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## OCTOBER 2020 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

October was a month filled with several events in the school even as things are slowly getting back to normal in the country regarding COVID19. Despite one notable setback, a number of activities took place in the month. These are reported below.

#### 1.0 THIRD INTAKE UPDATE

Online classes have been progressing, though at a slow pace. The pace will pick up soon as students are set to come physically on campus from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of December and then resume again normally in early January. The December session would be to cover issues that could not be covered by the online classes. Outstanding examinations will be written in early January

#### 2.0 THE SECOND INTAKE UPDATE

##### 2.1 Evangelism

This class continued with its evangelism efforts at various centres. These efforts saw 21 souls being added to the church whilst 2 were restored. This is according to reports that are sent from the field. The locations of these students are covered in 2.3 below.



*Baptism at Shackleton*

## 2.2 Graduation

This class was supposed to graduate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, however, due to the present challenges induced by the COVID19 pandemic, the event has to be postponed. The new date is now 13 February 2021.

## 2.3 Where are they?

Besides the following, there are three others, not listed, who are yet to complete their coursework;

- *Isaac Mupanduki- Isaac is now preaching for the recently established Waverly congregation in Kadoma. Mashonaland West.*
- *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-Besides working with Sipaba congregation in Esigodini, Matebelaland South, the couple is also working with Zimbabwe Missions.*
- *Batsirai Tengurachepea- Batsirai 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 the preacher at the Jowo congregation in Manicaland.*
- *Matthew Adrian Phiri- Matthew is at Alaska, Chinhoyi. He is currently working with his home preacher at Alaska and other congregations. Brother Donivert Khata (the local preacher) works with several congregations which includes Alaska, Shackleton, 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 has is now the resident Minister at the Warren Park congregation in Harare.*

## 3.0 LOSS OF SOLAR PANELS

Whilst there was progress on several fronts, we lost solar panels and the control unit to thieves on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. This is a major setback to the plans the school was having. They were fitted to a borehole which was providing water to the community for consumption and their livestock. Both the school and the community have been affected greatly. The matter is now in the hands of the Police and is under investigation. On a positive note, the incident has increased our determination and resolve to increase our presence at the site besides the security system we had put in place.



#### **4.0 AUDIT REPORT**

Part of BVBIZ's values includes transparency and stewardship. To enhance these, the schools books are audited annually. We want to thank the Board for making this possible. The books were then audited by Brother Brighton Raradza. Great appreciation also goes to him.

#### **5.0 PROJECTS**

##### **5.1 Poultry**

BVBIZ targets to have broilers, layers and free range (road runners) as part of its poultry projects. As reported in our last report, we started a broiler project with 50 birds. This batch was a success. The market was also good. A profit of \$166 was made. The figure was high due to left over feed we had from the last batch we had in early 2019. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, we got another batch of 200. This is partly being sponsored by the first batch. This batch will be ready towards the end of November.





*The new batch with 200 broilers*

## **5.2 Maize and beans-land Preparation**

As reported in the last report, the school has been offered close to ten (10) hectares for use during this coming planting season which is set to begin in November. If resources were available, we would want to make use of all the available hectares. This will indeed be a game changer in the school as there is a prediction of good rains this season. The vision is to reduce the food budget significantly by planting maize, beans, sunflower and other crops. Maize and sunflowers will also be key to our poultry project. In October, we were able to prepare 2 hectares of land at a cost of US\$170. One of the owners of the land asked for a bag of fertilizer, 10km maize seed and ploughing an acre for his own cropping. This has since been done. Great appreciation to brothers Gwena and Fombe for providing the bag of fertilizer that was needed. The total needed for the maize and beans crop is \$4770 if the school is to make maximum use of the available land.



*The first 2 hectares being worked on*

## **6.0 TEACHER'S HOUSE-UPDATES**

There was great progress in the month of October towards preparations for the construction of the teacher's house. 21000 bricks are now on site. 5000 more bricks are still needed. The plan for the house has already been drawn and work is expected to commence around mid-November. Earlier on, the projection was to commence work in January, but since we have received some funds from various sources, work shall be commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. A full update will be made at the end of November. We appreciate the following donations (both locally and internationally) that have been made so far for this effort. The following is the list as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;

1. Chipendo Family \$20
2. Chirenda family \$250
3. Gwena family \$20
4. Nyahada family \$100
5. Woodland Oaks congregation \$3000





*21000 bricks now available for the teacher's house*

## **CONCLUSION**

Despite the loss of solar panels, we praise God for the stage that the school reached in the month. BVBIZ could not have reached this far without the unwavering support we have been receiving. Thank you for your moral, spiritual, financial and material support. Together, the world will be won to Christ. We remain grateful to you all. To God be the glory!