminded especially by his words to Timothy when he said, "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). We are grateful that we are leaving behind three willing men who are currently going through biblical training at the local schools in Zimbabwe. One is training at the Bear Valley Bible Institute Zimbabwe, while the other two are at our newly established school - the African School of Bible Missions. This, combined with the garden and chicken projects, are all measures geared towards empowering churches in Africa to be financially independent while remaining biblically strong. We ask that you continue to pray for Sipaba as we turn the page to another church plant.

In October 2021, we were blessed to establish another congregation in the Mbembesi region. We have been welcomed with open arms in the area by both the villagers and the local leadership. We are thankful for "Najuju," who has opened her home for us to host the church services there. The church currently has a membership of about 25, and we have been blessed to have five members put on the Lord in baptism. We have already begun the process of applying for the church land and are awaiting approval from the local council.

We are very humbled by all the church plants that have taken place, and we are asking that you keep them all in your prayers. We intend to plant new congregations at least once every year or as long as we are needed in any given place.

## BAPTISMS

Nothing brings us joy more than seeing individuals make the decision to put on Christ in baptism and confess Him as their personal savior. Over the years we have witnessed **numerous** baptisms, and we are prayerfully optimistic that these will stay in the church. Jesus tells Nicodemus that until one is born again, they can never see the kingdom of God (John 3:5). This should motivate all of us to do what we can to go and teach more people about Jesus and the good news he brings. We are grateful for the response we have seen thus far in Zimbabwe.



## REGULAR FEEDINGS

A report compiled by UNICEF and the government of Zimbabwe in 2019 concluded that "child poverty is more pronounced (more prevalent, deeper and more severe) in rural areas" (45). We see children and the families who are facing numerous challenges on a regular basis. Whatever help that is brought to these communities is more than welcome. We are grateful to have the opportunity to feed an average of **fifty** or more children on a biweekly basis. More important we are thankful because we get to share Jesus with them also.





## BICYCLES

Our bicycle distribution project (Wheels For Ministers) has proven to be a great help to the Lord's work in the rural areas. Something as small as riding a bike to the shops instead of walking a long distance to buy the Lord Supper wine has been a great help. What excites us the most is that after attending the W4M seminar, the preachers leave with a renewed and revived zeal for the ministry. To date we have distributed **twenty** bicycles that are directly impacting twenty rural churches. Lord-willingly, we hope to distribute ten bicycles every year.

## BIBLES

Words cannot fully express the atmosphere we experience every time we see someone getting their very own Bible in their very own language for the very first time! It is simply awesome. Knowing that fellow brethren are being armed by the very Word of God so that they "may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17) encourages us to keep doing what we are doing. We praise the Lord because ever since we started the Scriptures For Souls ministry over a **thousand** Bibles have be distributed! All glory to God!



# LOOKING FORWARD

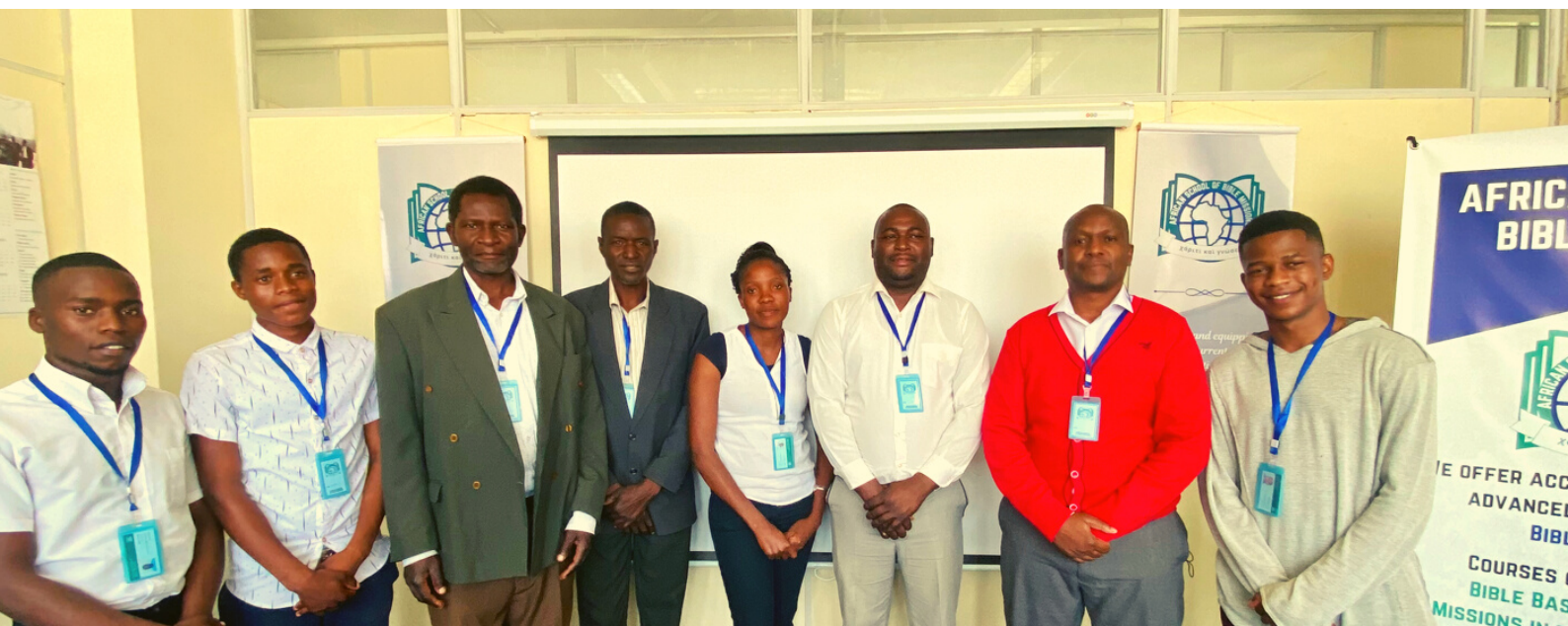
Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." -  
James 4:15



