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Where spiritual integrity, empowerment and academic excellence intersect

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” This commission remains alive at BVBIZ as all efforts are geared towards equipping faithful men and women for this cause. In the month of September, BVBIZ continued to advance this agenda in a variety ways. These are covered below;

1.0 TERM BEGINS

A new term began on the 13th of September. All students came back from the short break that they had. This term marks the second year for this intake. The following subjects are going to be taught this term

- Sign Language
- Church History
- Computer Studies
- Marriage and Family Life
- Community Development and Poverty Alleviation
- Church Leadership
- Homiletics II (Advanced Homiletics)
- 1, 2,3 John
- Christian Spiritual Formation
- Research Methods
- Greek 1

Following the purchase of some laptops and desktops for students in August, computer studies commenced in September. Great appreciation to one of our board members, Hailey Mhlangeni for working flat out so that this subject becomes a reality. He blessed the school with Nathan Kuchena, the Technician at Amazon in Filabusi to take students through part of the subject for a whole week.



3.2 What they said

Whilst we greatly appreciate the sacrifices made by the hosting congregations in feeding, some meeting transport costs and providing accommodation, a lot of feedback came to the school. In this report we include only three;

Much thanks to the school for the job well done through what we witnessed in the students who were attached at the Mashava congregation. They are well equipped for the work and we appreciate. We will be happy to have them again (by Isheanesu Masvaya, the preacher at Mashava).

Marenga church of Christ would like to thank you for the services provided by the two student preachers, Thomas Musongora and Carlos Chandipa. They did evangelism, baptized and even moulded bricks for the church building. We liked their stay and also hope that they learnt and enjoyed (from Wellington Makumbe Matsveru, a deacon at Marenga).

We are deeply grateful and indebted for the sterling work done by the student preachers during their 40 day attachment. They achieved so much and made impact within this short period (From Tawanda Chimedza, the preacher at Chiware church of Christ).

4.0 APPRECIATION TO A WORTHY SERVANT

Since May 2020 when the school moved from its rented facility to the permanent site, there is one man, a 2018 student, among others, who worked hard for BVBIZ. He moved to the site even when some basic amenities were not there. His vision was to be a preacher cum farmer. We allowed him to stay as long as he wished till his desire to enrol in an agricultural college is fulfilled. He became the man on ground since there are no houses to accommodate the teachers. Everything that needed to be done, he was a call away. His was a sacrifice for what he believes and for the school he loves. When the Plasworth congregation began at the school site, he became its minister. He was not being paid for his services. It was for God. Furthermore, he ran the schools poultry project since its inception last year to the present together with general maintenance of the site. In this report, we give him tribute. His name is Gray Ngoro. He left for Rio Tinto Agricultural College on the 19th of September whilst the school and church made a farewell ceremony for him on the 18th. BVBIZ wishes him well.



5.0 PROJECTS

BVBIZ continues to advance itself in projects. The intention being to gradually resource the school and at the same time empower and inculcate life survival skills in students.

5.1 POULTRY

Currently, there are three batches of broilers in the school. Two students are allocated a batch to work with. This is done on a rotational bases. This method is intended to inculcate life survival skills within them. Together with other life survival skills being made, each student will, therefore, graduate with hands on experience in many areas.



5.2 LAND PREPARATION FOR PLANTING SEASON

Preparation for this coming planting season is underway. Almost a hectare of land at the school's site was worked on. Disking will be done soon. This was a virgin area full of rocks and trees. This brings the total tilled land to two and half hectares. The hope is to plant maize, beans, sweet potatoes and a bit of sunflower. Great appreciation to brother Donnie Estep for providing the funds to work on this virgin land.



6.0 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

One of BVBIZ's greatest strengths is leadership training and development. The school welcomes congregations who wish to benefit from this. Kadoma congregation took the step and came for a training workshop on the 17th of September. Several topics that impact on the leader and leadership were covered in the workshop.



7.0 EXTENSION NEWS

BVBIZ continues on its mission of training men and women to be competent workers for the Lord. This is done at various levels. The purpose being to increase the workers. Those who cannot come full time join the part time class which, however, takes about 4 years to complete.

7.1 GRADUATION

The first part time class shall be graduating together with the full time class on the 16th of October at the Gweru campus. 15 are expected to graduate.

7.2 NEW CLASS

On the 26th of September, a new class began with 11 students (8 males and 3 females). The window is still open for those who may want to join it. The following are the new students in the class,

Kware Douglas
Nkomwa Picky
Edwin Thomas
Gamuchirai Chipfuwamiti
Suwari Philip
Kuwa Thinkmore
Muhura Nyevero
Mugova Mollyn
Thabani Ndlovu
Gotoru Yolanda
Masarakufa Witness

8.0 MAY 2022 INTAKE

BVBIZ is now accepting applications for the May 2022 intake (Full time). Interested candidates can download the application form from 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 or 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

BVBIZ remains grateful to our partners far and wide for their unwavering support. With this support, students continue to be trained and souls won to Christ whilst efforts continue to be put in to keep the saved saved. The next report you shall be reading from us shall be focusing on the graduation, AGM and official opening ceremonies that shall take place on the 16th of October 2021. To God be the glory.