



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

July & August 2025

Introduction

Greetings to all our friends, partners, alumni, and supporters of the Mutare School of Preaching (MSOP). The past two months have been filled with moments of growth, outreach, reflection, and opportunities to strengthen the work of preaching and ministry training. We continue to thank God for His provision and for all who stand with us in this mission of equipping preachers and serving communities.

Operating Environment

The prevailing economic climate remains challenging, with high inflation and limited resources affecting day-to-day operations. However, through careful stewardship and community partnerships, MSOP has managed to sustain its programs, provide meals for students, and continue with outreach efforts. Our faith remains that God provides, and indeed He has shown His faithfulness.



Students learn and put into practice ministry skills like interpreting for each other in services.



Taking students out for ministry is an integral part of training and exams preparations.

Graduation Reflections

On June 28, 2025, MSOP held its graduation ceremony, celebrating the dedication and achievements of our students. Families, alumni, and brethren from across Zimbabwe gathered in joy and thanksgiving. The event was highlighted by a powerful inmate choir performance from Mutare Farm Prison, demonstrating the impact of chaplaincy outreach. The graduates now go forth as ambassadors of Christ to serve in various communities.



Prison and Police chaplains graduated and were congratulated by their bosses. Families, couples, business and Friends of MSOP support our graduation by providing different awards to our graduates. Great appreciation goes to our partners for supporting us and making this day a memorable one by donating various awards to our students. This includes a project capital for a life skill or small venture or project worth of US\$300. The project capital will be paid back for the next graduating class. Three students were beneficiaries of this revolving fund.



Catch them young! Training children to support the work. Inmates singing during graduation.

Condolence Message to Preachers' Families

During this period, we mourn with several preacher families who lost loved ones. These include but not limited to Mafusire, Gwinya, Gomwe and Maulani families. We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers for comfort and strength. May the Lord's promise of resurrection and eternal life continue to inspire hope in times of grief.

Exams

July marked the end-of-semester examinations for both first- and second-year students. We commend the diligence of students and the support of faculty in preparing thoroughly. The results will guide the ongoing academic journey, ensuring that graduates meet the required HEXCO and ministry standards.



Terminal examinations are critical assessment tools in any learning situation. Preparations and discussions, consultations and self-study help students to be fully ready for this trying time. Our students are taking both institutional and HEXCO examinations.

Outreach Activities

For the past three months the staff and students were heavily involved in weekend outreach activities, visiting nearby congregations to teach, song lead, preach, admonish and conduct trainings for leaders and youths. The school is working in partnership with several congregations around the country but mostly those close to the school. MSOP students and staff joined local brethren at different congregations which include Bezel Bridge, Matiza, Nyakunu, Derembwe, Mupudzi, Chigodora, Mutasa, Nyanga, and beyond Mutare for mission outreach programs. The efforts included door-to-door evangelism, Bible studies, and community engagement. Several souls were strengthened, saved while some expressed interest in learning more about the Gospel, and follow-up work is ongoing.

Mutare Farm Prison Visit and Donation

As part of our chaplaincy ministry and training, MSOP visited Mutare Farm Prison in July. In addition to spiritual encouragement and teaching, MSOP made some donations which included cloth to assist in sewing prisoners' uniforms. This act of love strengthens our commitment to holistic ministry that addresses both spiritual and material needs. Great appreciation goes to church members and congregations who came in to complement this effort and act of love.



In order to appreciate our partnership with Prisons in Mutare, we presented a gift of cloth to be used to sew uniforms for the inmates, some toiletries and hampers.

Interviews for First-Year Class of 2026

The recruitment process for the 2026 first-year class is in progress. Interviews are being conducted to assess spiritual commitment, academic readiness, and ministry potential. The school looks forward to welcoming a new intake of dedicated students next year, we hope to enroll 15 students among them 3 foreign students.

