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## DECEMBER 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

2021 has come to an end. It has been a difficult year to everyone including BVBIZ due to the Covid pandemic. However, BVBIZ sailed through. God's hand was upon the school and every one of you to work this work possible. We, therefore, use this report to appreciate everyone who has made it possible for BVBIZ to reach this far. In this report, we summaries what transpired in the month. We shall also give summaries of what transpired in 2021 and some expectations for the coming term.

### 1.0 TERM ENDS

The school term ended on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. The following subjects were successfully completed; Music, Advanced Homiletics, Introduction to Computers, 1,2 &3 John, Community Development and Poverty Alleviation, Marriage and Family Development, Greek (on-going), Christian Spiritual Formation, Church Leadership, Church History and Research Methods. Sign Language which was scheduled for this past term has been rescheduled to next term due to the unavailability of the teacher. Great appreciation to the students, the teachers, the BVBIZ board and our various partners for the effort they put in to make the term a success.



*Students wrote their final examinations successfully from the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of December.*

## 2.0 NEXT TERM CURRICULUM

The following subjects shall be taught next term. The term set to resume on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2022;

Major Prophets  
James  
Romans  
Hermeneutics 2  
Biblical Counselling  
Hebrews  
Church Growth  
1, 2 Timothy, and Titus  
Greek 1  
African Traditional Religion  
Sign Language A (SC)  
Strategic Management for Churches (SC)  
Horticulture

## 3.0 YOUTH LECTURESHIP

BVBIZ succeeded in hosting a mini-youth lectureship from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of December. The event was organised by BVBIZ students and 55 came. Students and teachers delivered lessons and sermons. The event was well organised and lessons were well presented. The teachers were impressed by the organisational skills of the students. The youths enjoyed the program and were spiritually uplifted. The following congregations were represented at this event; Gokwe, Nashville, Redcliff, Plasworth, Lot 64 and Kwekwe.



*The youth fellowship that took place at BVBIZ*

## 4.0 PART TIME PROGRAM

Besides the weekend classes (face to face learning) and online classes that the part time class undertakes, students come to Gweru for 8 days during school breaks. This time they came on the 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of December. Subjects that were being taught include Denominational Doctrines, Research Methods, Introduction to Academic Writing, Personal Work, Homiletics and Public Speaking. Some of these subjects are on-going. The students had an opportunity to

preach, lead in songs, preside on the Lord's Supper and chair the Plasworth service on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.



*Some of the students standing with the church (picture1) whilst in the second picture, Nhamo Mandebvu one of the students preached during the service.*

## **5.0 EVANGELISM**

BVBIZ places great emphasis on practicum. In December alone several congregations benefited from BVBIZ students. These congregations include Plasworth, Lot 64, Redcliff, Marenga and Acturus. There are students who went for Holiday Preaching at Acturus and Redcliff. Reports from these two centres will be made in the next reports. Students who went on break are also active in their local congregations. The Marenga congregation in Buhera hosted a Fellowship Sunday on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and BVBIZ students were called upon two days prior to the event so as to help prepare for the day. Evangelism was done, members were visited and they helped to prepare the venue for the fellowship. Great appreciation to the Marenga congregation for taking care of the students. The following two pictures are baptisms that took place at Plasworth whilst the last picture shows the fellowship that took place at Marenga in Buhera.



The following statistics are a summary of what BVBIZ was able to do in 2021 despite the challenges caused by the Covid pandemic;

Hours out in evangelism	1021
Devotions	431
Sermons preached	75
Bible Classes	61
Total Lessons taught	310
Counselling sessions	41
Prospects	510
Tracts distributed	701
WBS booklets distributed	605
Restorations	26
Baptisms	59

## 6.0 THE TEACHERS HOUSE

One of the tasks that needed to be done was to plaster the box to the teacher's house so as to protect the structure. Students who have been exposed to some building skills are guided by their teacher, Ishmael Mutichu in plastering the section. We are grateful to this joint effort of teachers and students.



## 7.0 THE MAIZE PROJECT

The major highlight in December in terms of our projects is the maize project. Almost two hectares were put under maize. Planting was done by students in two fields as part and parcel of their training.



*The first crop in the first field*

## **8.0 MAY 2022 INTAKE (FULL TIME)**

BVBIZ is accepting applications for the May 2022 intake (Full time). Interested candidates can download the application form from [www.bvbiz.co.zw](http://www.bvbiz.co.zw) or sent a Whatsapp request to 0773993773/0774413647. The filled in application form together with the following documents can be sent to [registration@bvbiz.co.zw](mailto:registration@bvbiz.co.zw) or [bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com](mailto:bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com) or through Whatsapp to 0773993773 or 0774413647 or to P. O. Box GW1214, Gweru;

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

## **CONCLUSION**

It is with the most profound gratitude that God took us through the year 2021. This was possible through your prayers and partnership. We at BVBIZ wish you all a better and prosperous 2022 even as we all continue to labour for the sake of Christ. To God be the glory!