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Narrative Report for March and April 2025

Introduction

The months of March and April 2025 have seen an exciting array of activities at Mutare School of Preaching (MSOP), ranging from educational and spiritual advancements to community outreach initiatives. These months have provided our students with opportunities for personal, spiritual and academic growth while also allowing the school to continue its mission of training individuals for ministry. This report highlights the key events and initiatives that have taken place over the two months.

Zimbabwean Operating Environment

The environment in Zimbabwe has continued to present economic and social challenges affecting many sectors, including education and ministry training. Despite these difficulties, MSOP has remained resilient, focusing on its mission of equipping ministers of the gospel. The government's ongoing support for religious and vocational education, as well as strong community engagement, has enabled the school to remain operational and thrive under these conditions.

Field Practice Report

The months of March and April were marked with various field practice activities where students engaged in hands-on ministry. These included preaching, door-to-door evangelism, and Bible study facilitation. Faculty and staff closely monitored these activities, ensuring that students gained practical experience while also being mentored in real-world ministry contexts. The students were further involved in counselling activities, hospital visits, career guidance, youth ministry, attended funerals and weddings, participated in drug and substance abuse campaigns among others. The results were that members were strengthened, restored, and added to the Lord's church through baptism.

There is no success without challenges faced in this ministry work. These included lack of financial, material resources and general additional needed skills to fully meet the needs of ministry as attachees under training.

School Calendar

MSOP maintained its regular academic calendar during this period, ensuring that both theoretical instruction and practical learning took place in tandem. Along with coursework, students had opportunities to engage in extracurricular ministry-related activities that contributed to their development as future leaders in the Church.

For more details on the full calendar, please refer to our official website:

Event	Date (2025)
Term One	January 7 th – March 27 th
Term Two	May 6 th – July 31 st
Term Three	September 9 th – November 27 th
Hillcrest Visit	February 12 th -13 th
Preacher's Refresher Course	June 24 th – 26 th
Annual General Meeting	June 27 th
Graduation	June 28 th
Leadership Seminar	October 27 th -30 th
Field Practice	January 15 th – December 20 th
Family & Marriage Seminar	June 2 nd -6 th

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. The applying congregations have full responsibility of the student's needs which include transport from the school, food provisions, toiletries, accommodation and creating a conducive working environment for the students during the one-year internship. The 2026 proposed field practice places include the following:

Congregation	Place
Juru	Mrewa
Chigavakava	Buhera
Munamba	Marondera
Charlottee Brook	Domboshawa
Borrowdale	Harare

Chikanga 1	Mutare
Tongogara Refugee Camp	Chipinge

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

HEXCO Examination Management Workshop

In March, MSOP hosted a successful workshop for faculty and staff on the management of HEXCO examinations. This workshop aimed to train administrative staff in best practices for administering examinations and ensuring their integrity. The event also provided a platform for faculty members to share insights on how to improve the examination process for students.



Mr Nyahwema the HEXCO Regional exams officer inducting MSOP staff on Exams administration and management.

Matching Challenge Call for 2025

The Sunset **Matching Challenge Call for 2025** campaign has brought a lot of good in the school. This annual fundraiser is designed to encourage donations by matching contributions from alumni and partners. The funds generated will help support the school's operations and expansion projects. This year's campaign is calling for your participation, both local and international donors to show your support for this cause for Christ. The Matching Challenge is managed by Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, Texas, USA.

Examination Session

The March-April examination period saw MSOP students take their written and practical assessments. This session provided valuable insights into their academic progress and areas for further improvement. Feedback was provided to students, and the results will be used to enhance the curriculum moving forward.



The students taking their end of semester examinations after thorough preparations and study.

Harvest from the Vineyard

The period of March and April was marked by a fruitful harvest in the vineyard, as MSOP students participated in outreach activities, resulting in multiple conversions and deepened spiritual growth within the congregations. Students engaged in evangelism campaigns and Bible studies, particularly in rural areas, where the gospel message was well received. The harvest has been a great encouragement to the school, proving that the work being done is bearing lasting fruits.



The students outreach to Chigodora church Christ resulted in one being added to Christ.

French/Swahili WBS Seminar

On April 29th, MSOP successfully hosted a **French/Swahili World Bible School (WBS) Seminar**, in Tongogara Refugee Settlement aimed at expanding the school's global outreach. This seminar focused on the first and second lessons of WBS in French and Swahili languages of Africa. By collaborating with our Congolese student and translators from the Camp, this meant to build stronger relationships and contribute to the global spread of the gospel. About 90 students participated in this event. The team included Ringisai Gushakusha, Nhamo Marunga and our two foreign students (from Rwanda and Botswana) who were excited about the event. The school looks forward to incorporating NLB series (the French version) in this outreach effort to the Refugee camp.



Mr Gushakusha and two students who recently visited Tongogara Refugee Camp for a WBS seminar.



Ringisai Gushakusha and Job Mutavuka (2nd Year student) taught classes at the Refugee camp and the seed was planted. There was a record attendance of 90 with the majority adults, who asked for more time. The seminar covered 2 sermon lessons and 2 lessons based on the 1st lesson from WBS course materials. We had interpreters from English or Shona to Swahili and French. It was really amazing to see great talent and zeal closed up in the camp with passion to hear the gospel. Our next campaign will be in August, 2025 and hope to take two days, anyone willing to support this campaign is welcome particularly on refreshments and travel for MSOP students.