In the year 2020 we started envisioning opening a Bible school for training others on mission work.

We are excited to inform you that after a long and laborious application process for permission to operate a Bible school we have been given the green light by the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development of Zimbabwe. The name of the school is the African School of Bible Missions and its aim is to educate and equip current and future generations for the mission field. This school is the first accredited church of Christ affiliated Bible school in southern Zimbabwe.

We believe the mission work trajectory in African is shifting, and more and more Africans are seeking a good biblical education so they can evangelize other Africans. Our school seeks to fill in that void, and it is also in line with our aim to ensure continuity of the Lord's work in Africa. Unless we educate and train others to continue building on the foundation, all the good work happening now will eventual evaporate into thin air. Already we have many churches dwindling because they are still being fed milk. ASBM hopes to train many men and women to be great assets in the growth of the church in Zimbabwe and beyond. Currently nine are enrolled, and the school is authorized to offer diplomas and certificates in Theological Studies and Pastoral Studies.



# FELLOW WORKERS IN CHRIST

As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. - 1 Corinthians 12:20

We are thankful everyday for every one of our teammates in Zimbabwe. These individuals go above and beyond the call of duty. When you find a group of individuals all committed to seeing the kingdom of God grow, that is definitely a blessing from above. We consider ourselves blessed at Zimbabwe Missions to be joined together in the Lord's mission by talented teammates who wish for nothing else but for God to be glorified. Teamwork is so important when it comes to ministry because among other things it reminds us time and again that what we do is never about one person, but that it always has to be about God. Paul knew the importance of teammates, and just a read in Romans 16 will inform you that he was consistently surrounded by fellow workers in the Lord.

We consider each other as fellow workers in Christ. Everyone in the team plays a different role critical in making all the earlier stated accomplishments possible. Pictured below from the left is Nkosi, Katie, Siobhan, Gugu, Victoria, Lime, Thandi, and Khulekani. Siobhan helps us with the administration of ASBM. Gugu is our Program Assistant who does a stellar job of filling in wherever needed. Victoria is our office receptionist and she keeps our office running like a well-oiled machine. Lime is our Automotive Consultant who keeps all our work vehicles up and running properly. Thandi and Khulekani are Program Supervisors over the Meals for Children and Scriptures for Souls ministries respectively. They also help in ministering at our church plants.

