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OCTOBER NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

As usual, at the end of each month, we look back and thank God for what he has been able to do through BVBIZ. BVBIZ remains humbled and grateful to our partners and sponsors. Economically, things have not been easy in Zimbabwe. Despite all this, God has seen us through another month. We can only thank Him that despite these negative pressures, BVBIZ continues to advance her agenda, that is, to train men and women for the furtherance of the Gospel in Zimbabwe and beyond. The following is a capsule of what transpired in the month of November.

1.0 EVANGELISM

In BVBIZ's quest to produce highly qualified, equipped and competent servants of God, practicum is a core factor. This is achieved in a number of ways which includes, weekend evangelism, one week campaigns every term, holiday preaching, 12 week field program at the end of the first year of study and another 6 months practicum before graduation.

1.1 ONE WEEK CAMPAIGN

This term's one week campaign took place from the 6th-12th of October. Half of the students were at Warren Park being led by Howard Suwari whilst the other half was at Buchwa being led by Ishmael Mutichu. Various methods were used to reach out to lost souls. Great appreciation goes to the hosting congregations for providing food and accommodation to the two teams. Three souls were added to the church in the process.

1.2 OTHER

Weekend evangelism continued in the month of October. Three congregations, that is, Mkoba 12, Nashville and Redcliff, benefited from the effort. Besides weekend evangelism, On the 18th of October, BVBIZ students and teachers went for an all-night worship service at Bulawayo Central Church of Christ. 5 students presented sermons that night 5 led in singing. Ishamel Mutichu (one of the teachers) taught the male class whilst Thandikile Dube (a student) taught the ladies class. Our great appreciation to the Bulawayo Central congregation for according BVBIZ students the opportunity to put into practice what they are learning.



2.0 CURRICULUM PROGRESS

Several subjects have been done and completed whilst others are still in progress. These that have been completed include Advance Hermeneutics, the books of Romans and Hebrews. Those that are yet to be completed include the Pastoral Epistles, Church Growth, Major Prophets, Biblical Counselling and Greek 11. Great appreciation goes to the both teachers and students who have been putting their effort to meet the requirements of the curriculum this term. Nkosilathi Mpofu, a Masters graduate from Freed Hardeman University taught the book of Romans. He was with BVBIZ from the 30th of September to the 5th of October. Brother Mpofu made another visit with Bro. William Glover and his wife on the 21st of October. If God wills, Bro. Glover is exploring the possibility of assisting the school to set up a fishery project as part and parcel of students' entrepreneurship skills development and also lowering the school's food budget through the establishment of the same. The two couples are working with Zimbabwe Missions, an organisation geared towards the spread of the Gospel starting with the Southern part of Zimbabwe using various methods.



3.0 SITE PROGRESS

Construction which had stopped because of lack of resources in September, progressed in the month of October. It is hoped that by the end of November, construction will reach the all plate level. BVBIZ is still seeking for resources for the roof. Once the structure is complete, BVBIZ will move to this permanent site. BVBIZ board also had an opportunity of appraising themselves with the developments. The following picture shows some of the Board members in front of the structure under construction.



4.0 APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT INTAKE

BVBIZ is welcoming applications for the 2020 April intake (third intake). The school is registered with the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Development (Chapter 28.2) and offers a Diploma in Theology and Pastoral Ministry. Couples are also encouraged to apply. Interested candidates can send their applications to the school using the following postal address; P O Box GW. 1214, Gweru or at bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com. The following should be enclosed;

- A hand written application letter
- A copy of I.D
- Copies of school certificates
- Recommendation from Congregation

CONCLUSION

Basing on the above, the month November saw us add more value to the students and also add value to the church through evangelism and various activities. We look forward to greater things to come.. We continue to fine tune ourselves towards this noble task. We remain grateful to every one of you for your spiritual, moral and material support. To God be the glory!