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JULY NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Some time ago we wrote, “The training of preachers is a critical component in the growth of the church. A lot of diligence goes into it. Soldiers going into real combat are never trained in a day. Such is the case for a soldier of Christ. Ours is a spiritual battle. The task of winning souls to Christ is ever present in our minds.” This is exemplified by the activities that took place in the month of July. The school continued to put one block on top of another in its effort of providing the church with highly skilled and competent manpower. Both teachers, students, the board and various converge in this endeavour. The view is to produce a well trained soldier for Christ through various activities. The following are some of the few things that we can report on.

1.0 CURRICULUM PROGRESS

The 2022 -2024 intake covered a lot of ground its first term of learning at BVBIZ. The following subjects were done and completed successfully; Godhead, Life of Christ, Public Speaking, How We Got the Bible, Personal Work I, New Testament Church, Scheme of Redemption, English Writing Skills and Horticulture I & II.

2.0 PROJECTS

BVBIZ continue to lay the foundation in its drive towards some viable projects. Broilers have been doing well though less were raised during the winter season. The goat project is also doing well. The goats now stand at 17. The tuckshop project though very small has faced challenges of price fluctuations and a proper room to run the project. Once the issue of a room is dealt with, the project is promising. Besides these, we can single out the following;

2.1 LAYERS

The planned layers project reached another level in the month of July. More people came joined others to support the vision. From the month of May, the following contributions have come in;

Makanza family	\$30	Kanchefu Family	\$30
Madanhi Family	\$30	Kware family	\$20
Ndlovu Family	\$10	Mazhambe family	\$10
Mudhlozera Family	\$20	Estep family	\$30
Muchingami Family	\$30	Burgett Family	\$30
Abraham family	\$20	Mukondwa family	\$20
Khata family	\$30	Dururu family	\$10
Raradza Family	\$41	Mazambani family	\$50

Zunze Family	\$20	Manyati family	\$50
Gushakusha Family	\$10	Karikoga (T) Family	\$10
Gwena	\$20	Ngorima Family	\$20
Anonymous	ZWL \$7000	Sedze Family	\$30
Kwaramba Family	\$20	Morganville Church of Christ	\$250
Mpofu (D) family	\$30	Mlawuzi (T) family	\$20

Construction of the fowl run will commence in August. Great appreciation to those who have contributed so far. The target was 300 layers. By the last day of July, a third of the target had been reached. Construction of the fowl run is expected to commence towards the end of August. Booking of the point of Lay birds will be done towards the same time. Those who still wanted to partner the school in this effort are still welcome.

2.2 HORTICULTURE

The school's horticulture project which had started at a low pace accelerated towards the end of the month. The first crop to be sold is lettuce. Sales are expected to rise as in the next few months. Capacitating the project has been a challenge but God answers prayers in many ways. For some time the school had been wishing to advance its horticulture program. The focus of this development has always been to advance life survival skills in students and also provide some income to the school. God answered the prayer through Healing Hands International. In early July, BVBIZ received \$2500 towards fencing its garden and installation of a drip system. Close to a hectare was eventually fenced and a drip system installed. The school is very grateful to HHI for this gesture.

Soon after the fencing and installation of the drip system, students planted 3000 tomatoes seedlings, 500 lettuces, cucumbers, butternuts and other vegetables with maize going to be planted in early August. The following pictures tell the story;





3.0 UPCOMING PROGRAMS

3.1 GRADUATION AND PREACHER’S RETREAT

This year’s graduation shall take place on the 29th of October. This ceremony will be preceded by a 2 day preachers retreat (26-28 October). On the 28th, there shall be a graduation lecture code named the Isaiah Suwari memorial lecture.

3.2 GRADUATION AWARDS

As preparation for graduation continues, there are some awards that will be given to graduates. Members of the church are called upon to sponsor some of this. During the last graduation, most categories found sponsorship in terms of trophies, scholarships, clothes, money, books among many others. Those who sponsored some awards during the precious graduation ceremony can also renew their interest. Awards are named after their sponsor. The following is the list;

	Name of Award	Description
1	Barnabas Award	The student who encouraged others more (recipient chosen by students)
2	Homiletics Award	The best pulpit speaker
3	Languages Award	Person with the highest grade in languages (Greek & Hebrew)
4	Most Improved Student Award	Student who showed great improvement in terms of academic performance.
5	Young Timothy Award	The best evangelist
6	Valedictorian	Student with the highest grades
7	Leadership award	The student who showed the best leadership qualities
8	Best Female Student	Female student with the highest average grade
9	Isaiah Suwari Memorial Award	The Best Visionary Student
10	The Young Gamaliel Award	The student who showed the greatest qualities in teaching.
11	Entrepreneurship Award	Student who showed greatest skills and zeal in life survival skills

4.0 IN NEED OF A PREACHER?

Students who are set to graduate on the 29th of October 2022 are ready for placement so that they do the work that they are being trained to do. Any congregation in need of a preacher can contact the school. The students will be ready for the opportunities soon after graduation.

