



Bear Valley Bible Institute, Zimbabwe

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NOVEMBER 2019 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The vision of Bear Valley Bible Institute-Zimbabwe remains, “*To be a leading and preferred spiritual and academic centre in Zimbabwe and beyond.*” At BVBIZ, no stone is left unturned in an effort to drive towards this vision. In the month of November, several activities took place in an attempt to put more building blocks towards achieving this vision. This was done through completion of the term’s curriculum, entrepreneurship skills development, evangelism, infrastructure development and networking. Some of these activities are reported hereunder;

1.0 INTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

One of BVBIZ’s strategic objectives is to produce highly qualified, equipped and competent products. This is done through a robust training and development program. In November, BVBIZ added another skill to the students. The making of drinks. Brother Damson Siwedi, taught the students the making of various types of drinks. More time was also dedicated to the theory of entrepreneurship. As the various congregations in the country struggle to support their preachers, BVBIZ products will be able to supplement what the church gives with different projects they can undertake using skills they will have learnt. It is also hoped that they will teach such survival skills to their congregations.



2.0 EVANGELISM

Weekend evangelism efforts continued in the month of November. Five congregations namely, Mambo, Mkoba 12, Mkoba 17, Nashville and Redcliff benefitted in the month. This was done every Saturday and Sunday. From the 27th of November to the 1st of December, the school went for a mini-

campaign at Mazowe (Mash-Central), Sharara (Manicaland) and Julena (Midlands). Evangelism was done during the day and services were held in the evening. Several people always attended these services where students dominated the preaching and teaching schedules. Our great appreciation goes to these congregations for providing accommodation and food to the students and teachers. The following is a summary of what transpired

Total Hours	105
Sermons Preached	22
Bible Classes taught	10
WBS booklets distributed	45
Total Restorations	2
Total Baptisms	18





3.0 CURRICULUM PROGRESS

Most of the subjects for this term have now been completed. Those that have been completed include; Advanced Hermeneutics, Major Prophets, Biblical Counselling, HIV/AIDS Care and Counselling, Greek 2, Pastoral Epistles and the books of Romans, James and Hebrews. The first week of December will be for the completion of Greek and Church Growth principles and dynamics. Examinations will be written thereafter

4.0 A UNIQUE VISIT

Brother Ephron Mbano, the director of Bear Valley Bible Institute in Malawi, was a guest teacher in from the 10th-16th of November. He taught the Pastoral Epistles. It was also a great time of sharing notes and experiences. Great appreciation to our regional director, Donnie Estep, for making this possible. In the picture below, brother Ephron pauses for a photo with the students.



5.0 SITE DEVELOPMENT

All brickwork to the structure being constructed to house students has now been done. The next phase will be the roof. Great appreciation to Woodland Oaks for providing \$6000 towards this structure.



6.0 SOME SCHOOL NEEDS

Going into 2020, BVBIZ has some needs and seeks some to partner with the school in some of the needy areas. If these needs are met, learning will be enhanced, evangelism programs will be intensified and survival skills will be taught at a greater scale. These needs are highlighted below;

	ITEM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1	Evangelism	\$130/month or \$390 per term or \$1170 per year.	Evangelism is one of the core businesses at BVBIZ. Whilst some funds are reserved from our budget, they are not enough to finance the school's evangelism programs fully. Whilst weekend evangelism is being taken care of from the budget, field program and the one week campaigns are a big challenge. Only congregations that can fund the program are benefitting and struggling ones are left one. It has also been difficult to establish new congregations because of the lack of funding.
2	Drip Equipment	1560	Each student will be given his own portion measuring 20m x 40m well equipped with the drip system. This will be to enhance their skills, raise own capital, provision of food and income to both the student and school. The food budget will be lowered in the process.
	Extra tank and tank stand	870	The extra tank will help to store more water specifically for the projects.
3	Solar system	5250.00	Soon BVBIZ will move to her permanent site. The nearest point with electricity is 2km away and Many thousands of dollars will be needed to draw power to the site. Solar is the cheapest way to go so as to electrify the buildings.
4	8 Computers	550-00 each	The school has only few computers which are old and constantly needing repair. 7 more computers will help equip students ICT skills, typing of assignments and research work.
5	Library books		Whilst a good number of electronic books are now available at BVBIZ (though more are still needed), physical books are also essential. A combination of the two will enhance learning as there cannot be a strong school without a strong library.
6	1550 metre Fence	9600 if it is a diamond fence or 6050 if it is barbed wire.	This is for the protection of the investments being put at the site. A fence will also enable farming projects to be done to be done easily. There are many goats and cattle in the area and there is a high probability that these could eat crops.
7	Public Address (PA) System	650-00	The school is limited in its evangelism campaigns and field programs because of the unavailability of P.A system. Open air preaching and services we hold in communities by the school in an attempt to win some souls to Christ have been a challenge.
8	Stand by Generator	850	Zimbabwe is experiencing power challenges due to low generational capacity. A standby generator is a great need. The same will also help in the campaigns the school will undertake as evening programs will then be held without much of a challenge. If a solar system is made available, a generator becomes handy during periods of longer cloud cover.

CONCLUSION

As we reflect in the activities of the month of November, we can simply conclude by the words of Paul in Philippians 4:8, “ *Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* ” BVBIZ appreciates you all for standing with the school through the injection of resources, curriculum support, moral and spiritual support. God bless you and to God be the glory!