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SEPTEMBER 2019 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The major goal of BVBIZ is to produce highly qualified, equipped and competent servants of God who will be able to transform communities. This is not one day job. It takes a lot of effort and sacrifices from both students, teachers and all stakeholders. In the month of September, the school continued to put more building blocks at various levels and in various ways. These are reported hereunder.

1.0 RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

On the 8th of September, students went on a two week break and came back on the 22nd to resume their classes. All students came back. This is now their seventh term with BVBIZ. There is only one more term remaining for them including a 6 months practicum/attachment which will be followed by their graduation in October next year.

2.0 FIELD PROGRAM

The school successfully had its field practicum from the 22nd of June to the 8th of September. Students were distributed in to 6 centres. Our appreciation goes to congregations that benefitted from this program for giving our students such an opportunity and for providing them with both accommodation and food throughout the period. This was a great partnership. Many were taught, hospitals were visited, counselling sessions we done, and the seed was sown. Many souls were baptised and several backsliders restored. A congregation was planted at Redcliff. Attendances rose sharply. Comments from various congregations were encouraging. Some preachers who worked with these students had the following to say;

We were so privileged to have the student preachers at Nketa 9. They did very well and worked hard. The church grew in numbers as we gained new prospects. The evangelism program went well. They showed great potential in sermon presentations. They had no problem in the community. They related with everyone well. (N. Ndlovu, preacher at Nketa 9)

The students who worked with us in Bulawayo and Stanhope were focused, disciplined and presented lessons and sermons which were Bible centred (H.V Mlangeni for Stanhope)

The field program was good indeed. The ways evangelism and services were conducted were just good (G. Mutambara for Redcliff).

The partnership was worth it. It was time that only limited them but they had much to offer. They were energetic and committed throughout the program. They knocked doors, 9 were baptized and several restored. A swap was done and we complained before we realised that whoever comes from BVBIZ is a worthy asset in the vineyard. They met the congregation's expectation with minimum supervision. The men and youths are now equipped after their programs... (D.Siwedi, preacher at Sharara).

We greatly appreciate the good work which was done with zeal and passion by the team you send to Mutorashanga. They did a great job. Mutorashanga is one of the toughest areas to work with but through the grace of God, our preachers represented the body of Christ in the best way possible. We wish them well always (I. Masvaya, preacher at Mutorashanga).

The following were the results for the twelve week practicum;

	Redcliff Midlands	Nketa Bulawayo	Stanhope Mat. North	Mutorashanga Mash-West	Sharara Manicaland	Igava Mash- East	Total
Hours out	283	231	268	260	274	362	1678
devotions	52	11	43	89	45	122	352
Sermons preached	18	8	44	56	11	28	265
Song leading	12	5	4	32	6	35	94
Bible Classes	16	10	11	14	10	37	98
Total Lessons taught	285	78	81	318	172	132	1066
Counselling sessions	4	6	3	9		2	24
Prospects	339	71	217	149	76	78	930
Tracts distributed	434	275					709
WBS booklets distributed	47			300		25	372
Restorations		14	10	6	11	8	49
Baptisms	12	5	25	17	7	18 ¹	74

¹ These were pending by the time the program ended

3.0 SITE DEVELOPMENT

Construction of the first house for students progressed quickly in the month of September. Besides the funds that were made available for the foundation, the school also used its reserves and resources that were meant for the pit latrine to purchase materials for the major structure. Our appreciation also goes to Coalmont Church of Christ for also providing US\$150 towards this effort. Because of the depletion of resources, the work has now stopped but we praise God for the progress made. The prayers of everyone at BVBIZ is for more resources to get the building to completion. Once the building is complete, BVBIZ will move from its rented facility to this permanent site.



4.0 FOOD SECURITY

One of the key tasks of the school is to produce graduates who will be able to feed themselves through a number of ways. Students are also continually trained in the production of their own food. Though space is limited where is presently located, more enterprises will be embarked on once BVBIZ moves to its permanent site. BVBIZ is currently in need of \$600US to fully clear land for farming and other projects. At the present site currently, many types of vegetables have been planted by students. These are under drip irrigation.



5.0 UPCOMING CAMPAIGN

For an average of one week per term, students and teachers go on a week-long evangelism campaign at selected areas. Congregations who requests this service will meet the cost of accommodation and feeding. In October, from the 6th to the 13th, some of the students will be camped at Buchwa in Mberengwa whilst others will be at Warren Park in Harare.

6.0 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. Many applications are already in. 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

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, 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 (Phil. 4.8). To God be the glory!