

## Dear Brethren

Greetings from Zimbabwe. It is my hope always that I find you in good health with your families and all the brethren in your company. In Zimbabwe we are doing well. The brethren are doing well in their physical health. There are sicknesses here and there, but there is no one that is having a serious condition that needs special mention. Spiritually, some are growing wonderfully but as is expected some remain stagnant and some even leave the Lord. We continue to do what we believe is right to teach and study with those who are interested praying that God may continue to give us the wisdom and the strength to do the little we can in His kingdom. I am humbled to share with you the following information which is the report of the work here in the month of October.

### **Sunday 1 October 2023**

I worshipped at Hillside in Bulawayo. I taught in the bible class which is done before the regular worship. In this slot, I am doing what I call the overview of the bible. I began from Genesis and now I am in the book of Judges. On this day I concluded the book of Joshua.

### **Saturday, Sunday 7&8 October 2023**

I travelled to the rural areas as this was the day to distribute relief which KSR brethren had sent. We distributed to everyone except Chinhwa brethren. That evening from 8pm, I was teaching at their building a lesson titled "Godly family". This lesson was disturbed at Chinhwa in August due to the political campaigns. I managed to teach it elsewhere. The lesson is on PowerPoint. The brethren gathered and we had a fruitful study judging by comments from some brethren. The study was open to discussions and that kept the brethren awake until way after midnight. Early at 5am the following morning since we had all slept at the building, we distributed the food. I was intending to drive back to Bulawayo because I was scheduled to teach the bible class at 930 and then preach in the service. The following picture was taken around 5am before sunrise of Chinhwa brethren who participated in the evening lesson. I immediately left for Bulawayo leaving them to organise their worship service.



I arrived in Bulawayo on time for Hillside study and I introduced the book of Judges. I later preached from 1 Corinthians 15. The lesson is uploaded on You Tube titled the "Resurrection is real". I keep repeating mentioning the key to the You Tube channel in case someone reads this report for the first time. The key is my full name Professor Mashoko which gives access to this sermon and several others uploaded.

### **Wednesday, Thursday 11&12 October 2023**

We visited Ruware church building in the rural areas nearly 260 kilometres from Bulawayo. Gathered were brethren from four congregations namely Ruware, Bera, Chenhare and Chinhuwa. The Chinhuwa brethren had travelled around sixty kilometres. Americans Paddy Kendall Ball, his wife Sandi, their daughter Maryandra and her seven-year-old daughter Mandy were visiting Zimbabwe together with another couple (Les and Linda Maydell). The latter couple was not with us at Ruware as they had visited Tsholotsho over 100 kilometres west of Bulawayo. On Wednesday we had classes at Ruware. Paddy was teaching men. He taught two lessons one on Leadership and another on Preaching. I translated for him. Sandi and Maryandra took turns to teach women and my wife Nothando translated for them. We spent the night at a lodge in Zvishavane. The following morning on Thursday we went back to Ruware and we had two sessions where Paddy taught a combined class of both men and women. His first lesson was on the Holy Spirit and the second was on Sabbath. I translated for him. Later in the afternoon we came back to Bulawayo.

Below: Brethren at Ruware after classes



### **Sunday 15, 22 & 29 October 2023**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had Les Maydell at Hillside. I taught from the book of Judges in the bible class. Les Maydell then preached in the worship service and he taught a bible class after service.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Paddy Kendall Ball was visiting Hillside. I taught in the bible class and Paddy preached in the worship service and he also taught a bible class after service. The two men's lessons are uploaded on my You Tube channel titled "Lessons from Proverbs" and "Lifting up Jesus" respectively.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I taught again from the book of Judges in the bible class at Hillside. I have covered the first five chapters so far. The American brethren left Zimbabwe on Friday 27 October.

Thank you brethren for your financial support. We really appreciate.

Your brother

Professor

