



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 January 2024

1.0 Introduction

Compliments of the New Year dedicated to the service for our Lord, God. As we start each New Year, it is no secret that we face numerous challenges in our different set ups. We are living in very difficult days, discouraging times, and a lot of fears, uncertainties, sadness and the ravaging global conflicts. It seems as if everything is falling apart including our spirituality, worship, and love for the Lord. As we face this New Year, we need to be strengthened and appreciate that even persecutions did not weaken or destroy the church rather it became stronger and stubborn in faith (1 Thess. 5:17).

2.0 Opening of School for 2024

Thanks be to the Almighty for carrying us on His wings into 2024. The school opened on January 9th 2024 for both students on full board and those commuting from home. All second year students were able to make it back to school, while the third year class safely arrived to their field practice stations. It was really exciting and joyous to welcome our first year students to the campus, realizing their backgrounds and the economic challenges affecting our country. Our appreciation goes to Sunset International Bible Institute and our participating partners in the matching challenge for helping this class of eleven to learn. This class includes one student beneficiary (a refugee) from Tongogara Refugee Settlement in Zimbabwe.



The first year students in their classroom. Next is Diana Mushanawani doing the hedge for the school.

Class statistics for 2024

Level	Males	Females	Total
Third Years	4	4	8
Second Years	4	4	8
First Years	9	2	11
Total	17	10	27

Meet our first year class for 2024



Hector Dube, 32 (married to Dorcus)



Dorcus Dube, 31



Frank Charlie, 46 (married to Sarudzai)



Sarudzai Zaranyika Charlie, 40



Kutura Mutavuka Job, 38 (Congolese)



Taurai Mapaike, 29 (single)



Titus Abisha Mbwando, 24 (single)



Hope Sadzi, 21 (single)



Stewart Parehwa, 33 (single)



Givemore Guminyo, 18 (single)



Levison Mekerese, 24 (single)



First Year Class for 2024

Student from Tongogara Refugee Camp

Kutura Job Mutavuka was born on May 4th, 1985 in Democratic Republic Congo, he is married and with two children (12 and 14 years old all boys). He came to Zimbabwe as a refugee in 2015 and since then, he has been staying and confined to Tongogara refugee settlement. During our school evangelism efforts and gospel literature distribution, Kutura was identified as a potential student and candidate to help spread the gospel in this settlement. The school interviewed him together with his wife, their status was established and were cleared to come to school. He speaks English, French and Swahili and is passionate about sharing the gospel with others anywhere the Lord takes him. However, life of a married refugee is a great challenge and seeks help on his behalf for family livelihoods. His wife and children are still in the refugee camp.



Kutura Job Mutavuka (Congolese) in class at MSOP. Next is Job with his wife at their home in the Refugee camp settlement.

3.0 Class Schedules for 2024, Term One

The courses being taken this term for all classes are listed below:

First Years: Course	Teacher	Second Years: Courses	Teacher
Introduction to Computers	Nhamo Marunga	OT Minor Prophets	Theophilus Tanhera
Introduction to the NT	Ringisai Gushakusha	Church Managt. & Administration	Nhamo Marunga
Introduction to the OT	Theophilus Tanhera	Pauline Epistles	Ringisai Gushakusha
Communication & Media	Theophilus Tanhera	World Religions & Ideology	Ringisai Gushakusha
Life of Christ	Ringisai Gushakusha	Marriage & Family Studies	Nhamo Marunga
New Testament Church	Ringisai Gushakusha	OT Major Prophets	Theophilus Tanhera
Christian Spiritual Formation	Ringisai Gushakusha	Hermeneutics	Theophilus Tanhera
Acts	Ringisai Gushakusha	Research Methods & Writing	Theophilus Tanhera
OT History	Ringisai Gushakusha	Hebrew I	Owen Marange
Greek I	Owen Marange	Life Skills Devpt.	Resource Persons

4.0 Deployment for 2024 Field Practice

One year field practice or internship is an important integral component of our curriculum and training that helps students to integrate theory and practice in a real world. During this one year internship, a student works with a congregation under an experienced preacher or leadership or at times start new work under the school mentorship. Each student is supervised, assessed and mentored and will produce monthly reports. This has helped us to churn out polished and quality graduates with a cutting edge. Below are the congregations with our students for 2024 field practice:

Name	Status	Place/Congregation	Mentor
Degree Maturura	Single	Chiware, Rusape	Preacher Chimedza
Anesu Manyarara	Single	Murambinda, Buhera	Mberenga-Preacher
Loice Nduru	Married	Prisons, Mutare	Mucherera-Chaplain
Shupikai Mapfuwa	Married	Nyamauru, Mutare	Gushakusha R.