5.0 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: CLASSROOMS

The BVBIZ board is initiating a fundraising event geared towards the construction of a classroom block at the school. The event shall take place on the 1st of October at Blackstone primary school in Harare. Proper classrooms are a missing piece at the BVBIZ campus. Meal tickets ranging from \$10 to \$150 will be sold in advance. Stakeholders shall be notified of the individuals who will be in possession of the tickets. In total, \$35000 is needed to complete the structure. Whatever is raised will be put to use whilst further fundraising campaigns will continue till the structure is completed. The following flier is a capsule of the program;

Bear Valley Bible Institute
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Family fun Day
FUNDRAISING
towards the construction of a classroom block
at BVBIZ

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6.0 WBS WORKSHOP

On the 27th of July, BVBIZ hosted a WBS workshop which was attended by preachers from in and around Gweru. Students benefited as well. The guest facilitators were Brothers Phil Parmer (the WBS envoy for East and Southern Africa) and his wife, Machona Monyamane (a WBS board member) and Terrence Muza from the WBS office in Harare. BVBIZ greatly appreciates this team and the attendees who made the day a success.



7.0 FIELD ATTACHMENT

Field program continued in the month of July for both conventional students and those on the extended program. Students are attached to various congregations. 25 were added to the church whilst 6 were restored. For other results, please see the following tables (please note that 3 camps had not submitted their results as of the time of the report);

Congregation	Nhedziwa	Lot 64	Shurugwi	Derembwe	Manyame	Mutawatawa
Name of Students	T.Moyana &L.Kufa	R&M Mhlanga	M&S Kasimu	T.Dlamini& E.Mushonga	C.Mutambirwa &T.Musongora	C.Chandipa &B.Marufu
Total hours	61	91	123	207	145	119
Tracts distributed		173	670	10	200	
WBS distributed	153	5	50		700	
Home visits						
Hospital visitations						
Counseling sessions	6			5		3
Bible classes	4			4	2	10

taught						
devotions	40			13		82
prospects	60	51		12	80	82
Lessons taught		38	85	26	16	69
Funeral sermons					1	
Church Sermons	4	5		9	3	11
Song leading		4				
Restoration		2			4	
Baptisms	1		5	5	2	5

Congregation	Highfield	Mbembe si	Chiware	Ziko	Chivero	Hatcliff	TOTAL
Name of Students	K.Simemeza & M.Moyo	B.Sithole	T.Kafile	1.Chipendo	E.Julius	S.Chitanda	
Total hours	50			12	79		887
Tracts distributed	25						1078
WBS distributed	60						968
Home visits							
Hospital visitations							
Counselling sessions				1	5		20
Bible classes taught	5				3		28
devotions	25				76		36
prospects	18			5	9		317
Funeral sermons				1	1		3
Church Sermons	4			3	2		41
Song leading							4

Restoration							6
Baptisms	2	2		1	2		25

BVBIZ is continually grateful to congregations and individuals who partner the school in her effort. Most of the costs associated with this practicum are met by congregations and individuals. This is a great partnership and BVBIZ wishes for God’s blessings upon those whose resources are used to advance God’s work.

Some of the students will finish their mission in some respective congregations and move to new ones on the 15th of August. The new congregations going to be added to the list include Concession (Mashonaland Central), Triangle(Masvingo) and Mupudzi (Manicaland). Two reports from the field are included at the end of this report. Hereunder, however, are pictures that reveal what happened in the field in the month of July.







CONCLUSION

Several activities took place as highlighted in the above report. We remain grateful to God for making this possible. To our various partners locally and abroad, may God continue to bless you abundantly? It is through your efforts and sacrifices that BVBIZ has gotten this far. To God be the glory!

*Lot 64 Church of Christ July Report
By M & R Mhlanga*

INTRODUCTION.

The first part of our final field practicum running from 15 June to 15 August started well though on a slow start. We managed to perform some of the required duties without any disturbances. The only challenge we faced is that the area is a very small area and has previously worked on causing many residents not welcoming us as they say they already met some of our fellow workers. However, the community reaction did not deter our evangelistic spirit, God is enabling us to complete our field. We are therefore glad to present our report as below.

