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## MARCH 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

The lifting of the COVID19 induced lockdown saw several activities picking up at BVBIZ. The calendar has been adjusted, projects continued, infrastructure development picked up, evangelism began and face to face instruction commenced. These and more are contained in this report.

### 1.0 RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

Face to face instruction for the third intake resumed successfully on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.. All the 12 students in this class returned to school. This class is a few months behind in terms of its classes. In order to catch up on lost time, there shall be less of breaks this whole year. Lessons had started in December 2020 but stopped due to the lockdown that had been enacted. The following courses are being taught this term,

Homiletics 1  
Hermeneutics 1  
Acts of the Apostles  
OT History  
Life of Christ  
Galatians  
Godhead  
1 & 2 Thessalonians  
Personal Work II

### 2.0 NEW CALENDAR

COVID19 and the subsequent lockdowns have changed the school calendar many times. Many programs have been affected. The school has had to make several adjustments. The following is the tentative calendar for the third intake but based on the hope that no other lockdowns will come into effect.

#### FIRST YEAR SECOND TERM CONTINUES

29/03/21	Lessons Resume
6/5/2021	Welcoming ceremony
07-09/05/21	Evangelism seminar-Bulawayo

#### FIRST YEAR THIRD TERM

10/5/2021	Lessons commence
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09-13/06/21	Mini-evangelism campaign
24/07/21	Classes end
25/07/21-05/09/21	First field practicum

### **SECOND YEAR FIRST TERM**

13/09/21	Lessons Commence
16-17/09/21	Mini Refresher course
18/09/21	AGM and official opening of site
18/09/21	Graduation
10-17/10/21	Evangelism campaign
10/12/2021	Term ends

## **3.0 PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **3.1 Beans**

Due to incessant rains, it was difficult to plough the land due to waterlogging in the fields. The planting of beans delayed as a result. When the rains stopped, the land was then tilled and beans planted in the field where we had planted a maize crop that did not do well due to waterlogging. The field has wet soils which could see the bean project through.



### **3.2 Broilers**

The broiler project has been going on well. After selling 288 birds from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> batches, we realized total of \$1600. \$1200 from the sale was taken and added to the total of \$200 from donations and 10 000 face bricks for the teachers house were bought from Bulawayo. These were, however, dropped 3km away from the school site as the truck could not make it because of a very saturated road. 7 trips were then made using a tractor to get the

bricks to the site. Farm bricks that had earlier been made available for this project will now be used to construct a bit bigger fowl run once we are able to get funds for cement, roofing materials and labour costs. A total of \$2400 is needed to get this fowl run up. The next batch of broilers has 300 broilers.. This is the biggest the school has ever had.



*Bricks bought from the sale of broilers*

#### **4.0 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

The lifting of the lockdown measures that have been in place have allowed progress have allowed progress in terms of infrastructure development to pick up again. The builders were able to travel from Harare to the school site

##### **4.1 HOSTEL**

Painting of walls and tiling of floors in the hostel was left hanging when the lockdown commenced in early January. Several touch ups were successfully done in terms of painting and tiles in the month of March. Final touch ups on the walls of the classrooms were also done. A solar geyser was also fixed on top of the hostel. Skirting around the hostel is outstanding and shall be done in April.



*Final touch-ups on the walls (painting) being done on the hostel*



*A solar geyser was installed successfully on top of the hostel*



*The final outlook. The kitchen, hostel, classrooms and cottage were painted successfully. Trees shall be maintained to enhance a serene environment.*

## 4.2 COTTAGE COMPLETION

The coming of builders to the site saw the fixing of the roof, painting of the cottage and fixing of window frames. Plumbing was done successfully also. A septic tank and soak away tank were also dug. Only construction of the septic tank and fixing of doors are outstanding.. The fixing of doors and septic tank construction will be done when funds permit.



*A small septic tank awaiting construction*

## 4.3 TEACHER'S HOUSE

The teacher's house whose construction had stopped at the foundation level last year, picked up again on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Some materials were still available after the foundation was completed. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, the house was at the ring beam. All brick work is expected to be completed during the first ten days of April. Great appreciation goes to several individuals and families who sacrificed their resources so that this building reaches this point.

\$750 labour costs are outstanding including \$380 for concrete stones and river sand.



*The house as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March*

Developments at this house took place out of faith. There had been no promise of funds for its construction. God has been wonderful this far. Many, far and wide bought into the vision and have made this possible to this level. However, work shall stop once all brick work is completed due to lack of resources. The following are the next stages

<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>

## 5.0 EVANGELISM

28 souls were baptised in the month of March. The lockdown had not allowed this to take place. Several were awaiting baptism at the two new congregations, namely Greenvale and Plasworth. The Plasworth congregation is the congregation that meets the school site. BVBIZ students baptized the new souls.



## 6.0 DONATIONS

BVBIZ appreciates donations that continue to be made both in cash and kind. These have enabled the school to be where it is now. In the month of March, we received the following, \$50 from the Chirenda Family, an equivalent of \$50 from Bro. T. Dururu, \$20 from the Mazambani Family, \$5 from Sister Sande and a door frame from Bro. P Kufa for the cottage. All received funds were used to buy bricks for the teachers house. The school appreciates many, far and wide, who, one way or another, continue to partner us in this great effort of



training preachers. Those who would want to join this great effort are welcome. We are reachable using the contact details provided above. In the USA, you can contact us through Donnie Estep at [donnieestep@wv.net](mailto:donnieestep@wv.net) or +1-3047845416

## **CONCLUSION**

The month of March has seen activities at BVBIZ picking up again. Classes have started, projects have been maintained, construction of the teacher's house has picked up again, construction work at the cottage is almost complete, final touch ups in terms of painting to the hostel were made, evangelism is picking up and souls were added to the church. The coming in of many, far and wide to partner the school, one way or another continues to help the school in its main thrust of training workers for the Lord. Great appreciation also goes to the Woodland Oaks for her unwavering support. We continue to solicit for your prayers towards the work at Bear Valley Bible Institute-Zimbabwe. To God be the glory?