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Where spiritual integrity, empowerment and academic excellence intersect AUGUST 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Our students spent the month of August in the field doing their practical. This report shall centre on their activities in the field. Whilst they were away from campus, other activities we also happening on ground. These and more are contained hereunder.

1.0 FIELD PROGRAM

BVBIZ students were out for their 40 days field program. Covid19 has caused a reduction of the time frame. Lost days will be compensated next during next year's practicum. This year's program was one with a difference as students creativity was of outmost importance amidst the Covid scourge. The Word of God still had to be given in season and out of season. Rural settings were preferred that urban areas. The following were the statistics so far.

	Lot 64	Plasworth	Mashava	Chiware	Marenga	Sipaba	Total
	(Gweru)	(Gweru)		(Rusape)	(Buhera)	(Esigodini)	
Hours out	107	67	85	140	94	116	609
Devotions	64	29	87	25	50	37	292
Sermons preached	8	4	10	11	11		44
Bible Classes	2			6	2	1	11
Total Lessons	57	24	51	11	62	98	303
taught							
Counselling	7		4	4	6	5	26
sessions							
Prospects	89	38	47	36	43	49	302
Tracts	104	29	359	46	25		563
distributed							
WBS booklets	74	56	51	8	74		263
distributed							
Restorations	1	1	3	17	1	2	25
Baptisms	9	4	2	2	6	5	28

At the end of this report are pictures summarising what transpired in the field.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLAN (2021-2025)

The school board and management have come up with a new strategic plan which shall act as a blueprint from the school from now from2022-2024. This is based on inputs that came from various stakeholders. Great appreciation also goes to SPED Empowerment and Development (Pvt) (Ltd) for volunteering their services in the production of this plan. The last strategic plan expired in December 2020. BVBIZ management shall judiciously follow the plan whilst the board maintains oversight thereof.

3.0 GRADUATION

3.1 Date and Activities

The graduation of the 2018-2020 class shall take place on the 16^{th} of October. This is in the hope that the Covid situation in Zimbabwe would have changed for the better. On the same day, there shall be an Annual General Meeting and official opening of the site.

3.2 Awards

As preparation for graduation continues, there are some awards that will be given to graduates. Members of the church are called upon to sponsor some of this. During the last graduation, most categories found sponsorship in terms of trophies, scholarships, clothes, money, books among many others. Those who sponsored some awards during the precious graduation ceremony can also renew their interest. Awards are named after their sponsor. The following is the list;

	Name of Award	Description			
1	Barnabas Award	The student who encouraged others more (recipient			
		chosen by students)			
2	Homiletics Award	The best pulpit speaker			
3	Languages Award	Person with the highest grade in languages (Greek &			
		Hebrew)			
4	Most Improved Student	Student who showed great improvement in terms of			
	Award	academic performance.			
5	Young Timothy Award	The best evangelist			
6	Valedictorian	Student with the highest grades			
7	Leadership award	The student who showed the best leadership qualities			
8	Best Female Student	Female student with the highest average grade			
9	Isaiah Suwari Memorial	The Best Visionary Student			
	Award				
10	The Young Gamaliel	The student who showed the greatest qualities in			
	Award	teaching.			
11	Entrepreneurship Award	Student who showed greatest skills and zeal in life			
		survival skills			

4.0 PROJECTS

There is good news in terms of school projects. Besides the success that the school registered with its small broiler project, this month we can report on the goat and maize project.

4.1 GOAT PROJECT

One of the projects that has been on the BVBIZ radar for some time was goat production. The vision saw the light of day when Bear Valley Bible Institute International donated \$400 for the purchase of 10 goats. With the money we succeeded to buy 10 goats from one person at \$330. The school is currently running around hunting for a male goat so that the project can begin at a better footing. Great appreciation to BVBII for this gesture.



4.2 MAIZE PROJECT

During the last planting season, BVBIZ planted maize and from the shelling that was done, BVBIZ reaped almost 3 tonnes. Though this is lower than what the school initially targeted, the maize is enough to feed students till the end of the next season in May 2022. About 15 bags will reserved as feed for the broiler project. The school is already working on the possibility of planting another maize crop this coming season. The target is 3 hectares of maize, one hectare of beans and an acre of sunflower.

5.0 WEBSITE

BVBIZ now has a functional website <u>www.bvbiz.co.zw</u>. Both existing and potential stakeholders are encouraged to visit and use the website. Our monthly reports are uploaded to this website as well.

6.0 MAY 2022 INTAKE

BVBIZ is now accepting applications for the May 2022 intake (Full time). Interested candidates can download the application form from <u>www.bvbiz.co.zw</u> or sent a Whatsapp request to 0773993773 /0774413647. The application form together with the following

documents can be sent to <u>registration@bvbiz.co.zw</u> or through Whatsapp to 0773993773 or to P. O. Box GW1214, Gweru;

- □ Application letter
- \Box A copy of I.D
- \Box Copies of academic certificates
- □ Recommendation from Congregation

7.0 COMPUTERS

One of the school's strategic objectives is "To have an effective and efficient ICT processes compatible with current technological changes so as to ensure the achievement of the school's objectives." To achieve this, computers are a prerequisite. We want to thank Bear Valley Bible Institute International again for chipping in with \$1800 to buy a few computers which will be used by students. We successfully bought 4 laptops, 3 desktops and repaired 2 more. It is the school's target that every student at BVBIZ should graduate being computer literate. The target is to have at 15 computers. If you have computers even used ones (laptops or desktops), BVBIZ would welcome them.





CONCLUSION

We thank God for the development we keep witnessing in our students. We also appreciate the sacrifices congregations have been making for the upkeep of our students as they do theisr practicum.. To you all for you spiritual, moral, material and financial support we remain grateful. To God be the glory!





