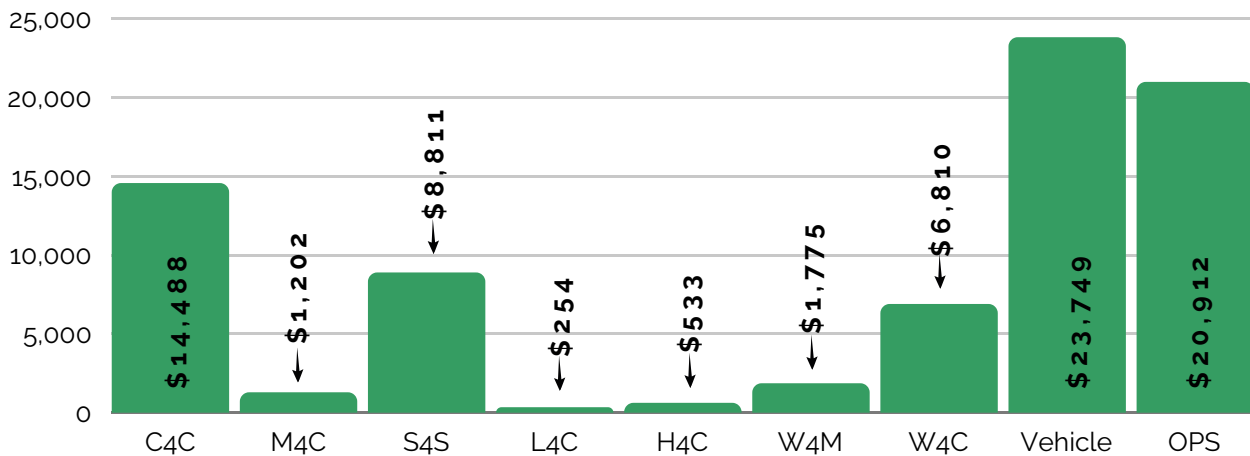


# OUR CURRENT STATE

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now (Phil. 1:3-5).

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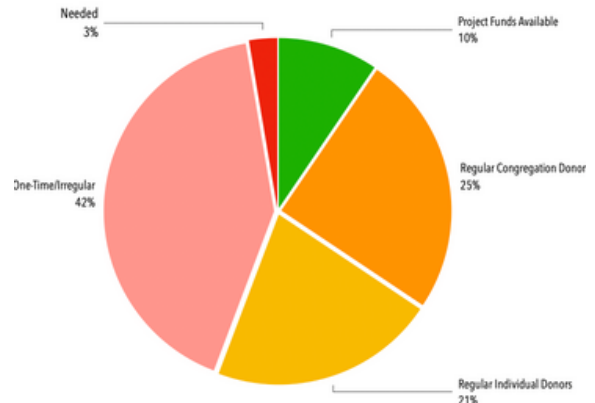
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God provided the funds required for the work we did in 2021 through partners just like you. We cannot thank you, and we certainly cannot thank the Lord, enough for all the support. Above you will see a snapshot of the expenses incurred both for all the various ministry goals we accomplished in 2021 and the operational expenses associated with doing so. The total cost came to **\$78,966** in 2021. Please note that vehicle expenses were a significant portion of this as we purchased the two vehicles previously mentioned. Looking to the next year, while we don't anticipate purchasing more vehicles, there are other areas that have increased leaving our budget for 2022 nearly the same. Continue on to the next page to see more on 2022. To the right you will see a chart showing where our funds typically come from (i.e. congregations, individuals, one-time donations, etc). This work wouldn't possible without each one of these generous donors!

