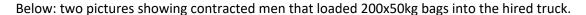
## Dear Brethren

I greet you being hopeful that I find all of you doing well with your families. I hope too that all brethren at KSR and their families are enjoying good health. In Zimbabwe I have no unusual health matters to report on. All brethren both at Hillside and the rural areas that I have close contact with are doing well. Whatever health complaints they may be having are minor at the moment. The following is the report of the relief that you recently sent and we have distributed it in full.

I received \$4100 on Friday 24 September which was meant to purchase food for the brethren in the rural areas. However, I did not go immediately. The following Sunday was my first to meet with brethren at Hillside after three months due to Covid lockdown. After lockdown the new requirement of being fully vaccinated was also introduced and I waited for four weeks to be fully vaccinated. Zimbabwe administers two vaccines from China one called Sinovac which needs two weeks for both jabs and the other called Sinopharm which needs four weeks. I got the latter.

We usually buy the mealie meal from Pote Supermarkets in Zvishavane. Our recent research had shown that Pote was selling a 10 kilogramme of mealie meal for \$4.80. On Monday 27 September, I discovered a milling company in Bulawayo which was selling the product at \$3. Buying from Bulawayo and deliver would mean the transport costs of hiring a lorry would be high. So careful calculations had to be done. Buying from Bulawayo would cost \$2900 for ten tonnes of mealie meal if they had been bought as 50kg bags but would cost \$3000 if they had been bought as 10kg bags. The bigger the packaging, the lesser the price. Transport from Bulawayo to all places would be \$900, my transport for my vehicle \$200 and labour \$100. Even though transport costs were high this was the best deal. If we had bought from Pote at \$4.80 a bag and transport and labour at around \$600, we would get less than eight tonnes as compared to ten tonnes we got. The Bulawayo deal gave us extra two and a half tonnes of mealie meal. I went ahead and paid at the milling company in Bulawayo on Monday and loaded the same day.







I accompanied the truck driver and his assistant and we travelled overnight. The next morning Tuesday, we offloaded at Masunda where recipients were gathered to share their food.

Below: Masunda brethren standing with their food. School going children were unavailable since it was a school day.



We then proceeded to offload at Chitowa but they were not able to share that same Tuesday but they would share on Thursday. After offloading at Chitowa, we went straight to Bera meeting place where Bera and Ruware brethren were gathered. They shared straight away.

Below: Bera brethren with their food. The bags that have no one standing behind them are for the baptised school going youths because it was a school day.



Below: Ruware brethren standing behind their food



After they shared, we left to Bulawayo. I would drive back to the rural home from Bulawayo the next day Wednesday with Nothando for the men's classes I was hosting from Thursday to Saturday at my rural home. Thursday morning, I went to pick up thirteen men from Bera and Ruware who were coming for the classes. I passed through Chitowa witnessing the brethren sharing their mealie meal.

Below: Chitowa brethren standing behind their food.



After Chitowa shared, I then went to my rural home to begin the classes at 9am. The participants were twenty-three men drawn from the above four congregations (Bera, Ruware, Chitowa and Masunda). I studied with them from Ezra and Nehemiah. I then had an opportunity to have some men from the group who aspire to be teachers and preachers and those that are already doing the above work at their congregations to take turns in making presentations. I had different Bible topics that I had written on small strips of papers. I put the small strips in a cup and one would pick a strip which he would make a presentation from. After each presentation, we had comments and questions from all of us who were listening. I thought of this exercise to help these men improve in their knowledge and presentation of different topics. At the end of the classes on Saturday afternoon all the men made an instant request to repeat such classes often. I then drove to Bera to drop the men who had come from there.

Below: We posed for a photo on Thursday after lunch during the classes. I am seated on a foldable chair wearing khaki trousers, a checked shirt and sandals.



Below: Another photo taken on Friday afternoon of men that were present.



Sunday morning, Nothando and I left our home at 7am headed to Bera. We would worship with these brethren at 9am to 1030am and then leave to Ruware a few kilometres away to worship with them also. They start at 11am. At bera I preached from 1 Corinthians 15, (Ressurrection).

Below: Bera brethren after service



Below: Ruware brethren after service.



At Ruware I preached from Colossians 3. After service at Ruware after 2pm, we then drove to Bulawayo nearly 250km away. We arrived home safely.

## **Summary**

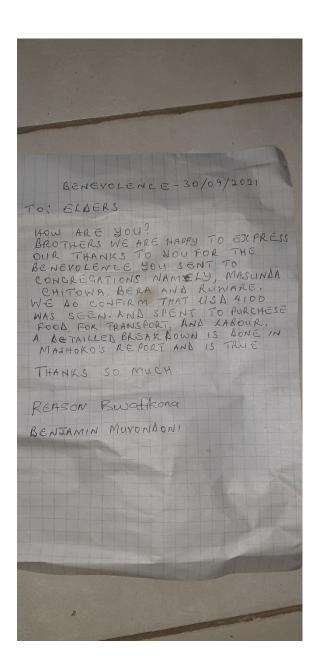
Mealie meal bought	200 x 50kg bags
Cost	\$2900
Transport (Hired truck)	\$900
Transport (my fuel)	\$200
Labour	\$100
Total number of beneficiaries	62 Bera, 41 Masunda, 25 Ruware and 35 Chitowa = 163



## NB:

- The mealie meal receipt/invoice is attached. The truck which was hired from an individual operator has no receipt supplied. Professional truck operators who would supply receipt/invoice were charging \$3 per kilometre. Transport alone would have cost us over \$1500.
- 2. The food will approximately last up to mid-December.

The brethren are saying thank you for the help. Benjamin and Reason wrote an appreciation letter which I have attached underneath. All brethren really appreciate. May our God and father continue to bless you in all your endeavours.



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