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## NOVEMBER 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

As usual, at the end of each month, we look back and thank God for what he has been able to do through BVBIZ. BVBIZ remains humbled and grateful to our partners and sponsors. Economically, things have not been easy in Zimbabwe. Despite all this, God has seen us through another month. We can only thank Him that despite these negative pressures, BVBIZ continues to advance her agenda, that is, to train men and women for the furtherance of the Gospel in Zimbabwe and beyond. The following is a capsule of what transpired in the month of November.

### 1.0 CURRICULUM PROGRESS

The following subjects are being taught this term; Music, Sign Language, Advanced Homiletics, Introduction to Computers, 1,2 &3 John, Community Development and Poverty Alleviation, Marriage and Family Development, Greek, Christian Spiritual Formation, Church Leadership, Church History and Research Methods. Some of these are short courses. The following subjects have so far been completed; Christian Spiritual Formation, 1-3 John, Advanced Homiletics, Music, Church leadership, Greek 1, Introduction to Computers and Community Development and Poverty Alleviation.

### 2.0 WEEKEND PREACHING

Students are provided with opportunities to work with congregations as part and parcel of their practice. Congregations that have benefited immensely in this regard include Plasworth, Lot 64 and Redcliff. In the month of November the following congregations had students; Chitenderano (Mvuma), Redcliff, Nashville, Plasworth and Lot 64. A total of 8 baptisms were recorded in the month. The school is happy to partner with congregations this way. From January 2022, students shall be available to serve more congregations.



*Blessed Marufu, one of the students preaching at the Chitenderano congregation just close to Mvuma on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.*

### **3.0 PROJECTS**

The school's drive to have several projects on site is slowly progressing well. The broiler project has been a success story this far. The new goat project is also in progress. The maize and beans projects done the last season have provided food for our students and this has lowered our food budget. The available maize can take the students to April-May 2022. This month, however, we can report on the following;

#### **3.1 MAIZE**

The target is to put about 2.5 hectares under maize. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 1.2 hectares were put under maize. The aim is to provide mealie-meal to our students from May 2022 to May 2023 and at the same time provide feed for the school's poultry project. In the event that there will be excess, the maize will be sold. In the same vein, students are being provided with the knowledge and skills necessary towards self-sustenance.



*Students planting maize*

### **3.2 RABBITS**

One of the small projects in the school is rabbitry. Great appreciation to Bro. James Abraham and Forget Nyandoro and their families for donating one rabbit and 4 rabbits respectively. This is the seed for this project currently underway.

### **3.3 GARDEN**

The school currently has a small garden. The garden has tomatoes, vegetables, okra, onions and cabbages. These are meant for the students' kitchen. The greatest and immediate need for the school is to have at least 2 acres under drip irrigation. \$1700 is needed for this task. The money will be for drip irrigation equipment and for fencing the area. This will enable a horticulture project to start. Any help in this regard will be highly appreciated. Students need to be exposed to horticulture as one of the options that a preacher can venture into whilst preaching the word.



*Students planting tomatoes and cabbages in the existing garden*

### **3.4 GOATS**

The goat project started with 10. The herd is now at 12. Great appreciation to Bear Valley Bible Institute International through Keith Kaserjian for providing funds that were used to purchase the goats. The aim of this project is threefold, that is; to provide meat for students selling some of the goats as to provide more income to the school and provide hands-on experiences to students towards their self-sustainability agenda.



*Some of the goats in the school*

#### **4.0 TEACHER'S HOUSE UPDATE**

Progress at the teachers house has been at a standstill for the past 6 months. We had aimed to install a roof before the onset of the rain season but funds have not permitted this to happen. However, in November, all the needed timber, nails and bolts were bought at a total of \$2025. Of this figure, \$500 will be paid in December. From January to March, the school shall be working towards the purchase of roofing sheets. A total of US\$1722 is needed for these sheets alone. After the purchase of the timber and other related material, the total remaining for materials (minus labour) is US\$8500. Total labour costs stand at \$3910.



*Timber bought for the teacher's house*



*This is the structure that was completed in May 2021 but has remained at the same level since then*

## 5.0 DONATIONS

We always appreciate donations both in cash or kind. Great appreciation to the Chirenda and Sande families who are always regular in cash donations.

This month, the school also received a donation of timber from the Fombe family. The timber is worth around US\$120. This donation really helped the school as we had to buy less timber for the teacher's house. May God continue to bless the hands that give!

## 6.0 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

As we look back into the past month, we give all glory and honour to God for taking us this far. The progress made with the curriculum, in evangelism, to donations, infrastructure and projects all show God's guidance in this endeavour. Your support financially, morally or in kind always propel BVBIZ towards the achievement of her goals. . This support is enabling the training of preachers for the salvation of many. To God be the glory!

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