



Dedicated to New Testament Spirituality

MUTARE SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Church of Christ

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved” (II Tim. 2:15)

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Narrative Report

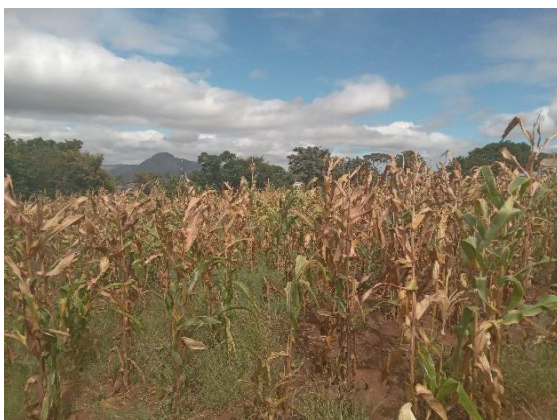
April & May 2024

1.0 Introduction

Preaching like any work has disappointments, unique pressures, discouragements and temptations. Because of the pressures and potential frustrations, it is imperative that the preacher works by commitment and stubborn dedication and not by impulse. The preacher faces opposition to his work, indifference and other unique challenges. It is therefore the purpose of MSOP to help build young and mature preacher's spiritual fortresses to withstand such pressures. Soundness in teaching, character, competencies, compassion and commitment are some of the preachers pre-requisite for a citadel (1 Timothy 6: 11-21).

2.0 Operating Environment

This is one of the most difficulty year due to non-availability of rains and has been declared a drought with poor harvests impacting the whole country and Southern region. This declared disaster is characterised with high food prices and limited access to income and basic food. We are calling out for help and willing hearts during this disaster induced by the El Nino Phenomenon.



The School had put an effort to plant corn/maize for food needs but all was in vain, due to drought.

3.0 Opening of School – Term Two

The term two learning programme commenced on the 8th of May 2024 after a one month break. This one month holiday, gave students and staff time to rest and regain energy. It also affords the school an opportunity to make field visits and assessments. All students were able to return for their studies and its winter season. The courses for term two are listed below:

First Term Course	Teacher	2 nd Years Course	Teacher
Denominational Doctrines	R. Gushakusha	Church Growth	N.Marunga
Worship & Liturgy	R. Gushakusha	Christian Ethics	T.Tanhera
Gospel of John	R. Gushakusha	Missiology	T. Tanhera
Evangelism & Church Plantin	R. Gushakusha	Sociology Religion	T. Tanhera
Homiletics 1	T. Tanhera	General Epistles	R. Gushakusha
Introduction to Philosophy	T. Tanhera	Denominational Doctrines	R. Gushakusha
Communication & Media II	T. Tanhera	NSS	N. Marunga
O.T Law	T. Tanhera	Hebrew	O.T. Marange
Greek	O.T. Marange	Church History& Thought	N. Marunga



The School took an opportunity to show case its services during the Gospel meeting.

4.0 Results Publication

The results for term one examinations were released during the 2nd term week of opening. The students did very well in their class written examinations, giving us a 98% pass rate. The 2% failed one to two courses and will have re-writes during the course of the term. The hardworking attitude and teamwork among students is greatly appreciated.

Class statistics for 2024

Level	Males	Females	Total
Third Years	4	4	8
Second Years	4	4	8
First Years	8	1	9
Total	17	10	25

NB: One first year couple (husband and wife) could not make it back to school due to family challenges and studying at the same time, there is need for back up support on such students.)



The students doing décor course embarking on practicals on how to fashion the stage and behind.

5.0 Second Term Up Coming Events

Term two of our learning calendar is the busiest time of the year where our major events in the school take place. These include our National Preacher's Lectureship (Refresher Course), School Annual General Meeting, Graduation Ceremony and receiving many visitors. This year's theme for the Preacher's Refresher Course is, "Striving for Excellency in Leadership". All preachers are invited to attend this annual program as we seek enhance our ministry practice through sound leadership.

School Calendar for 2024

Event	Date (2024)
Term One	January 9 th – March 26 th
Term Two	May 7 th – August 1 st
Term Three	September 9 th – November 28 th
Hillcrest Visit	July 11-15 th
Preacher's Refresher Course	June 25 th – 27 th
Annual General Meeting	June 28 th
Graduation	June 29 th
Leadership Seminar	October 27 th -30 th
Field Practice	January 12 th – December 20 th

As part of their training, the students during weekends and holidays visit congregations to preach and teach. The students are also engaged during the one month break or holiday by congregations to offer

ministry services to them. This has kept our students very busy and relevant to their line of calling. The students in this past term are working with Murambinda, Nyamauru, Federation, Hobhouse, Hillview, Mutasa and other surrounding congregations.

Students Intake for 2025 First Year Class

Applications are being invited from qualifying students to be enrolled for ministry studies for the 2025 learning year. Young men with post high school certificate, who are faithful and with passion to serve our Lord are encouraged to apply. Church and leadership recommendation is highly needed. Our interview date will be on July 12, 2024. One can download the form from our website.

