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Mutare School of Preaching Narrative Report

January and February 2025

Introduction

We are excited to welcome the year 2025 with a spirit of renewal and commitment to the mission of training men and women for effective ministry. As always, we continue to foster an environment of learning, service, and spiritual growth, and we are pleased to share the latest developments at Mutare School of Preaching (MSOP).

Operating Environment

The start of the year has presented a number of challenges and opportunities for growth. While we continue to navigate the economic challenges of our country and the region, the commitment of our students, staff, and supporters remains unwavering. We are deeply grateful for the continued prayers and support from our alumni, churches, and partners.

Student Enrolment Update

1st Year Students:

We are pleased to report an intake of 13 students in the first year, including 2 international students from Rwanda and Botswana. This diverse group consists of 11 men and 2 women, further contributing to the vibrant, international community at MSOP. Their enthusiasm and commitment to learning are palpable, and we look forward to seeing how God will use them in their ministries.

2nd Year Students:

Our second-year cohort consists of 8 students, divided evenly between 4 men and 4 women. This class is already showing great promise, with students actively engaging in their coursework and deepening their theological understanding.

3rd Year Students

This class is already one their one-year field practice across the country, serving in different capacities putting into practice the theory learned for the past two years. Below is a summary of their deployment.



Proposed Field Practice Locations for 2026

As part of our continued efforts to provide practical ministry experience, we have identified several locations for our students to undertake field practice in 2026. These areas will provide invaluable experience for our students as they interact with diverse communities and minister in various contexts. Proposed field practice places include:

- Juru- Mrewa
- Chigavakava- Buhera
- Munamba- Marondera
- Charlottee Brook- Domboshawa
- Borrowdale- Harare
- Tongogara Refugee Camp- Chipinge
- Chikanga 1- Mutare

We are excited about these opportunities for our students to grow in both their spiritual and practical ministry skills.

MSOP Calendar for 2025

The academic calendar for 2025 has been finalized, and classes are well underway. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and service. Key dates for the year include:

- **Term One:** Classes commence on [Insert date].
- **Term Two:** Mid-year exams begin in [Insert date].
- **Term Three:** End of year exams and graduation in [Insert date].

For more details on the full calendar, please refer to our official website or contact the administration office.

Term One Class Schedule

Our Term One schedule has been carefully structured to ensure that all courses are aligned with the needs of our students. Key areas of focus this term include:

School Calendar for 2025

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

Students will engage in both classroom learning and hands-on ministry training to prepare them for their future roles in the church.

Student Activities

This term, our students will be involved in a variety of activities designed to strengthen their fellowship and ministry skills. These include:

- **Bible Study Groups** – Small group Bible studies for deeper engagement.
- **Community Outreach** – Planned missions and evangelism activities within local communities.
- **Student Fellowship Events** – Opportunities for students to socialize, pray, and build relationships in a supportive environment.
- **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

Food Crisis:

We are aware that the economic situation in Zimbabwe has led to a food crisis, and we want to check in on the status of our 2024 third-year class. Many students have reported difficulty in securing enough food, which has affected their focus and well-being. We continue to support them through food donations and are seeking additional partners to help meet these needs.

Matching Grand Challenge Call

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Matching Grand Challenge Call** for MSOP's next phase of growth. We are seeking to match every donation made to the school with a counterpart contribution from a matching fund. This initiative will help us expand our capacity, improve resources, and increase our outreach. Please consider supporting this important effort.

WiFi and Computer Upgrade Report

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the learning experience for our students, we have made significant upgrades to our WiFi and computer facilities. The new infrastructure will allow for faster, more reliable internet access, essential for research, online learning, and communication. This upgrade is a crucial step toward providing our students with the tools they need to succeed in the modern world.

Cattle Relocation to ARDA Plot

In efforts to improve the sustainability of the school, we have successfully relocated our cattle to the ARDA plot. This move will help improve the farm's productivity and provide additional

resources to support our students and staff. The project is a part of our broader plan to create a more self-sufficient and sustainable learning environment.

Additional Skills Development: Funeral Chaplains Seminar

In January and February, we offered a seminar on **Funeral Chaplaincy**, providing students with additional skills to minister in the context of bereavement. The training included practical sessions on grief counseling, conducting funerals, and supporting families through loss. This seminar is part of our ongoing commitment to equipping students with comprehensive ministry skills.

Staff Development: Management of HEXCO Examinations and Coursework

Our staff participated in a development session on the **Management of HEXCO Examinations and Coursework**. This session focused on improving assessment methods and ensuring that our academic standards meet the expectations of national education authorities. Staff members learned strategies for effective exam administration, grading, and maintaining academic integrity.

Conclusion

The start of 2025 has been filled with exciting developments at Mutare School of Preaching, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. Together, we are equipping the next generation of church leaders who will impact Zimbabwe and beyond with the Gospel.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and invite you to continue to walk alongside us in this journey of faith and learning.

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

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