



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

June & July 2024

1.0 Introduction

According to the scripture, a disciple has at least three characteristics and is called upon to willingly pay for three costs, and is given three responsibilities. The three characteristics include: obedience, love and faith, while the costs according to Luke 14:25-26-33 include the willingness to give up our closet relationships, our personal ambitions and our positions. In addition to these costs, being a disciple involves the following responsibilities: witnessing for Christ; bringing others to maturity and making disciples (2 Timothy 2:1-2). MSOP seeks equip young people who will be great servants and disciples of Christ who are willing to pay the price and accept their responsibility in the Lord's church.

2.0 Operating Environment

We are operating in an environment with a new currency called Zig. In spite of the socio-economic challenges we remain resolute and pray that our Lord will keep us afloat as we go about the kingdom business of training young people to heal the world with the gospel of Christ Jesus.

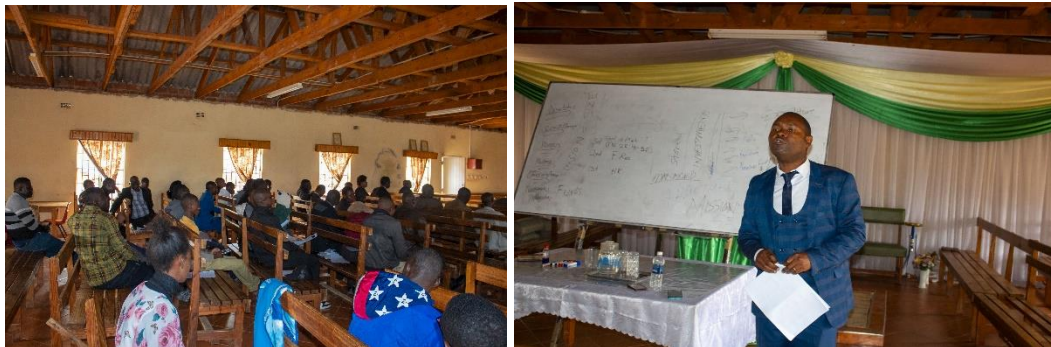


Graduation with a difference, our guests and partners from across divide, and with our graduates.

3.0 Preacher's Refresher Course for 2024

We thank the Lord for once again blessing us with an opportunity to host our 2024 Preachers Refresher Course without any disruption regardless of the economic challenges. It was a refresher with a difference, running under a theme, “Striving for excellence in Leadership” from the text, Acts 15. An attendance of 74 was recorded which was a great turn out.

Our guest teachers included Gerald Dzuwanani, Panganai Toperesu, Lavert Zungunde, John Dube, Owen Marange and Mathew Muchingami. It was really a moment of fellowshiping, refreshing and sharing of ministry burdens and ideas. The presenters did an extremely wonderful job as they tackled critical issues in the church. The issue of spiritual leadership in church administration and management were greatly emphasised and called upon from all preachers. To refresh the fellow soldiers in the trenches for Christ, a braai meal was offered by the school to further fellowship and be of encouragement to each other.



Refresher course with a difference discussing pertinent issues to our ministry and life.



Time of fellowship, reflection and being of encouragement to each other. Networking at a higher level.

4.0 Graduation Ceremony

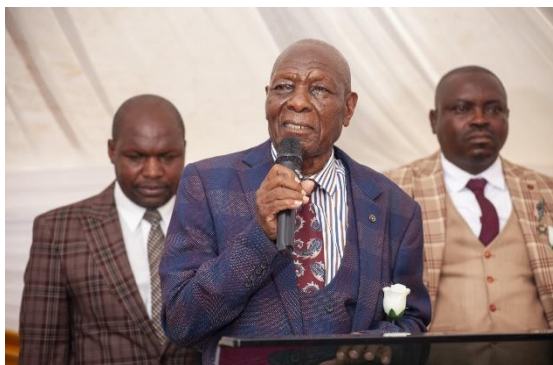
The preachers who attended the Refresher Course teamed up with parents, friends, loved ones, saints and well-wishers to congratulate the graduating class of 2023. The guest of honour and speaker was our former Principal Edmund Gwazaza (1988-2003) who spoke vividly encouraging the graduates to take the Lord's work ahead of them.

