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## MARCH 2022 NARRATIVE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

Training, equipping and moulding of would be evangelists takes a lot of effort. It is like building a house where one brick is laid on top of another till the superstructure is complete. BVBIZ continues to take these stages seriously. At the end of each month, we look back and thank God for the progress that would have made in terms of the building blocks. This report is a capsule of the effort BVBIZ is putting in making a difference in the church and in the lives of individuals and families. Together with you, so much more could be done.

### 1.0 TERM ENDS

Another term came to an end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. Great appreciation goes to both the teachers and students for the effort they put in to make the term a success. The following subjects were taught successfully in the term (December-March); African Traditional Religion, Romans, Church Growth, Advanced Hermeneutics, Major Prophets, Greek, Hebrews, Biblical Counseling (including HIV & Covid Care & Counseling), Sign Language, Pastoral Epistles and James. For the month of March, we give a special report on the following;

### 1.1 Discipleship

Discipleship making is a major issue in the Church Growth class. BVBIZ was pleased to have brother Auswich Mashaba of the Gospel Chariot Mission from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of March teaching and fine tuning the students in this area. A good job was done and students were left at another level. The program was opened to nearby preachers as well.



## 1.2 Donnie Estep Visit

The school was blessed to have Donnie Estep from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. He taught the book of Romans. He went beyond the school's expectation in imparting knowledge to the students. The school remains grateful to this visit. His visits and lessons are always a blessing to both the students and teachers.



## 2.0 UPDATE ON THE PARALLEL PROGRAM

Students who started their parallel program in September 2021 have completed their first semester on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March whilst their next semester began on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The following subjects were done and completed in the first semester; How We Got the Bible, Personal Evangelism 1 & 2, Denominational Doctrines, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, Public Speaking, New Testament Church, Galatians, Scheme of Redemption and Life of Christ. Besides weekend and online classes, the class will be in Gweru from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April for a block as they do during every school break.

The September 2018 class (Part Time) which is due to graduate this year on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October is going on supervised attachment program on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. These students are going to be attached as follows;

Tonderai Kafile	Chiware Church of Christ	Rusape
Isaac Chipendo	Ziko Church of Christ	Seke
Simbarashe Chitanda	Hatcliff Church of Christ	Harare
Method Moyo	Highfield Church of Christ	Harare
Kudakwashe Simemeza	Highfield Church of Christ	Harare
Charles Mugadza	Chitungiza Church of Christ	Chitungwiza
Tawanda Tinofa	Chitungwiza Church of Christ	Chitungwiza
Edson Julius	Chivero Church of Christ	Mhondoro

## 3.0 NEXT TERM CURRICULUM

A new term is set to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The following subjects are going to be 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 Systematic Theology, Church Administration and Governance and Chaplaincy Studies (seminar). Survival skills will continue to be taught as the term progresses.

Those on the parallel (extension) program will be doing the following subjects in the next six months (minimum); Acts of the Apostles, Hermeneutics I, Romans, Homiletics, The Pentateuch, OT History (Joshua-Esther), Godhead, Entrepreneurship Skills Development 1 and Sign Language.

#### **4.0 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

In terms of infrastructure development, progress was registered in terms of the teacher's house, a traffic circle and fowl runs.

##### **4.1 TEACHER'S HOUSE**

The teacher's house has been partially completed. Since January 2022, the following has been done; Roof installation, beam filling and plastering (of inner wall), fixing of a rough floor, electrical tubing and wiring, inserting of window frames and 2 x3m hinged doors, plumping, rhino set skimming, fixing of 2 exterior metal doors and digging of a septic tank measuring 3m(D), 6m(L) and 3m (W)



The following are the outstanding issues; glazing, fixing of interior doors (5 are already available), construction of the septic tank, installation of a solar system (About \$2330 is needed to buy 6 panels, 5kva inverter and a lithium battery) and tiling of the floors. The priority is on the septic tank and solar system. The structure can be occupied when these two have been fixed whilst other issues will be dealt with later as we progress.



*The septic tank awaiting construction*

#### **4.2 TRAFFIC CIRCLE**

Taking advantage of the presence of builders who were working on the teacher's house, a traffic circle was partially constructed using stones. This is part and parcel of the landscaping agenda using locally available materials. The circle is intended to enhance the outlook of the site.



