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JULY 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

With the Covid pandemic still raging, many continue to realise that human effort alone is not enough. It is only God who can stop this scourge. Whether one is infected or not, focus is fixed on God. At the end of each month we look back and realise that it is only by God's grace that we made it to the end of the month. July was not an exception. With several programs on hold, BVBIZ can report on the following;

1.0 TERM ENDS

The 25th of July marked the end of the third term for this current intake we had. The following subjects were done and completed successfully; Denominational Doctrines I, 1 & 2 Peter & Jude, Entrepreneurship Skills Development, Horticulture, Wisdom Literature and Prison Epistles, World Religions, Worship and 1 & 2 Corinthians.

2.0 SPECIAL SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE MONTH

Besides the usual subjects in the school's curriculum, BVBIZ is infusing in life skills in its curriculum. Life skills that are on the radar include rabbit production, goat production, bee keeping, poultry production and horticulture. The objectives 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 a solution to the challenges of preacher's support currently prevailing in Zimbabwe and beyond

A lot of progress was made in July in horticulture training. We can report on the following;

2.1 SUSTAINABLE GARDENS' TRAINING

As part and parcel of the horticulture curriculum, BVBIZ engaged Healing Hands International to train students in sustainable garden projects. Bro. John Dube of HHI was the teacher from the 16th -17th of July. Some members of the church and community also

attended the training. Community leaders were also in attendance. Attendees were taught among other aspects, composting, construction of raised and sunken beds, planting of seeds, use of drip irrigation, dealing with pests and use of manure and fertilizers. Those who attended were given certificates at the end.



2.2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND HORTICULTURE PROPER

Another subject taught from the 12th -14th of July was Entrepreneurship Skills Development. On the 15th, an Introduction to Horticulture was made. The teacher was Bro. Panganai Toperesu of Africa Learning Development Network (ALDN).



3.0 FIELD PROGRAM

Students went for their field practicum on the 25th of July. They shall be there till the 5th of September. This year's practicum is a unique one as students will not be involved in many other programs that they normally do due to the Covid pandemic. Creativity will be one of the main issue this time around. Great appreciation to some benefiting congregations who had to drive all the way to come and take their students. From the dozens of requests that came, the following received students; Chiware (near Rusape), Plasworth (arear surround the school), Lot 64 (near Greenvale in Gweru), Mashava and Sipaba (in Esigodini). The students who went to Sipaba shall move to Mbembesi after 4 weeks as there are plans to establish a new congregation there. Our request to you all is to pray for these preachers in training for their safety and as they do their work in a not so ordinary environment.



Bro. Masvaya from Mashava picking up students for their field practicum

4.0 MORE WATER ON CAMPUS

3 years ago, Partners for Africa blessed BVBIZ with a borehole which is powered with a solar system and a 2500l reserve tank. However, with several activities now taking place on campus, more water was needed. A request was given to Partners for Africa for a 10000l tank. \$2000 was subsequently donated for this purpose. The tank was fixed successfully on its tank stand. Plumping work has also been done. Great appreciation to Partners for Africa for this great gesture.



5.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

5.1 GOAT PROJECT PREPARATION

Preparation for a goat project continued in the month of July. As reported in the last report, students had been working on the structure. All materials needed to complete it are available

except roofing sheets. However, time would not allow the students to complete a few remaining lines, plastering and floors as they had to depart for their practicum. A plan will be made to complete it and begin the project.



5.2 COTTAGE

In July we succeeded in fixing doors to the cottage. This house shall be critical to the school's drive for projects and shall also act as a storeroom. It has 3 rooms and a bathroom. The main outstanding issue on it is the septic tank which has already been dug.



5 Doors to the cottage were fixed successfully

5.3 TEACHER'S HOUSE

An appeal has been made and continues to be made, far and near, to raise resources needed to complete the teacher's house. About \$10 185 is needed to buy the outstanding materials. . Great appreciation to those who continue to send donations. Those that are not specific towards a certain area of interest are now being channelled towards the teacher's house. In July and from the 3 donations that were made (Mudhlozera family \$24, Chirenda Family \$50, Sande family \$5, we succeeded in buying 5 doors for the house. We are attaching a list of the materials needed including the labour costs. These document is being circulated far and wide.



Money donated was used to buy 5 doors

CONCLUSION

We end this report with Paul's words in Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (RSV)." Great appreciation to you all (both potential partners and active ones) for the great partnerships which is steering BVBIZ in its mandate of training workers for the Kingdom. The next report from us will be from what the students are doing in the field. To God be the glory!