Staff Induction on HEXCO Item Writing

In July, MSOP staff participated in a professional development induction on HEXCO item writing. The training sharpened assessment skills, ensuring that examinations remain fair, credible, and aligned with national standards while serving the unique goals of ministry training.



Professional development and staff skills enhancement is a critical component for any training. Theophilus and Ringisai going through a training session on setting examination items (HEXCO)

Headlands Weekend Evangelism

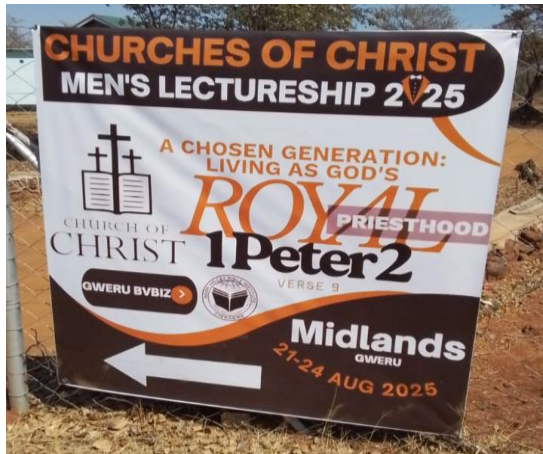
Students spent a weekend in Headlands engaging in evangelism and fellowship. Open-air preaching, Bible studies, and house-to-house visits were conducted, resulting in renewed energy for the congregation and several prospects for baptism.



The students and staff spent a weekend at Headlands where our recent graduate is preaching. This was meant to support and boost his effort in the ministry, it is all about team work.

Men's National Lectureship

A Men's Lectureship was held during this period, focusing on strengthening male leadership, spirituality, in the home, church, and community. MSOP staff facilitated sessions on Bible quiz (Acts), emphasized biblical leadership, integrity, sound doctrine and responsibility in Christian living.



It was time for men to meet share ideas, get encouraged, evaluate the future of the work in Zimbabwe and the health of our congregations and leadership development.



Institutions were given an opportunity to share what they are doing, progress, challenges and the future plans including how the church can be involved in supporting this work. MSOP had the opportunity to share the history, current state, future plans and how congregations can benefit from programs offered by the school. During evenings men in their different age- groups will gather round a big fire to share and discuss issues, it was code -named “*zvoto zvine mazera*” meaning each fire group was age- restricted.

One-Month Break

The school will take a one-month academic break for the month of August and resume in September, giving students and staff time for rest, personal ministry engagements, and preparation for the next phase of studies which is the final semester for the year 2025.

Mental Health Summit Invitation

MSOP and preachers around have been invited to participate in an upcoming Mental Health Summit that will bring together faith-based and community leaders to address mental health challenges. This provides a vital platform to highlight chaplaincy's role in holistic well-being.



Fatigue can be a reality in the ministry and training making mental health and wellness critical.

Greenhouse Garden Update

The greenhouse garden continues to provide fresh vegetables for the dining hall and some income for school operations. Efforts are being made to expand production capacity and train students in sustainable farming practices that can support ministry self-reliance.



Greens are thriving in the garden, meeting our dinning needs together with the broiler project.



The open garden though at times ravaged by baboons and small animals continues to thrive.

Arda Boran Herd Update

The Boran herd at Arda remains a vital store of value and sustainability for MSOP. With 18 cattle currently, the herd serves both as a financial reserve and a source of practical agricultural stewardship. Plans are underway to strengthen herd management for future growth and institutional sustainability.



The Boran bull and the herd thriving in Arda, providing the school with beef needs.

Appeal for Support

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

- Student Scholarships
- Infrastructure Development
- Evangelism and Outreach Budget support

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

Conclusion

We thank all who continue to pray, support, and partner with MSOP in this great work. Together, we are raising faithful gospel preachers and serving communities spiritually, socially, and economically. May the Lord continue to guide us into fruitful service.

Appreciation for Financial and Material Donations

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.

Material Donations:

- Brother & Sister Mandizha- 50kg maize/ corn

Banking 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 or made online.

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