### 4.3 FOWL RUNS

Two fowl runs which were constructed by the students, being led by their instructor, Ishmael Mutichu, had been left uncompleted since last year. The structures were plastered and roofed by the builders. This means that we now have 5 good fowl runs (of which one is currently being used to house goats). These can house an average of 1000 broilers put together.

### 5.0 PROJECTS

BVBIZ is on a drive to have viable projects. The following are the objectives which BVBIZ is pursuing to achieve;

- To provide more revenue for the school and ultimately leading to its development
- To equip students and ultimately the community with life survival skills
- To instill an attitude of self-reliance and unyoke the yoke of dependence within students that seemingly remains the major enemy towards development.
- To equip those who graduate with technical skills so as to further help and teach the congregants the same survival skills.
- To help BVBI-Z produce some food locally thereby reducing costs associated with food for students

### 5.1 BROILER PROJECT

The broiler project continues to move on well. Students who have been keeping the broilers on a rotational basis have continued to increase their skills in this area. From January till March, a profit of \$832.12 was made from the project. After successfully taking care of the broilers, students treated themselves to some braai.



## 5.2 LAYERS PROJECT

One project that has been on the school's radar for a long time is the Layer's 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. This project's objective remains the same as those above. 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](mailto:bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com) or the chairperson of the Finance and Sustainability Committee, brother Brighton Raradza on +26377222302 or at [brightonraradza@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:donnieestep@wv.net). All donations will be acknowledged. Together, we can make this project a reality.

For other payment/remittance methods please call/Whatsapp +263774413647 or at [bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com](mailto:bearvalleybibleinstitutezim@gmail.com) ” The following are the bank details

### FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNT (USD)

Name Of Bank : NEDBANK  
Name Of Account : Bear Valley Bible Institute  
Account Number : 11990731073  
Swift Code : MBCAZWHX  
Branch : Gweru

### LOCAL CURRENCY (ZWL)

Name Of Bank : NEDBANK (MBCA)  
Name Of Account : Bear Valley Bible Institute  
Account Number : 21034000038  
Branch : Gweru

## 5.3 HORTICULTURE

Another project that school dearly need is the horticulture project. Water and the land are all available. The greatest challenge has to do with a drip system and a fence for the intended garden. 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.

## 6.0 EVANGELISM

Evangelism slowly picked up in the month of March. The following congregations were serviced by students in the month; Lincoln (formerly Lot 64), Plasworth, Redcliff, Julena and Kwekwe. Great appreciation to the congregations at Lincoln, Julena, Plasworth and Kwekwe for providing

accommodation and food to our students whenever they go for weekend evangelism (Friday-Sunday). .

## 7.0 REMAINING CALENDAR

A lot of ground has been covered in what was intended for this far. The following remain in view

31/03/22	5 <sup>th</sup> Term Begins (Full Time)
01/04/22-20/10/22	Field Program (2018 Part Time Intake)
14-22/04/22	Mini Break
14-23/04/22	Block-Part Time (2021 Intake)
6-7/05/22	BVBIZ Ambassadors Conference
15/05/22	Arrival of New Students (2022 May Intake)
16-17/05/22	Orientation
18/05/22	Lessons Commence
5-15/06/22	Evangelism Campaign: Shurugwi (2020 Full Time Intake)
15/06/22-25/10/22	Field Program (2020 Intake)
05/08/22	Term Ends
06-16/08/22	Block Part Time (2021 Intake)
05/09/22	Lessons Commence (2022 Intake)
Sept 2022	Fundraising Day (specific day still to be decided)
02-08/10/22	Evangelism Campaign (2022 Intake)
26-28/10/22	Mini Refresher course
29/10/22	AGM
29/10/22	Graduation
6-12/11/22	Evangelism campaign
10/12/22	Term ends
11-21/12/22	Block Part Time (2021 Intake)

*\*Weekend classes for the part time classes will continue as arranged whilst the blocks will be done at the Gweru campus.*

## 8.0 MAY 2022 INTAKE (FULL TIME)

BVBIZ is still accepting applications for the May 2022 intake (Full time). 5 more places are still available. 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 [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**

At the end of each month, we look back and see the hand of God in the many and various activities at BVBIZ. Moral support from many far and wide has been awesome. To our sponsors and all donors, your work is greatly recognized. The Board of Trustees has been wonderful. Both teachers and students have been putting in their best. To God be the glory.