2.0 Evangelism

Our evangelistic efforts were very successful though despite some little resistance from SDA members in the area. In our evangelism effort we used several methods such as door to door, devotional services, Devotional lessons, Cell groups every week on Thursdays to fully bring people to the knowledge of the

only true God to the people. However, we are looking forward to receive some WBS books and tracts to help us in our evangelistic drive.

2.1 Devotions

Home devotions form the core of this field practicum. We visited homes and conduct door to door devotions in Lot 64 homesteads . In the process both church members and non-member were strengthened in the faith. During our devotions we share the word of God as we heed from the book of James 4:8 which call people to draw near to Him so that He can draw near to that. We also manage to pray for the sick and God healed them. In total we had 44 devotions to mark the end of July .

2.3 Prospects

As we evangelise and do Devotions we managed to come up with 51 prospects. These included the household family members. Few prospects were responsive, they promise to attend the services. Thulani Ndlara and Terence Livhi indicated the need for baptisms but were deterred by the cold weather. Those belonging to SDA did not welcome us citing that they were busy. All the prospects were from Lot 64 .

2.4 Restorations and New Convert.

We managed to restore to the faith 2 people Mai Keyla and Luckmore Ndlara who had backslided. Only Thulani Ndlara accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour but is yet to be baptized.

2.5 WBS ,Tracts and Pamphlets

A couple of tracts and few WBS courses were distributed. A total of 161 tracts were distributed .New Testament Worship 12, The Gospel of Christ 27, Kereke YeMubhaibheri 29, Covenants 11, Church of the Bible 5 , Bible Covenants and The Lord's Supper 30 as well as The Voice of Truth 11 and Tracts course distributed yet. 48 Pamphlets were distributed and 5 Introductory WBS courses were distributed.

2.6 Baptisms

No baptism was conducted. Those who promised to be baptised could not do so citing weather as excuse and these are Terence Livhi of Lot 64 at John Farm and friend as well as Thulani

2.7 Midweek Services.

The Church successfully conducted 4 midweek services .The attendance was poor averaging 7 Adults and 4 children's per service. Despite the low attendance the members were lively and the services proceeded well. Remember Mhlanga preached on all the midweek services. Regarding the absentees, immediate

action was taken on some members as the Preacher visited some members to check why they were not attending and encouraged them to attend the next service.

2.8 Sunday Services.

As a team managed to have 5 Sunday service which had average attendance of 15 people per service. The poor attendance was a customary thing: members had week in and week out syndrome. Total Sunday giving amounted to US\$2 and ZW\$950.

2.9 Benevolence Day.

Benevolence day happens to be one of the most soul touching evangelism effort we had .The whole Church conducted a benevolence Sunday at Gogo Nyathi where the word of God was shared. Afterward women helped with house chores such as sweeping and cleaning the yard, fetching water etc whilst men went to fetch firewood to bring warmth to the old women.

2.9 Preaching and song leading opportunities

The preacher managed to have 5 preaching and 4 leading opportunities on Sundays .

3.0 Welfare.

We are grateful to Lot 64 for taking good care of us during our stay at Lot 64. Unfortunately, we could not account for this but we cherish their support.

Nedziwa church of Christ Report

By Lascious Kufa and Tinashe Moyana

Introduction

As highlighted in the previous report, the congregation at Nedziwa has been blessed to spend the whole month of July with preachers. Below is a fully detailed write up of the programs and activities that have been held during the course of the month.

1.0 ALLNIGHT PRAYER

The church with the grace of God managed to plan and execute a stupendous youth ALLNIGHT prayer which took place on the 16th of July. Surrounding congregations also took part in this venture. The congregations were Mupudzi, Maruru, Chakohwa, Chayamiti, Machongwe and the Manicaland youth

committee. Well decorated preachers graced the occasion and life changing notions were deliberated under the theme "Going back to basics".

2.0 Humanitarian Aid

By the grace of the Lord, the church at Nedziwa was blessed to receive food in the form of rice from the well wishers all over the world. The church is nothing but grateful to those who extended their hands.

