



# BEAR VALLEY BIBLE INSTITUTE, ZIMBABWE

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## APRIL 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

The training of preachers is a critical component in the growth of the church. A lot of diligence goes into it. Soldiers going into real combat are never trained in a day. Such is the case for a soldier of Christ. Ours is a spiritual battle. The task of winning souls to Christ is ever present in our minds. At BVBIZ, in April, we continued to put one block on top of another to achieve this. The teachers at did their bit whilst the students did theirs as well. The view is to produce a well trained soldier for Christ through various activities. The following are some of the few things that we can report on.

### 1.0 CURRICULUM PROGRESS

#### 1.1 THIRD INTAKE (FULL TIME)

A number of subjects have been done and completed. These include Hermeneutics, O. T History, Homiletics, Acts, Personal Work II, Life of Christ, Galatians, Godhead and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. The term will be ending on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May and another one start on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the same month. This class shall be having less of breaks this year so as to catch up on lost time.

#### 1.2 PART TIME CLASS PROGRESS AND NEXT ENROLMENT

The school part time class (Harare Centre and Gweru Centre) is now in its fourth year of study. The class is left with 5 subjects to complete its course work. These are Theology of Missions, Biblical Counselling, Christian Spiritual Formation, African Traditional Religion and Marriage and Family Development. Enrolment for the next class is in progress. Applications are to be send to [bvbiz.harareextension2018@gmail.com](mailto:bvbiz.harareextension2018@gmail.com) or using the above contact details. The following are the requirements

- Application letter
- Recommendation from congregation
- Copy of I.D
- Copies of certificates

### 2.0 NEXT TERM SCHEDULE (FIRST YEAR THIRD)

The following is the schedule for the school's next session (for the third intake);

7-9 May	Evangelism and Missions Seminar-Bulawayo Conflict Management	Nkosi Mpofu I.Machingura
10-14 May	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians	I.Mutichu
17-19 May	Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
20-21 May	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians	I.Mutichu
24-28 May	Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
31 May-4 June	Wisdom Literature & Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami

6 June	<i>Partners for Africa Visit</i>	
5-8 June	1 & 2 Peter and Jude	H.Suwari
9-13 June	Evangelism Campaign- <i>Greenvale</i>	
14-18 June	World Religions	D. Estep
21-25 June	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Wisdom Literature	I.Mutichu
28-30 June	Entrepreneurship Skills Development	P. Toperesu
1-3 July	1.Segments of Horticulture 2.Managing Horticulture Business	P. Toperesu/P.Chiruka
5-9 July	Worship	I.Mutichu, J. Jubane
12-16 July	Wisdom Literature	I.Mutichu/G.Dzuwanani
19-23 July	Sign Language Mini Sessions-outstanding content	Rutendo Foundation
25 July-5 September	Mini-field attachment (PART I) Denominational Doctrines (book summaries)	Supervisors M.Muchingami

### 3.0 AN IMPORTANT VISIT

BVBIZ was blessed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April by the visit of Keith Kasarjian, BVBI International director. He took time to tour and access the school and also appraise himself of the progress made so far. He also had time to interact with students and give some words of encouragement. Much appreciation goes to him and his sacrifice to come and see the school.



### 4.0 INFRASTRUCTRE DEVELOPMENT

#### 4.1 Teachers House

Brickwork on the teacher's house was completed in the month. The next stages require the following in terms of materials only though no funds are available for this task;

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Total</b>
Roof	\$3982
Window frames	\$630
Doors (interior and exterior)	\$370
2 x 3m sliding doors	\$600 (\$100 was donated for this)
Plumping	\$1405
Electrical wiring	\$2651
Plastering and floors material	\$756
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10394</b>





#### 4.2 OUTSIDE SINK

An outside sink for the students' laundry was constructed and completed in the month. Only plumbing components needing about \$80 are still to be bought and worked on.



### **4.3 SKIRTING**

Skirting was done and completed around the hostel. Falling rain had been affecting the good paint work that had been done. The same shall be done for other buildings before the next rain season. Gutters will also be needed to complete the job.



### **5.0 FIRST FELLOWSHIP AT SITE**

The first ever fellowship was done on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. The program was organised by the Plasworth congregation and held at the BVBIZ campus. It was an event well attended.



## 6.0 DONATIONS

BVBIZ always welcome donations in cash and in kind. These are critical in the running of the school. Moving to the present site was a step in the right direction but also caused a challenge in the schools evangelism efforts. Bicycles are now needed to solve the transport challenge. A call was made far and wide and two responses came. The first bicycle was donated by Zimbabwe Missions and another one was donated by Keith Kasarjian. Since students go in pairs, the congregation at Greenvale will be serviced. 10 more bicycles are still needed by the school. Bicycles are ranging from \$100-\$150 depending with type.



## **7.0 EVANGELISM**

BVBIZ places strong emphasis on evangelism. Presently, a lot is being done to fine tune the students before they embark on full-fledged evangelism. Whilst it is not yet in full mode, students have been helping two congregations namely Greenvale and Plasworth. Two souls were baptized at Greenvale in the month. We glorify God for this addition.



## **CONCLUSION**

Several activities took place as highlighted in the above report. We remain grateful to God for making this possible. To our various partners locally and abroad, may God continue to bless you abundantly. It is through your efforts and sacrifices that BVBIZ has gotten this far. To God be the glory!