### DONOR TRENDS

Anticipated 2022 Funds by Giver Category

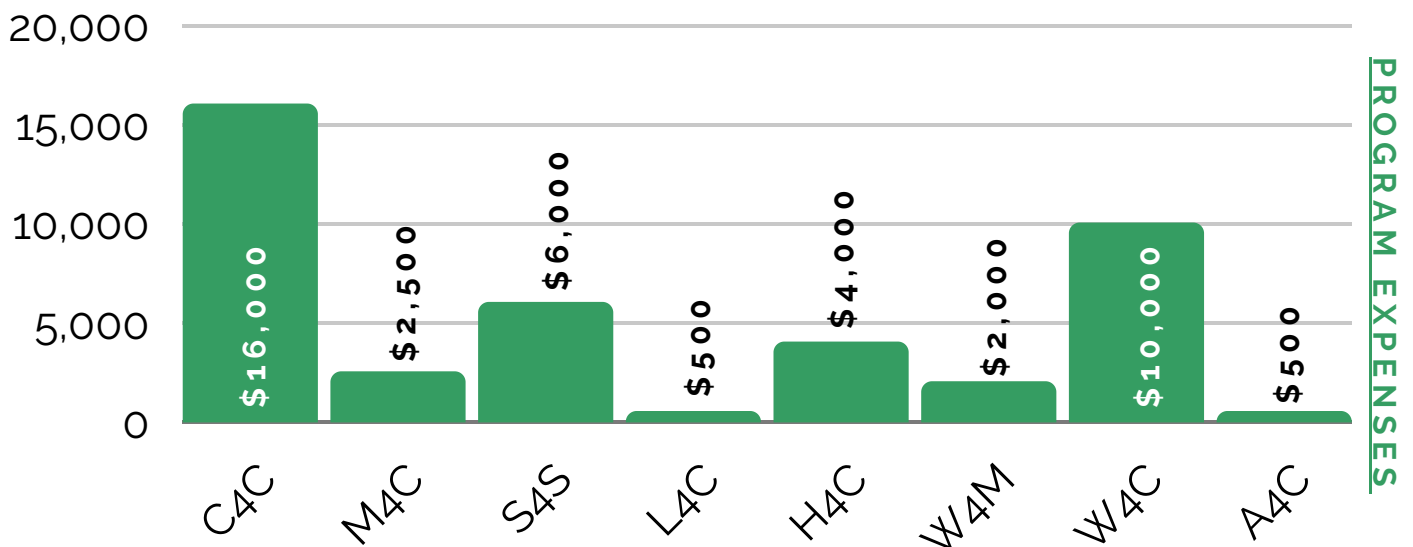


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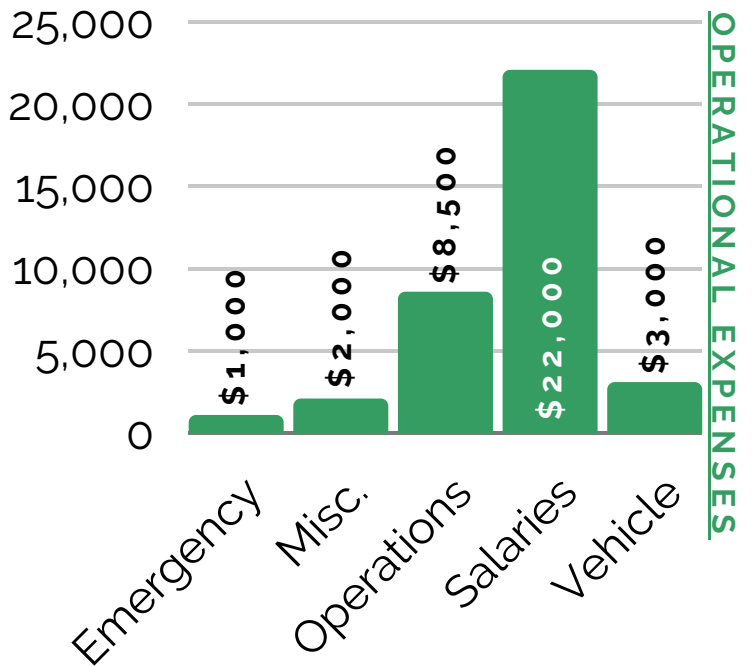
**C4C:** Churches for Christ - **M4C:** Meals for Children - **S4S:** Scriptures for Souls - **L4C:** Lessons for Couples  
**H4C:** Harvesters for Christ (including ASBM)- **W4M:** Wheels for Ministers - **W4C:** Wells for Communities  
**Vehicle:** Automotive purchases and repairs - **OPS:** Operations (including salaries, emergency funds, vehicles, offices, etc.)

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God has continually blessed and provided for his work in Zimbabwe, and we are confident this coming year will be no different. Above you will see the budget for all the various ministries we aim to accomplish, and to the right you will see the operational expenses associated with this work. The total cost is estimated to come to \$41,500 for programs and \$36,500 for operational expenses, coming to a total of \$78,000 in 2022. You may notice \$1,000 being set aside for "Emergency." Seeing that many individuals in Zimbabwe have joined our team full-time and are dependent on this work for their salary, we thought it would be wise to have an emergency fund in place in the event that anything were to cause this work to cease or if any unexpected ministry expenses were to occur. (This is a different emergency fund than the one kept by Southwest in the event that the Mpofo family were to withdraw on an emergency basis from Zimbabwe.) Thank you for your partnership!



**KEY** C4C: Churches for Christ - M4C: Meals for Children - S4S: Scriptures for Souls  
 L4C: Lessons for Couples - H4C: Harvesters for Christ - W4M: Wheels for Ministers  
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**LOOKING BACK**

As we look back over the few years we have been in Zimbabwe, we cannot help but be touched and moved by all the hard working, loving, and kind souls we have met along the way. Zimbabweans are a resilient people who face numerous challenges everyday from the struggling economy to drought seasons. The list could go on and on. But what cannot be taken away from is their positive attitude and love for the Lord. We remember planning about fencing the church land, building the pavilion and bathrooms and thinking who will do this since we have no money to pay anyone. Even the feeding project, we talked about all the work of cooking and serving and we asked ourselves who will do all this with no pay. Zimbabweans would! We saw young and old people step up to the table and work tirelessly under the African sun and heat - fetching firewood, digging holes, fetching water - for no other reason other than the love for the Lord! We need more believers like these who understand that it is not about us but about Him. As Paul put it, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Colossians 2:23).





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