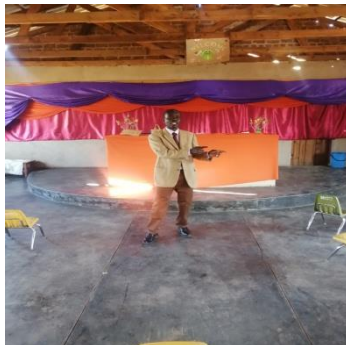
2.2 COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The preachers attended a birthday celebration as well as the sports day at Child Care Centre, an institution which deals with childhood development and they were part of the officials there. A bond based on mutual understanding was enhanced on the relationship of the Church and the centre

3.1 Didactic Review

a) The men

The men had an arrangement to meet every Sunday afternoon for this venture but due to other life commitments, one one was able to deliver as planned. Below is a picture of Baba Marumba delivering a sermon during a learning session.



B) Youth

The youths effort have been very plain as of lately as they had a successful Youth Sunday on the 31 of July.

C) The Sunday school

The Sunday school on the other hand made a lot of efforts with the help of willing parents although some are reluctant, others have showed much improvement in increasing biblical knowledge through memory verses.

4.1 Evangelism

The church was happy with the return of Baba Jambaya who was a member of church of christ since his youth, with the grace of the Lord the man was able to rejoin the brethren once again.

Below is a summary of the work carried out by the preachers during the course of the month in the surrounding area

<i>Number of hours</i>	<i>Devotions</i>	<i>Counseling sessions</i>	<i>Bible classes</i>	<i>Sermons</i>	<i>Prospects</i>	<i>WBS booklets</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>Backsliders</i>	<i>Money given</i>
<i>61hrs 45 mins</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>US6.50</i>

4.2 Church activities

The social and mutual understanding increased during the month through ball games. Bonding among the youth increased through sports

Conclusion

In light of all this, we continue to glorify the Majesty on high for the blessings on us. May the spirit of togetherness continue to abound among saints.

FIELD PROGRAMME REPORT 2022

CHIVERO CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Edson Julius

INTRODUCTION

From the 1st of July to the 29th of July 2022, I, a part time student of Bear Valley Bible Institute, continued with my programme at Chivero Church of Christ where I work as an Assistant Preacher. Guided by my Work plan, I managed to achieve some goals and also failed on some. I pray and trust that God guided me all the way. I believe that I can do everything, through Him who gives me strength,"Philippians 4:13"

PREACHING AND TEACHING

1.0 On the 10th of July 2022, I preached sermon entitled "Gone to come back" John 14:1-12). On the 20th of July 2022 preached sermon entitled "Excuses" Exodus 4:10-14. An opportunity came on the 23rd July 2022 and I taught a class of World Bible School students at Prince Edward School" Who is knocking " Revelation 3:20 was the Topic. From this class, two were baptized into Christ.

LOCAL EVANGELISM

1.1 On the 22nd of July 2022 ,I preached the good news to Tadiwanashe Pokole. Encouraged Mr Chikonamombe to consider baptism so as to walk with Jesus. I invited Mr Munaki to come and fellowship with us and also Miss Locadia.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

1.2 I didn't encounter any problem because my field programme is at my work place.

OUTREACHIES

2.0 On the 16 July 2022, attended lectures at BVBI DZ Ext Campus. On the 17th of July 2022 attended Church service at Maridale Church of Christ and opportunity to pray. On the 23rd of July attended World Bible School Serminar at Prince Edward School.

CHALLENGES

3.0 The prospects I studied with have not yet come forward for baptism and my prayer is that one day God cause the seed planted germinate.

FUNERAL ATTENDANCES

4.0 I attended 3 funerals

5.0 Statistics

Total Hours of Service				79
Funeral sermons preached				0
Total Baptisms				2
Total sermons preached				2
Total Bible Class taught				2
Total prospects				9
Total counseling sessions conducted				5
Total song leading opportunities				5
Total devotions				76
Men's Workshop: Topics 1. Public Speaking 2.Christian Vertues				1

<i>Whatsup postings of Good News</i>			<i>17</i>
<i>Tracts distributions</i>			<i>0</i>
<i>Total restorations</i>			<i>1</i>

6:0 Above are pictures from field work : Bible study study with family and outreach at Prince Edward School World hi Bible Serminar respectively.

7:0 Appreciation

First and foremost I want to thank Bear Valley Bible institute for according us that special opportunity to go to the field programme for the first time as ministers of the gospel. I want to thank all for your support you gave me before and during field programme. I also thank Chivero Church of Christ for being there for me during the month of July in field practice.

CONCLUSION

To sum it up my field programme is taking shape .I managed to reach certain prospects. In terms of outreaches I have seen that they are helpful and I'm growing spiritually. I was excited to have an opportunity to teach a class of World Bible School students for the first time. Thank you for all your support. God bless.

Thank you