

Dear Brethren

I am hopeful that this report finds all of you and your families and the Lord's family that is in your company doing well. In Zimbabwe we are thankful that the Lord is faithful as always. Whenever I sit down to write a report of the work, I am always reminded of the love of God that he extended to me. The biggest love he gave me was to allow me to be part and parcel of the household of faith. Then He also gave me good friends and good brothers and sisters like you that take good care of my welfare while I try to work. I appreciate the fact that you have faith in me and the small work I try and do in the Kingdom of our heavenly Father. Your support both spiritually and financially is driving our efforts. We are thankful. May God continue to bless you.

May I also express our gratitude for your prayers during the time when Predecessor was not well. The month of July was a good month for him. He now has fewer complaints. We continue to pray that he may become fully fit. He had lost significant weight. The good thing is that his appetite is back. So we hope that since he now eats normally, he will pick up the weight soon.

Sunday 2, 9, 23 and 30 July

On the abovementioned days, I was at Hillside. I taught the morning bible classes as always where I am surveying the Bible. I am now in the book of Joshua having already done the first five. On 2 and 30 July I also preached and the sermons are uploaded on You Tube titled "**The Authority of God**" and "**The characteristics of the Gospel**" respectively. As usual a search for my full name Professor Mashoko on You Tube will give access to these lessons.

Sunday 16 July

We met with Chinhuwa brethren (formerly Masunda). Nothando and I were in the village. I taught in the bible class and it was an open discussion about a Christian and politics. The rural brethren are finding it hard with politicians who often force them to attend political rallies. Some of these gatherings are done on Sundays. My advice to the brethren was if there was such a gathering where they are forced to attend on a Sunday, and there was a real danger to their lives if they refuse to attend, they may attend such meetings but then gather later after the meeting to break bread and do other things they are required to do on the Lord's day. There are a lot of disturbances going on at the moment especially in the rural areas. We just pray that these elections may come and go without maiming or injuring anyone. They are due on 23 August.

A picture of the brethren. I am sitting close to the door next to a brother wearing yellow shirt.



NB: The name Masunda was dropped to Chinhuwa. This was necessitated by the fact that when this congregation started in 2018, it was in a village called Masunda. However, they could not get a vacant ground to erect the building. This forced them to move to the present site which is in a village called Mutsauri. To give respect to the village head who permitted them to erect a building in the area of his jurisdiction, they had to drop the name of his rival village head. However, they decided to use the name of a mountain nearby called Chinhuwa mountain.

Upcoming events

This coming Friday on 5 August, Nothando and I leave Bulawayo to the rural areas. I have classes arranged for two weeks. Having recently completed Genesis, I am planning to teach Exodus. I also have a plan to meet with preaching men and hone the preaching skills. This will be subject to the political climate out there. If it will be hard due to the political situation, we will have to cancel some of the classes. I want to utilise the school holiday which begins on Thursday 4 August to 4 September.

Thank you brethren. Greet all the saints you have opportunity to meet.

Professor