MSOP Strategic Planning Document for 2025-2026

In March, MSOP finalized its **Strategic Planning Document for 2025-2026**, outlining the school's vision for growth and development. The plan prioritizes enhancing ministry training, increased enrolment, digital education, expanding international ministry opportunities for students, and strengthening partnerships with churches. This document is available upon request from the school.

WiFi Upgrade and Computers Installation

In March, MSOP completed a significant upgrade to its **WiFi infrastructure** and installed 10 new desktop computers in the library for use by students. This technological upgrade allows students to access online resources more efficiently and supports the school's commitment to improving the learning

environment. The improvements have had a positive impact on both academic and administrative functions of the school.



After the upgrade of internet connection, 10 desktop computers were bought and were set up in the library for use by staff and students to access online resources, research and learning purposes.

2026 Intake Interviews

In late March and April, MSOP invited prospective students for interviews for **2026 academic intake**. A large number of applications have been received, and the admissions team is currently reviewing the candidates. The admissions process ensures that only the most qualified and committed individuals are selected to join the school. Keep us in your prayers during this selection process, over 15 local students and 8 international students from the region are seeking to be enrolled at MSOP.

Refresher Course, AGM, and Graduation

In June, MSOP will hold a **Refresher Course** for all our alumni and those in ministry to enhance their preaching and ministry skills. It will run under the theme “Managing Key Factors in the Ministry” with the text: 1 Timothy 3:15. This will be followed by the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, where stakeholders will discuss the school’s progress and plans for the future. The **Graduation Ceremony** is going to be celebrated on June 28th.

Broiler's Harvest

The **Broiler's Harvest** program, which is part of MSOP Student’s agricultural life- skills initiatives, had a successful harvest and another batch for next 6 six weeks is already in place. Students, under the guidance of faculty, are managing this broiler chicken farming project that not only provided fresh chicken meat for the school but students also acquired valuable lessons in entrepreneurship and sustainable farming. The small revenue from this initiative is reinvested into the school’s programs and operational budget.



The 1st batch of broiler production was well done, skills were acquired and meat needs met.



Besides broiler production, students are involved in horticulture production to supplement our budget and kitchen needs for the greens.

Students Practical Learning Skills - Interpreting

During the same period, the school held workshops focused on **practical learning skills**, with a particular emphasis on **interpreting biblical texts** for diverse audiences, chaplaincy and how to counsel youths struggling with drugs and substance abuse. These different skills- enhancing workshops are designed to capacity build students with skills for the ministry.



Students sharpening interpreting skills from English to Shona and vice-versa during chapel and evening service at Dangamvura congregation.

Cyber Security Lecture

In April, MSOP hosted a **Cyber Security Lecture** aimed at equipping students and staff with the knowledge to protect their online presence and digital resources. The lecture, led by a guest expert in cyber security, covered topics such as data protection, online threats, and best practices for maintaining privacy in an increasingly digital world. This lecture is part of the school's ongoing effort to equip students with relevant skills for modern ministry.



Gideon Mazambani teaching students and staff on how to embrace technology in the ministry and at the same time being aware of cyber bullying, crime and security. It was well done.

Bobby-Nancy Wheat Visit

The school was honoured to host Bobby and Nancy Wheat and Cheryl McDuffie. Nancy is daughter to the late long serving missionary and teacher to Zimbabwe, Loy and Donna Mitchell, while Bobby Wheat (husband) was also a missionary and teacher to Zimbabwe at Mutare School Preaching. During their visit, they toured the school and interacted with both students and staff which was greatly appreciated and encouraging.



Bobby, Nancy and Cheryl with their long time partners in the ministry, brother and sister Gwazaza (former director of MSOP).

Where Are They Now

Elijah Ajak (2018 Graduate from South Sudan)



Elijah graduated from MSOP in 2018 and returned to his home country South Sudan. He is involved in ministry work in a place called Panyagoor, he and others established a congregation before coming to Bor town, Jonglei State. He is working as an evangelist in Block Five Church of Christ, where several have been baptized, restored to the Lord and established congregations from one to thirteen. He is involved in inhouse training of young men, and one success story is of a young man who was able to establish a congregation in his village in Uganda. Elijah appreciates the training and sound doctrine he got from MSOP and we are excited about this impact MSOP has made beyond the borders.

Call for Intervention

Challenge	Intervention Budget
Vocational Training Equipment (welding and bricklaying)	Donation appeal of \$ 2000.00
Campus Improvement- Paving 2310 sqm	Donation appeal of \$ 7000.00
Tongogara Refugee Campaign (materials, refreshments, travel	Donation appeal of \$ 800.00

Material Donations

Mutare Ladies Fellowship - 25kg rice
PACT Missionaries – 5 bags (50kgs) maize/corn

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.

Conclusion

The months of March and April 2025 have been incredibly fruitful for Mutare School of Preaching, with notable academic, spiritual, and practical progress. Through initiatives such as field practice, community outreach, technology upgrades, and strategic planning, MSOP is positioning itself to continue making a lasting impact in the Church and broader society. The continued support from alumni, donors, and the wider Christian community is essential as the school moves into the next phase of its development, preparing future leaders for ministry.

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