Outstanding students in various disciplines were given awards during this ceremony. Three graduates were awarded project/ livelihood seed money (capital of \$250 USD respectively) to start up projects or small business venture and return the money with a little interest for the next year graduating class. They all pledged to work in the field and use their skills to sustain themselves in a small way possible while preaching the gospel.



The class started with nine and two dropped off along the way. There were two ladies in this class (wives of two married students).

Edmund Gwazaza presented certificates and awards to the graduating.



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Staff Long Service Awards

The staff members were awarded for their dedication and long service to the school in the business of training preachers of the gospel



Ringisai is the longest serving at 27 years. Next is Theophilus at 22 years of service.



Markres has served for 21 years and next is Ellah having accumulated 21 years as well. MSOP expresses sincere appreciation for the hardwork, faithfulness, and commitment to the training of preachers and leaders for the Lord's church in Zimbabwe and beyond.

Special Recognition of Former Principals

Special recognition was given to the former MSOP Directors or Principals, for their great sacrifice and exceptional leadership, spirituality unwavering dedication, service and impact on lives of many students in Zimbabwe and beyond. These include Xavier Francis Goredema (now late) from 1977-1986; Paul Shupikai Chimhungwe from 2003-2008.



In picture is Lawrence and Esther from 2009-2011, next Edmund and Florence Gwazaza 1988-2003. We greatly appreciate and honor their remarkable contribution to the training and spiritual development of preachers in Zimbabwe.

5.0 Africa Institute of Marriage and Family Training



One week of teaching, Janet taught Conflict Management while Fielden taught Family and Marriage to the 1st year class.

6.0 Hughbert –Aaron Collier Visit



Hughbert and Aaron encouraged the preacher students and were excited to participate in the school activities. In return the school appreciated their involvement and visiting.

7.0 Collaboration Advances the Gospel to the Refugee Camp

The school (MSOP) in collaboration with Healing Hands International, WBS, SIBI and World Evangelism has made inroads into Tongogara Refugee Camp, with the aim of planting a new congregation. Already a student (Congolese) from the Camp competent in French and Swahili is under training at the school doing 1st year. There is a population of over ten thousand Congolese to be reached out through this collaboration to give glory and honour to the Almighty. There is a great need for bibles in these languages and literature.



Job ready to enrol WBS students in the camp. Next, handing out French literature and bibles to the refugees team in the camp. Refugees are a vulnerable group who need your help as we share the gospel with them.



Brighton handing over the Solarized/mechanized borehole to Camp Administrator. As way to enhance efficient access to clean water Healing Hands International solarized and mechanized a borehole/ water well at the Refugee Camp and this opened doors for our participation in the Camp as we showed our concern for the welfare of the refugees.

8.0 Dan Goodyear and Team Visit



Dan and his team visited, taught classes, preached and planted trees at the school and appreciated the school efforts in training of young people to preach the gospel.

9.0 Hillcrest church of Christ & Team Visit



Bryson Davis giving a devotion at a school. Brian teaching and talking about WBS to students.



Neal (Hillcrest Missions member) planting a tree at MSOP. The team taught classes at MSOP.



Cam, JR Foster, Neal, Bryson, Sondra, Brian, Chuck were our visitors from the USA.

11.0 Field Practice Report: Anesu Manyarara- Murambinda church of Christ

This is my summary for the work done in June at Murambinda church of Christ. We had several activities which included home visits, personal work and evangelism, youth programs, bible study, edification programs and training of youths and men of the church. District programs were also done at our congregation in which I was heavily involved.

Evangelism and home visits

We attended a funeral for Mabvuregudo family at Nyashanu. I preached on the main service and Brother Kamudimu preached at the grave side. I was also invited at Mombeyarara High School where there was Scripture Union seminar and I was the speaker and we also enrolled students for WBS. I also visited ZOP students and encouraged them to study hard and to be focused with their school work.

We had an all day and all night prayer for Buhera district at Murambinda church of Christ. During the day we had some lessons and played some games. The speakers were Brother Mushanawani, Brother Marufu and myself. I had some lessons with Brother Godknows who is not a member of the church. I visited church members. I also visited those who did not attend the Sunday services for the month of June and encouraged them. Every Saturday we gather at church site with the youths and teach them lessons, practice singing and play some games.

We had 12 baptisms on 23 June and we thank God for this harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

12.0 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.

13.0 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:

14.0MSOP Account Details

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ZWL	US\$
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Mutare School of Preaching	Bank Account Name: Mutare School of Preaching
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