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MAY 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODCUTION

The COVID pandemic continues to play havoc in many areas. Despite the scourge, a few activities took place in the month of May. The month saw a new term ending and another one commencing. Projects continued in a small way and students continued to be prepared for the work ahead. These and other issues are reported below.

1.0 ANOTHER TERM BEGINS

The second term ended on the 6th of May whilst a new term began in earnest on the 7th of May. This year, breaks are going to be few for this new intake so as to catch up with lost time induced by the COVID pandemic. The following is the curriculum for this term which has already proved to be a very busy term for both the students and teachers.

7-9 May	Evangelism and Missions Seminar- <i>Bulawayo</i> Leadership skills and Conflict Management	Nkosi Mpofu I.Machingura
10-14 May	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians	I.Mutichu
17-19 May	Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
20-21 May	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians	I.Mutichu
24-28 May	Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
31 May-4 June	Wisdom Literature & Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
5-8 June	1 & 2 Peter and Jude	H.Suwari
9-13 June	Evangelism Campaign- <i>Greenvale</i>	
14-18 June	World Religions	D. Estep
21-25 June	Prison Epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Wisdom Literature	I.Mutichu
28-30 June	Wisdom Literature	I.Mutichu
1-3 July	Denominational Doctrines	M.Muchingami
5-9 July	Worship/1 & 2 Peter and Jude	I.Mutichu, H. Suwari
8-10 July	Drip irrigation and Poultry Training	J.Dube
12-13 July	Entrepreneurship skills development	P.Toperesu
14-16 July	1.Segments of Horticulture 2.Managing Horticulture Business	P.Toperesu/P.Chiruka
19-23 July	Introduction to Sign Language Mini Sessions-outstanding content	Rutendo Foundation I.Mutichu
25 July-5 September	Mini-field attachment (PART I) Denominational Doctrines (book summaries)	Supervisors M.Muchingami

2.0 MISSIONS & LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The new term began with a seminar on Missions in Bulawayo from the 7th -9th of May. There was also a session done on Leadership skills and conflict management by Brother Isaiah Machingura. The “Missions” component was done by Nkosi Mpofu and Khulekhani Dube of Zimbabwe Missions. Great appreciation goes to these brothers for the lessons done and to the Bulawayo Central congregation for providing the students with accommodation.

On the 9th which was a Sunday, students attended services in various congregations in Bulawayo. These were Pelandaba, Bulawayo Central, City Center, Nketa 9 and Sipaba in Esigodini. Some were given opportunities to preach, while others taught bible classes and others led in singing. Great appreciation goes to all these congregations for providing the opportunity to BVBIZ students to serve by putting into practice what they are learning.



Students participating at the workshop in Bulawayo



Bro I. Machingura inculcating leadership skills in the students



A student leading service at Pelandaba in Bulawayo

3.0 PROJECTS UPDATE

3.1 Broilers

The broiler project has been proceeding well. Another batch of 100 is currently on sale. The next batch has 150 birds. Great appreciation to Gray Ndoro, our former student who has been taking care of the broilers. These have helped the school, in a small way to cut down on its food budget and at the same time, contribute to the development of infrastructure on site. The two small fowl runs are being overwhelmed. A bigger fowl run is needed so that the project runs smoothly.

3.2 Maize

Harvesting of maize in one of the fields commenced in the month of May. The work was done by both students and teachers. The last field which did not do all that well due to water logging shall be harvested in early June. With the amount of maize harvested so far, the school will not be buying maize for students this year. A small portion shall be reserved for the poultry project.



Students harvesting maize in one of the fields

4.0 REPLACEMENT OF SOLAR EQUIPMENT

In October 2020, BVBIZ lost solar panels and the control box that had been fixed to its first borehole to thieves. The borehole was drilled through the partnership of Mayfair Church of Christ and Healing Hands International. This was a great setback to the school and the community which was also benefitting from the borehole. We praise God that another system has been put and the borehole is now fully functional. This time around, the solar panels were fixed on top of the hostel while the control unit is inside. The borehole is almost 200m away from the hostel. Great appreciation goes to the partnership above and their sacrifices which has enabled BVBIZ to get back on track again.



CONCLUSION

We thank God for what he has been able to do through BVBIZ in the month of May. Our appreciation continues to go to all our sponsors for their unwavering support and to many others for their moral and spiritual support. To God be the glory!