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SERVING IN AFRICA NEWSLETTER

JUNE AND JULY UPDATE

Proverbs 3v5 "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct that paths."

Greetings family and friends!

We praise the Lord for safety and provision over the past two months. Since I last communicated with you, Zimbabwe has come into her winter months. Believe it or not, Africa can get cold.

Though the temperature has declined, the Lord's work has increased. Our team is witnessing a steady strengthening within the lives and spirits among those who attend the rural Bible studies, the Sunday morning services in Lupinyu, the Sunday evening services in Chinotimba, the Gospel meetings in Victoria Falls, the youth clubs, the curio market Bible studies, and the weekly school assemblies we are able to teach at.

We have been hearing testimony of how God is working in the lives of the youth and how some have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

"I have learned that my family cannot be Christian for me, I have to be a Christian myself. I learned that no one can accept Jesus for me, I have to accept Jesus for myself." This was the testimony of a teen boy at a school we are in almost daily. Thank you to everyone for praying and for giving. There is much that has already been accomplished by our Lord, and yet there is much to do.

Please pray specifically for our young adults, Laura, Susan, Beyonce, Angie, Precious, and Ronald. Each of them are in different stages of life- searching for job opportunities, finishing school exams, working to provide for family needs- but we pray that God keeps their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and that the desire we see in each of them to learn and study the Scriptures is nurtured.

BIG EVENTS:

I am so thankful to the Lord for granting us favour within the local school system. On June 6th, we were granted to permission to organise a school rally with the theme of "Search the Scripture" from John 5:39. Over 12 attended, and 350 learners participated in the Bible competitions.

Pastor Derrick Morlan preached, as well as, our local Pastor, Dillon Renner. And many of our group had opportunity to share their personal testimonies. It was wonderful to see the visiting missions team jump in and work hard from 9 that morning until 4 that afternoon.

Since the event, we have received reports of salvation testimonies among the school learners. And we praise the Lord for already showing us fruit from the harvest.

June 7th was a building dedication service for the property in Lupinyu.

A group of about 22 American visitors came from Temple Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN, who helped us prepare for the big Sunday.

Praise the Lord for His provision for a church roof and a dormitory block roof!

The dedication service was a celebration with everyone from the various Bible study locations all in one place as one big family.

Village heads came, as well as, community leaders to help us pray over the work and encourage the community toward the Lord.





FIRST AID SEMINAR

One of the highlights for our church and the local community was a first aid seminar hosted by Crown College and Temple Baptist Church. The medical students and teachers gave the community an opportunity to come and learn basic health aid, medical aid, and life-saving practices. This was a huge blessing for those living in the rural area, a good distance from any medical assistance.

Certificates were presented and lunch was provided.

Most definitely, every opportunity is used to share the Gospel and show the love of our Lord in word as in deed.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The health of our team due to the hot/cold weather of a Zimbabwean winter
- Spiritual Growth among the young adults we are working with.
- Continued construction on a cottage to live in for myself and another single lady missionary who, Lord-willing, will join the team soon.
- Ronald, a young man, who believes God has a calling on his life to preach the Word.
- Lindsay Ashley, another single-lady missionary, who will be moving to Vic Falls soon, Lord-willing
- A vehicle for myself that is capable of traveling to the rural areas safely

PRAISES:

- Salvation testimonies among the secondary schools
- Provision for a church roof and dormitory block roof
- A successful missions team visit from our friends in Knoxville, TN
- Biblical foundation faithfully being laid in the Bible studies in Lupinyu, Chisuma, Chidobe, Lobangwe, Victoria Falls, and Monde

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.