6.0 Expected Visitors for 2024

It is always a blessing and great joy to welcome visitors at the school. Visitors bring encouragement and value addition to our training programs and our graduates. Training preachers to populate heaven is a collective responsibility and your partnership with our school is greatly appreciated particularly when you pay us a visit. Feel welcomed at our school. We are looking forward to visitors from Hillcrest church Christ and partners (USA), Brian Davis and family (WBS), Hubert Collier and team from Graham Street church of Christ (USA), Fielden and Janet (Tanzania), Dan Goodyear and team (USA), local preachers and our alumni, and all planning to visit Mutare School of Preaching. We treasure your visit, support and prayers.

7.0 Matching Challenge Call for 2025 Learning Year

Sunset International Bible Institute, through the Dean of International Studies (Doug Reeves) came in a big way to help the school by providing student scholarships through a “Matching Challenge”. Paying tuition fees is one way to support our operational budget, however, because of our socio economic difficulties, poverty and drought our students find it difficult to attend school to be trained as preachers of the gospel. This move by Sunset International Bible Institute to launch call for a matching challenge starting 2024 has helped increase our enrolment for the class of 2024. Sunset International Bible Institute will match donations up to USD\$8 000.00 each year for next three years providing scholarships for approximately ten students. The school is calling for 2025 matching donations and these can be sent to:

You can give, mail or check out to: Sunset International Bible Institute 3723 34th ST. Lubbock, TX 79410 or Hillcrest Church of Christ 650 East Ambler Avenue, Abilene TX 79601 phone: 325-691-4200 for: Mutare School of Preaching Scholarship Zimbabwe. Thank you for partnering with us to evangelize the world.

8.0 General Updates on Projects

Running small micro projects at the school greatly help reduce pressure on our operational budget and at the same time equipping our students with added potential skills to enhance self –supporting options as they graduate from school. These projects include horticulture (open garden and the greenhouse), piggery and cattle projects.



The open field/ garden has greens or vegetables for the kitchen, students help by working on the garden as part of their horticulture training.

Greenhouse garden

The tomato crop is ripening gradually since our winters are cold and impact on rate of ripening. First fruits were picked up and were sold to the kitchen and the remainder to the public. Students are involved with working on pests, weed management and harvesting. The harvest will benefit the kitchen, while excess will be sold to defray expenses.



It took three months of pest control, weed management and watering to reach this ripening stage.



The tomatoes are now at harvesting stage, though it is slow due to low temperature this winter.

Cattle project

The school is currently running a Boran herd and Hard Mashona herd located at Nhowe Mission farm. Both are in good state and thriving, though continued vigilance is needed in regard to diseases outbreaks and supplementary feeding during the winter season when pastures will be very minimal.

Herd	Heifers	Steers	Cows	Calves	Bulls	Total
Boran	8	3	6	0	2	19
HMashona	3	2	5	4	0	14
Total	11	5	11	4	2	33

It is very encouraging to note that 7 cows are pregnant (6 boran and 1 hardmashona breed) and we expect them drop gradually in the next three months. During term one of our calendar, one cow and a pig were slaughtered and sold to the school for meat purposes for our students.



The school herd of cattle at Nhowe Mission looking very health, hoping to grow the herd to profitable levels, while meeting the grazing needs and supplementary feeding.

Piggery

Great appreciation goes to Healing Hands International for supporting our piggery project initiative with three pigs, two females and one male for breeding purposes. Plans are at an advanced stage to relocate the piggery project close to the school in Mutare. Efforts are being done to secure arable land to construct piggery shelter to enhance our projects monitoring at a close and convenient place. We invite your hand in this project of shelter construction which has been budgeted for US\$ 3000.00.

In order to fit into the water needs at Nhowe Mission, we have deliberately kept our pig population at 12, with 8 females and 4 males. We hope to expand it once the projects is close to Mutare.

9.0 Solar Street Lighting

The school is appealing for a one time donation or staggered support to put in place solar lights around our campus. This will enable students, staff and visitors to move around during dark hours of loading shedding. The proposed budget for the facility improvement is \$4 000.00.

10.0 Harvest from the Vineyard



Students on field practice harvesting souls for Christ: Degree at Chiware church of Christ and Mcford at Dombotombo church of Christ for the rest of year 2024. This is what happens when a student is scholarshipped.

11.0 MSOP Student Support Program

Adopting a student and pay for his tuition and boarding fees is one great way you can help us. One can pay the fees in part or in full for any student or make a once off donation towards student fees, this will be very helpful.

12.0 Appreciation for financial and material donation

We are so thankful to all our sponsors and supporters both local and foreign for the financial and material support towards the school. Your prayers and encouragement brought us thus far. However, we continue to lobby with all local individuals and congregations to double their efforts to meet the school needs. If we all get involved in this work it will become easier. If you have any question concerning the school please feel free to contact us on the details below:

13.0 MSOP Account Details

Local Donations	International Donations
ZWL	US\$
Stanbic Bank – Mutare Branch	Bank Account: Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe
Mutare School of Preaching	Bank Account Name: Mutare School of Preaching
Account Number: 9140000762341	Bank Account Number: 9140001006230
Mutare, Zimbabwe	Account Type: Nostro Account (Foreign Account)
	Swift Code: SBICZHXXX

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