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AUGUST 2020 NARRATIVE REPORT

The month of August saw the development of BVBIZ in several fronts. There is progress on the school's curriculum in terms of lessons and practical. There is also progress in terms of infrastructure even as the school continues to look forward to be an institution with necessary structures that will enable operations to be carried out smoothly. We can report on the following;

1.0 LESSONS UPDATE

Online lessons for the third intake continued in the month of August. Online classes have been necessitated by the prevailing lockdown induced by COVID19. Most practicals shall be done when students come to campus. For now, it is not yet possible for students to physically come. Lessons that have so far been done online include;

- Personal work (theory).
- How We God the Bible
- Christian Evidences
- New Testament Church
- Life of Christ
- Public Speaking

2.0 UPDATE ON THE SECOND INTAKE

2.1 GRADUATION POSTPONEMENT

Our graduation which was supposed to take place on the 3rd of October has been postponed due to the prevailing lockdown which is beyond our control. The new date will be communicated once things ease a bit. However, the graduates to be, will from October this year, be given some rights that are normally accorded to graduates. We apologise to all our students and to our partners, both local and international, for the inconvenience caused.

2.2 WHERE ARE THEY

BVBIZ's second intake which was supposed to graduate this coming October has remained effective in the field. Some are already engaged as preachers in some congregations. Others are yet to get congregations to work with but are working with their home congregations. Besides the following, there are two others, not listed, who are yet to complete their coursework;

Isaac Mupanduki- In July, Isaac was working with his home preacher, bro. Thomas Mupanduki at Musorowenzou and Mutehwe congregations in Nembudziya, Gokwe. In August he began working with bro. George Muhura at Rimuka church of Christ in Kadoma. Isaac is available for fulltime engagement.

Virimai Gandiwa-Currently at Manyame, his home congregation under the tutorship of his preacher, Godwin Marandure. He is yet to be engaged.

Takudzwa Chikuni-Currently serving as an associate minister at the Maware congregation in Chikomba District, Mashonaland East.

Khulekhani and Thandikile Dube-Currently working with Sipaba congregation in Esigodhini, Matebelaland South. The couple has already been engaged by the congregation.

Batsirai Tengurachepe- He is now the preacher at Redcliff church of Christ, a new congregation that began last year during the school's field program.

Blessing Tiyani- Blessing is currently at his home congregation at Sharara in Manicaland. He is working under the mentorship of his preacher, Damson Siwedi.

Matthew Adrian Phiri- Matthew is at Alaska currently working with his home preacher at Alaska and other congregations. Brother Donivert Khata (the local preacher) works with several congregations which includes Alaska, Mhangura and Piringani among others.

Gray Ndoro-Gray is currently working with the Plasworth congregation. This is the congregation that was recently started at the school's permanent site. Gray is available for full time engagement anywhere.

Charles Muzambi-Charles is currently stationed at Mazowe where he is working with Lovemore Manyanhaire, the resident preacher there. Charles is still available for full time engagement anywhere.

2.3 EVANGELISM

As we continue to report, preaching should be done in season and out of season. Since students were to undergo their last attachment attachment, among many, before their graduation and as per their training, they had to find ways of preaching and teaching during difficult times. Areas covered ar Kadoma, Manyame, Maware (Chivhu), Plassworth (Gweru), Redcliff, Mhangura/Piringani, Sharara and Sipaba (Esigodhini). 34 souls were baptized and 5 were restored. Various activities were done in the month in an effort to advance the kingdom. Over 15 are still to be baptized at Plassworth (the school's site). A baptistery is yet to be constructed there.

3.0 SITE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 DEVELOPMENTS IN AUGUST

Development continued in the month of August. After the constructions so far done, the following materials remained; 5kg impermo, 7 rolls brick force, 21 bags cement, 7000 bricks, about 5 cubic river sand, some plumbing material, about 3 cubic concrete stones, 20 (mixed sizes) deformed bars and some timber. Since builders were still on site completing their work on the septic tank, the construction committee made of two members from management and two members of the Board thought it necessary to proceed with some small structures which were on the development agenda. These include

- A small kitchen since firewood shall also be in use for cooking
- A fowl run to start a small broiler project. This was completed and the first batch of 50 broilers is expected in September.
- Two store rooms. Space is needed to store building material, poultry feed, tools or to house a married student.

- Outside laundry sink and baptistry.

The following developments were done in August;



This is the outside kitchen. Brickwork was done successfully. The roof will be put up in future when resources permit.



The completed fowl run with two compartments. It can house over 300 broilers at a time.



The two rooms were left at this stage. Building material ran out. These will be completed in future when resources permit.



Glasses to the front door of the hostel were fixed successfully in the month.

3.2 NEXT IMMEDIATE PROJECT

For the school to function smoothly, there is a need for a teacher's house. The reason being that students should not be alone that far without a teacher or someone in authority close by. In case of emergencies, a teacher in charge of students should be close by. Secondly, there shall be a very high fuel bill due to daily movements to and fro. There is a distance of 15km from the city centre to the

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