



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

May & June 2025

1.0 Introduction

Warm greetings from the Mutare School of Preaching (MSOP)! As we continue into the second term of 2025, we are reminded of God’s faithfulness in sustaining this ministry. This report for term two highlights our activities, progress, and vision for the school. Your continued support and prayers are vital to our mission of training gospel preachers for Zimbabwe and beyond.

2.0 Zimbabwean Operating Environment

The economic and social terrain in Zimbabwe remains challenging. Inflation, currency instability, and limited access to resources continue to affect operations in the education sector. However, MSOP has remained resilient—maintaining quality training through sacrificial support from brethren, partners, and dedicated staff.



In order to complement our budget we practice horticulture and raise chickens as well.



It is harvest time for the tomatoes and the greens for the kitchen, this keeps us going.

Term Two Opening of School

We joyfully reopened for the second term on **May 6th** with all in attendance and renewed energy among students and staff. This one-month break afforded the staff an opportunity to make field visits and assessments. The term is packed with academic work, ministry exposure, and spiritual development activities to ensure holistic preacher training.



Students take time in groups to study and discuss critical issues raised in class. Front view of MSOP. During the school general work, students work on the school grounds, gardens and keeping of chickens in turns to gain the needed skills.

Courses On Offer in Term Two

1 st Year Courses	Teacher	2 nd Year Courses	Teacher
Denominational Doctrines	R. Gushakusha	Church Growth	N. Marunga
Worship & Liturgy	R. Gushakusha	Christian Ethics	T. Tanhera
Evangelism & church Plant	R. Gushakusha	Missiology	T. Tanhera
Homiletics	T. Tanhera	Sociology of Religion	T. Tanhera
Intro to Philosophy	T. Tanhera	Church History	N. Marunga
Communication & Media	T. Tanhera	General Epistles	R. Gushakusha
O.T Law	T. Tanhera	Denominational Doctrines	R. Gushakusha
Greek	O. Marange	NSS	N. Marunga
Gospel of John	R. Gushakusha	Hebrew	O. Marange

These courses are supported by skills training, vocational and computer training to enhance student competence and versatility in ministry.



The MSOP students and staff participated in the WBS seminar, that took place at Sakubva in which 54 souls were added to the Lord's church. We appreciate this great work done.

Term One Results Publication

Term One results were officially released during the second week of opening. Overall student performance was outstanding and encouraging, with 99% passing rate. We commend the hard work by both students and lecturers. A few students (1%) will receive supplementary support to improve in weaker areas.

Class Statistics for 2025

Level	Males	Females	Total
First Years	10	2	12
Second Years	4	4	8
Third Years	4	4	8
Total	18	10	28

Updated Field Practice Locations for 2026 include: Juru in Mrewa; Chigavakava in Buhera; Kasmat Farm in Marondera; Chikanga 1 in Mutare; Muzokomba in Buhera and Tongogara Refuge Camp in Chipinge. This will enable our students an opportunity to grow spiritually and in practical ministry skills.

Marriage and Conflict Resolution Seminar

A timely seminar on Marriage and Family with Conflict Resolution was held during the term facilitated by Fielden and Janet Allison from AIMF. It addressed rising family conflicts among church members and leaders. Both students and community members benefited from the biblically grounded and practical insights shared.

Matching Challenge for 2026

We are excited to call for the **2026 Matching Challenge**, where every dollar donated towards student scholarships and development projects will be matched by Sunset International Bible Institute. This initiative is aimed at raising **US\$16,000** for tuition. We appeal to individuals and congregations to partner with us in this great opportunity.

Harvest from Vineyard Ministry

Our graduate students, Ignatious Mafukidze, Zuva Mucherera and Kudzai Kuzipa are involved with WBS and evangelism, such that a *Harvest from the Vineyard*, continues to bear fruits in 2025:

- **21 baptisms** were recorded
- **1 new congregation** was established
- **These evangelism efforts** using this tool has brought fruits to kingdom of our Lord.



Ignatius conducting baptisms (21) at Muchiragwama church of Christ in Buhera, marking the birth of a new congregation.

Ladies from Tongogara Refugee Camp Attend Ladies Conference in Mutare

A special highlight of the year was the attendance of 5 sisters from Tongogara Refugee Camp, Chipinge at the Ladies' Conference in Mutare held in June 2025. Their participation enriched the event, and we are for support to increase ministry for refugee communities.



Ministry among the refugees is one of the most humbling experience. In order to appreciate the worship and fellowship within the Lord's church, five women from Tongagara refugee camp attended the Mutare Ladies Conference, a move they greatly appreciated and expect more of such programs.

2025 Refresher Course

The annual **Refresher Course** for preachers was held from **June 24-26, 2025** under the theme "*Managing Key Factors in the Ministry*" 1 Tim. 3:15. Over **60 preachers including our alumni** attended sessions covering wellness and team building; health issues; integrating technology into the ministry; legal issues in the ministry; integral missions; Preacher's grooming and etiquette; and entrepreneurship. Networking, fellowship and learning were deeply enriching for all.



Dr. Campion Mugweni, in spite of his health challenges, graced the Refresher Course and encouraged the young preachers to love the ministry and serve the church passionately.



It was time of sharing, encouragement and getting advice. The police and health personnel were part of this year's refresher course running under the theme "Managing Key Factors in the Ministry," 1 Tim 3:15. Jefta Mugweni making a presentation during the program.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

MSOP's Board successfully held its **Annual General Meeting** on **27 June 2025**. Key items discussed included infrastructure needs, student welfare, strategic partnerships, and fundraising initiatives. The Principal's report highlighted both achievements and challenges, charting a bold course for the future.

MSOP 60th Graduation Ceremony

We were thrilled to celebrate the **60th Graduation Ceremony** that took place on June 28, 2025. This is a milestone event on our calendar where we celebrate God's grace over the decades and the commissioning of another class of trained preachers. This graduating class of 2024 was truly special in that there were three chaplains, two from the police and one from the correctional (prison) service. These chaplains will not only serve as officers, but also be a redemptive presence in communities at times of crisis, trauma and conflict.

The Guest of Honor and Speaker, who also gave a charge to the graduates was Hubert Ramagwede from South Africa (an elder at Meadowlands church of Christ and also one of the Directors of South Africa Bible College). Outstanding students in various disciplines were given awards during

this ceremony that included seed money to start up micro projects. They all pledged to work in the Lord's vineyard using their skills to sustain themselves. This was a momentous occasion.



MSOP churned out 8 graduates, with 3 chaplains for police and prisons. Hughbert Ramagwede was our 60th Graduation Ceremony Guest of Honour and Speaker, who gave the charge.



Hillside Junior learners graced the graduation with poems and speeches, while church elders prayed the graduate preachers and encouraged them to serve the Lord with all humility.



Happy moments and celebration time by the graduates. The staff, Board and guests congratulated the students.

Appeal for Support

We humbly appeal to all brethren, congregations, and partners to support MSOP through:

- Student Sponsorships
 - Infrastructure Development
 - Evangelism and Outreach Budget support.
 - Monthly Operational Costs
- Your contributions help us continue preparing men for the pulpit and the mission field.

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 – Portable PA System

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 May and June 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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