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APRIL 2022 NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Each month brings new and renewed expectations. It brings hope that God will give us more zeal and energy in training men and women towards his cause. God renewed us as we started a new month which marked the beginning of a new term. So much was done in the month but we are pleased to report the following;

1.0 NEW TERM BEGINS

A new term began on the 1st of April. The following subjects are being taught; Minor Prophets, Geography of the Bible, Revelation, Elementary Hebrew, Christian Evaluation of Contemporary Ethics, The Preacher's Life and Work, Foundation of Missions, Introduction to Great Bible Doctrines, Church Administration and Governance and Chaplaincy Studies (seminar).

2.0 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

BVBIZ has a well equipped leadership training unit and stands ready to train elders, deacons and committees at various levels. On the 12th and 13th of March, members of the church's National Youth Committee were at BVBIZ for leadership training. The team was accommodated on campus and was trained in different leadership concepts, roles, dynamics and issues. The team was then given BVBIZ certificates of attendance to this leadership workshop. The certificates were given to the committee when it met for a planning session at Mutare School of Preaching on the 23rd of April with Dr. Campion Mugweni being the guest speaker and one of the BVBIZ ambassadors, Lovemore Manyanhaire assisting.



3.0 ADMINISTRATOR AND PROJECTS

BVBIZ is pleased to welcome a new member who shall be servicing as an administration assistant and working as a projects person as well. She is Praise Chiruka who is an agriculturalist by profession. Whilst projects were being carried out before, expertise was lacking. With her coming on board, we hope BVBIZ students will also be trained partially in Agriculture and that BVBIZ projects will increase in viability.

4.0 THE PART TIME BLOCK

Those doing the parallel program (part time class) were on campus in Gweru from the 14th -23rd of April for their holiday block apart from other methods being used. They are now in their second semester. These blocks are proving to be useful and a lot of ground is covered in the process. The following subjects were taught intensively; Hermeneutics I, Pentateuch, Elementary Greek, Godhead and Homiletics. These subjects are still ongoing.



5.0 PROJECTS

5.1 THE LAYERS PROJECT

The Finance and Sustainability committee within the Board of Trustees has come up with a plan of mobilizing funds towards this project. Their target is to have a minimum of 300 birds with each bird costing an average of \$10 at point of lay. To facilitate the achievement of this goal, BVBIZ is praying and looking for 40 individuals who will donate \$30 (for 3 birds) each, 60 who will donate \$20 (for 2 birds) each and 60 individuals who will donate \$10 (for 1 bird) each. The target date is 30 May 2022. Those who wish to partner the school in this regard can contact the school director on +263774413647 or at bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com or the chairperson of the Finance and Sustainability Committee, brother Brighton Raradza on +263772222302 or at brightonraradza@gmail.com and indicate the category they want. Those who wish to go beyond the listed categories will be highly welcome. Those in the USA can contact our regional director Donnie Estep on +1-3047845416 or at donnieestep@wv.net. All donations will be acknowledged. Together, we can make this project a reality. Can you help?

For other payment/remittance methods please call/Whatsapp +263774413647 or at bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.comThe following have responded so far to the letters send by the school's administrator;

Makanza family	\$30
Madanhi Family	\$30
Ndlovu Family	\$10
Mudhlozera Family	\$30
Muchingami Family	\$30

Abraham family \$10 Khata family \$30 Raradza Family \$41

This means that we now have \$211 with us which translates to 21 birds. There are 279 more birds to go. The following flier was made to summarize this effort;



5.2 HORTICULTURE

Our projects specialist started her work on a high note with the planting of lettuce and cabbage seedlings. Onions will be planted at the beginning of May. The month of April closed with her and the students preparing beds for the planting of onion. The target is to plant 10000 onion

seedlings in May and another batch in June.



5.3 TUCKSHOP

BVBIZ introduced a tuck-shop on campus as per the 2022-2024 strategic plan. This project was spearheaded by the Finance and Sustainability Committee within the board. This will help students with the provision of what they need during their stay on campus. The surrounding community which often walks long distances to buy grocery items will also come and buy from BVBIZ. Great appreciations go to the Raradza family for providing \$140 to kick start the project. May God bless this family. The profit realized from the sale of groceries in April was \$52.14.

6.0 "DRINK" MAKING

As part and parcel of BVBIZ's life skills development, "drink "making was taught to the students on the 27th of April. Great appreciation goes to Brother Damson Siwedi who facilitated and imparted the knowledge to students. Several types of drinks were made.





7.0 WEDDINGS

BVBIZ congratulates Partmore Simbi (2018 graduate) who wedded Loveness Jonasi at Murewa on the 23rd of April. The school also congratulates Ovius Kufa (2021 graduate) who wedded Fadzaishe Dziva on the 30th of April. Ovius wedded on campus and the wedding left the site looking better as more work had to be done to make it look better. We hope in future, more people will hire the venue for such occasions. The school appreciates Ovius who spent many days on campus sprucing up the environment. Aside from this, more efforts continue to be put to



environment.

Partmore and loveness' wedding



Ovius and Fadzaishe's wedding

8.0 EVANGELISM

Students on the parallel program started their practicum on the 1st of April. These are unique in that they have to work around their ordinary schedules to do the practicum. The following are the statistics from the field;

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tion					iza		
Name of Students	S.Chitanda	T.Kafile	1.Chipendo	E.Julius	T.Tinofa	M.Moyo & K.Simemez a	
Total		15	17	85	27	50	194
hours Tracts				72	21	40	133

distribute							
d							
WBS						17	17
distribute							
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Home	6						6
visits							
Hospital	1				2		3
visitations							
Counselin	1		1	1	2	1	6
g sessions							
Bible		1	2			7	10
classes							
taught							
devotions				26	11	18	55
prospects		10	5	23	25	23	86
Funeral						2	2
sermons							
Church	2	2	1	3	1	2	11
Sermons							
Song		1	1	2		5	9
leading							
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ns							
baptisms		1	1	2	1		5



Isaac Chipendo baptizing at Ziko church of Christ

9.0 TWO IMMIDIATE NEEDS

Though the school has several needs, the following 2 are immediate and top the priority list;

9.1 INTERNET

BVBIZ has not been successful with network based wifi routers. Network is not all that strong in the area. The only solution available to us currently is an installation of a Tel One satellite based internet. Other suggestions are highly welcome. The minimum cost needed to install the Tel One satellite is US\$580.

9.2 DRIP EQUIPMENT

The school's horticulture projects have been stalled due to the lack of a drip system and a fence to protect crops. Water and the land are all available. Drip lines, PVC pipes and connectors cost \$1560 whilst a fence for the intended area cost \$1050 bringing the total to \$2610. The school seeks partners in this area as well.

CONCLUSION

God indeed has been wonderful. Classes continued, life skills development agenda continues to be met, a proper foundation for projects continue to be made among many other achievements that were made. Great appreciation goes to our sponsors for making this possible. The advices and suggestions we keep receiving from far and wide are highly appreciated. Please keep them coming. To God be the glory!