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FEBRUARY 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

In 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 Paul stated that, “ *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed . . .*” Despite the challenges and setbacks induced by the Covid pandemic, at the end of each month we look back and see the hand of God. God continues to strengthen and to provide for his people in the midst of these challenges. Whilst many school activities were on hold, we can report on a few developments.

1.0 UPDATE ON THE SECOND INTAKE

This class was supposed to graduate in October last year but due to the lockdowns they could not. The next date was 13 February but again, that failed. The class has not allowed the shift of graduation dates to stop them. They are already working with congregations. The following is an update regarding where they are;

- *Isaac Mupanduki- Isaac has been engaged by the recently established Waverly congregation in Kadoma, Mashonaland West.*
- *Virimai Gandiwa-Currently at Manyame in Chitungwiza, his home congregation and working with his local preacher, Godwin Marandure.*
- *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 Tengurachepa- Batsirai is now the preacher at Redcliff church of Christ, Midlands. This is a new congregation that began in 2019 during the school's field program.*
- *Blessing Tiyani- Blessing is now the preacher at the Jowo congregation in Manicaland.*
- *Matthew Adrian Phiri- Matthew is now the preacher at Glenview church of Christ in Harare.*
- *Gray Ndoro-Gray is currently working with the Plasworth congregation in Gweru. This is a new congregation which the school established in 2020.*
- *Charles Muzambi-Charles is now the preacher at the Warren Park congregation in Harare.*

We request that you remember these young preachers in your prayers. Some are working without financial support but just being driven by the desire to fulfil their ministry.

2.0 PROJECTS

2.1 MAIZE CROP

As was reported last month, the second maize crop is doing well whilst the first, in a field prone to water logging is not doing so well. A total of 1.7 hectares had been put under maize.



The second maize crop

2.2 BEANS

40kilograms of beans were planted on 25th of February. Incessant rains had disturbed the planting of beans. The produce is meant for local consumption by students.

2.3 POULTRY

The school finished the month of February with 3 batches of broilers. Each had 150 birds. The target is to construct a bigger fowl run once funds permit. The market has been good this far. The profits from the previous batches have helped in the purchase of some building materials.



2.4 2021 PROJECT TARGETS

BVBIZ is targeting to introduce more projects this year if funds permit. The ultimate objectives of these projects are;

- To equip students and ultimately their intended community with life skills
- To instil an attitude of self-reliance and unyoke the yoke of dependence that seemingly remain the major enemy towards development.
- To equip those who graduate with technical skills so as to further help and teach the congregants the same survival skills.
- To help BVBI-Z produce some food locally thereby reducing costs associated with food for students
- To provide more income for the school

The following projects are on the radar this year;

Layers project

The target is to start with 200 point of lay layers with each costing \$10. \$3500 will be needed for the fowl run. This means that a total of \$5500 will be needed to get this project up.

Goat project

The aim is to start with 10 goats. A total of \$400 will be needed.

Bee Keeping

Not much is needed to start this project. The costs involved are those of setting up which includes bee hives and wax. The intention is to start with 6 beehives.

Rabbit Project

Not much is needed again to start this project. The project shall start in a small way with at least 5 rabbits.

Horticulture

This project needs a drip system which costs \$2465. This amount includes a tank and a tank stand. Fencing of the area where the projects will be undertaken also need to be done at a cost of \$850

3.0 NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

From the year 2017 to December 2020 the school operated using a strategic plan that gave it its direction. Many of the targeted activities/goals were achieved. A new strategic plan is in the making and will be ready soon in the next few weeks.

4.0 RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

Due to the lifting of the lockdown rules, the 2020 class shall resume its classes on the 29th of March. A lot of work will be done to cater for lost time. More updates on this will be made in the next report.

CONCLUSION

We remain grateful to God and to you all for your support both morally and financially. Great appreciation to Woodland Oaks for the unwavering support even during these trying times world over and to Bear Valley Bible Institute International for standing with us. As things continue opening up, the school will start returning to its ordinary activities soon. To God be the glory.