



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 for February and March

2024

1.0 Introduction

The death of Christ remains crucial, but the resurrection is just important because Jesus Christ died so that we can be saved, being the son of God makes Him the only one to save us. If He had not been raised from the dead, He would not have proved to be the son of God. Therefore, without His resurrection, His death would not have resulted in our redemption. This fulfils our story of salvation as reflected in the gospel accounts (Mark 15-16) and it is our goal to train men and women who will proclaim this true gospel.

2.0 Drought and Food Crisis

The year 2024 harvest has been declared a drought with poor harvests impacting the whole country and Southern region. This has been declared a disaster, 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 once green, blooming and promising crop was adversely affected by the heat and was burnt without any hope of harvest. This drought year is one of the worst experienced, posing a food security for the school and the rest of the country.

3.0 Field Practice 2024

One year field practice (internship) is an integral component of our training curriculum and this makes MSOP a unique preacher training institution. Students take so much time to prepare for it while the staff spend hours and energy equipping students for this practical experience. Below is one report from one student including their pictures.



Degree Maturura stationed at Chiware, Rusape. Next is Macford Phiri (married to Melisa) is stationed at Dombotombo church of Christ in Marondera. Below is an extract from their January report as they commenced field practice this year 2024.

Station : Dombotombo Church of Christ

Students: Macford and Melisa Phiri.

Period : 01-31 January 2024

Ref : Attachment report for the month of January

Introduction

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to thank the Lord for giving us this opportunity to be His workmen. We also want to appreciate the church leadership and the whole congregation for welcoming us very well in the love of Christ to be part of the congregation. We are settling very well and have already started work.

Worship Services

Our Sunday worship services follow designed schedule made by the church leadership. This task was assigned to me as the incoming preacher, though on field practice, and look forward to this new challenge.

On the 14th of January 2024 we had our first Sunday worship service, where we were welcomed by the church after service. I was the preacher for this inaugural service. We also had an opportunity to interact and know each other with the members present. The church leadership promised to give us a member who would work with us in showing us around and meet the members in their houses. Attendance was not announced but we were approximately around 50.

I coordinated, preached and taught classes during Wednesday and Friday services, weekdays we normally do bible study with the members present. On Friday evenings we usually meet in houses of members who are willing.

Evangelism

- *I started doing house visits to some of the church members. This has given us the opportunity to interact and know each other very well. During these visits we give the members a chance to tell us of their experience and also share with us on how we can improve our way of doing things.*
- *I also visit Dombotombo Poly Clinic for prayers for the sick, the Sister-In-Charge showed a lot of interest in working with us. We agreed to offer devotion services every Mondays at 0730hrs.*
- *We also are visiting schools in the community for devotions, counselling and enrolling for WBS. Each school provides me with a coordinator who will facilitate my programs at the schools.*
- *We have engaged Ida Wokwako Old Peoples Home in Dombotombo, where we reach out, counsel, carry out bible lessons and offer prayers to the inmates, this is done on Wednesdays.*

Ladies activities

My wife, Melisa coordinates women activities at the congregation which includes teaching ladies classes, services, visits, counselling and offering spiritual support to some women in and outside the church.

Appreciation

I and my wife Melisa would like to express our gratitude for a warm welcome from the church. The church offered us appropriate accommodation and the church is catering for our welfare very well, by giving groceries and some allowances

We also appreciate the leadership and other members for being there for us. They are all a call away and more than ready to assist. We also want to applaud other senior preachers in Marondera area who welcomed us at home and offered to support us in this work.

Challenges

Our main challenge is of electricity. It mainly affected us in communication as most of the time our mobile phones were off during the period.

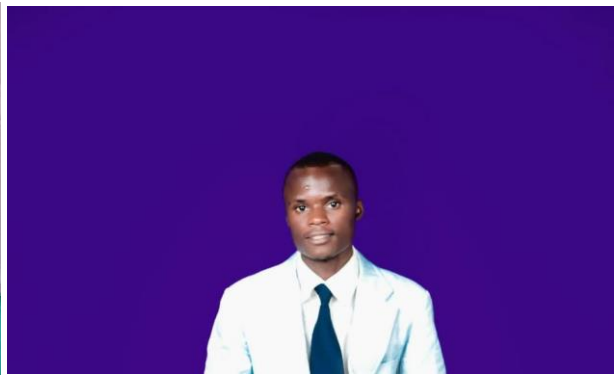
Proposals

All members need to be engaged in activities all the time. The church should have a project to sustain them.

*Our motivational word for the month is **Mark 10:27**, “Jesus looked at them and said ‘With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.’”*

Compiled by

Phiri Melisa and Macford



James (married to Caroline) is located at Nyamauru, while next is Anesu stationed at Murambinda

4.0 School Calendar for 2024

First Term	9 January -26 March
Second Term	7May – 1 August
Third Term	9 September – 28 November
Refresher Course	25-27 June
Annual General Meeting	28 June
Graduation Ceremony	29 June
Marriage Enrichment Seminar	8-10 November
Examinations	
18-25 March	
25-31 July	
21-27 November	
Field Attachment	12 January 2025

5.0 Meet our International Graduate

Kamau Samuel (Kenya) 2917-2019. He was born on May 10, 1985, Nyandarua in South Kenya. After completing his studies he proceeded to Ghana to further his education and graduated in December 2023. Since January 2024 to date, Kamau Samuel Muturi was able to establish four congregations, distributed bibles, gospel literature and hymn books. The story of establishing congregations, evangelism and nurturing these babes in Christ is a great inspiration and achievement to us. Glory be unto the Lord



Samuel Muturi Kamau is fulfilling the great commission, preaching and teaching, distributing bibles.

6.0 Visitors from Healing Hands International

It was a great joy and blessing to welcome visitors from Healing Hands International (local team and those from USA) the visit enhanced our partnership and possible areas of collaboration. The team toured the campus and appreciated the work and progress taking place.



The Healing Hands International visiting team at MSOP, toured the campus and the greenhouse with tomato crop at flowering stage.

7.0 Expected Visitors-2024

Welcoming visitors always bring to us joy and encouragement, motivation and nourishment to our staff and students. We look forward if Lord willing to receive and welcome the following visitors Hillcrest Team (USA), Janet & Fielden (Tanzania) Hugbert Collier and team (USA), our local alumni and many others. Just know we treasure your visits and encouragement.

8.0 Reflection on NLBI Training

The impact this training has had on our students and staff is remarkable as this is shown through their practical application of the knowledge. This was a great job done and hopefully more will be reached out using this tool.



Training time by Stanely Shereni at MSOP, which was flowed by graduation and certification of students. The students have already partnered with a trainee prison chaplain to carry practicals.

9.0 Vocational Courses Update

The students continue to appreciate and enjoy the vocational courses offered and promised to use the skills to sustain themselves after school.



The students involved in life skills, décor (for events like weddings) and welding, with their instructors. They graduate with certificate of competence in the respective areas.

10.0 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 difficult 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 the 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.

11.0 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 and staff to move around during dark hours of loading shedding. The proposed budget for the facility improvement is \$4 000.00.

12.0 Appreciation for Financial and Material Support

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.



Siwedi D. donating hymn books to students at MSOP. This is greatly appreciated, next are high school learners doing WBS, and very soon will be enrolled for NLBI series of lessons.

13.0 Mutare School of Preaching Account Details

To get a tax cut from our USA partners, choose to give to Hillcrest church of Christ, 650 E Ambler Ave, Abilene, TX 79601 designated to other with a note: Mutare School of Preaching.

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