Macford & Melisa Phiri	Married	Dombotombo	M. Chitendeni
James & Caroline Rumbabvu	Married	Nyamauru	Gushakusha R.

5.0 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	TBA
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

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, Hubert Collier and team from Graham Street church of Christ, Fielden and Janet, local preachers and our alumni, and all those still planning to visit Mutare School of Preaching. We treasure your visit, support and prayers.

7.0 New Life Behaviour International (Training of Trainers)

The school would like to thank Stanely Shereni (Prison Minister and NLBI trainer) for facilitating a one week training for our students, staff and few visiting preachers (January 22-26, 2024) at the campus. This was an opportunity for students to learn, and embrace this tool for their work in the ministry. The school appreciates this partnership with NLBI and becomes a centre for training and development, among other evangelistic tools. The training was informative, educative, exciting, transformative and user-friendly. Course materials and refreshments were funded by Graham Street congregation, we greatly appreciate this support.



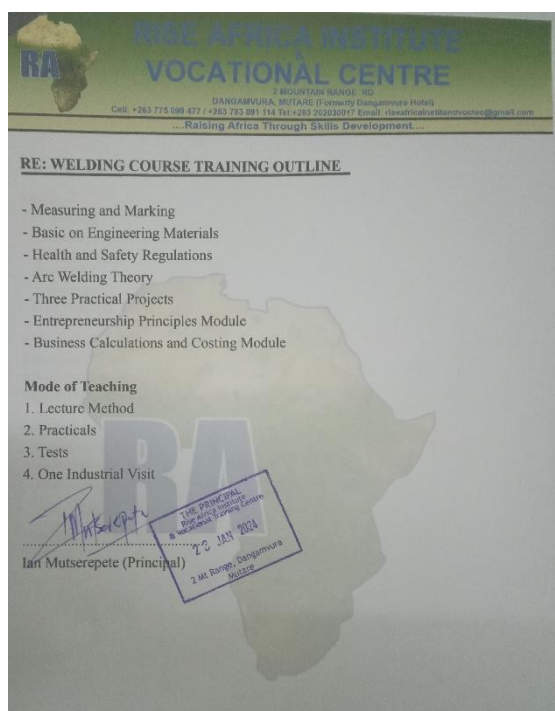
Stanely Shereni doing what he knows best training MSOP students. Stanely receiving a certificate of appreciation from Mutare School of Preaching.



Students who completed the course were added with certificates of completion by NLBI.

8.0 Vocational Training Courses

This year, our students were sponsored to undertake a technical vocational course of their choice. This will equip them for the future as they will use the life skill while preaching the gospel. This has made a great impact and value addition on our students particularly the 2024 classes (1st and 2nd Years), who will graduate with a certificate of competence in welding and décor. The students are exposed to practicals, industrial visits and job training experience during holidays to gain the needed skills and business competencies. The school has entered into a partnership with Rise Africa Vocational Centre to offer vocational training courses to our students while on campus.



Technical vocational courses being done by the students for rest of this year alongside their training.

9.0 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 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.

10.0 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.

Greenhouse garden

A new tomato crop has been planted and students are working on pest and weed management. The harvest will benefit the kitchen, while excess will sold to defray expenses.

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 and outbreaks.

Herd	Heifers	Steers	Cows	Calves	Bullocks	Total
Boran	11	3	6	0	2	22
HMashona	4	3	4	3female	0	14
Total	14	6	10	3	2	36



Porkers reaching a harvesting age and weight. The cattle herd in a combined safety place.

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 enhance our projects monitoring at a close and convenient place. Keep us in your prayers.

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.

11.0 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.

12.0 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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