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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

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Introduction

We thank God for bringing us into the 2026 learning year. The Mutare School of Preaching (MSOP) remains committed to producing competent, spiritually grounded, and community-oriented ministers through quality theological education, practical training, and service.

Operating Environment

The 2026 academic year begun on January 6th 2026, in a context marked by economic pressures, changing educational regulations, and increased demand for relevant ministry training. Despite these challenges, MSOP continues to operate steadily through prudent management, stakeholder support, and God’s sustaining grace.

Welcome Remarks to Students – 2026 Learning Year

We warmly welcome all returning and newly enrolled students to the 2026 spiritual and academic year. As you embark on this learning journey, we encourage diligence, discipline, spiritual growth, and active participation in both academic and outreach programmes.



The school staff and student board for 2026. During chapel session presentation by visitors.

Enrolment Update 2026:

Student enrolment for 2026 has been successfully conducted across all levels. First-year, continuing, and third-year field practice students have been duly processed in line with institutional requirements. Below is summary of a comparative table for the enrolment:

Class	2025			2026			
	Fem	Male	Total		Fem	Male	Total
1 st Year	2	10	12		2	11	13
2 nd Year	4	4	8		2	10	12
3 rd Year	4	4	8		1	7	8
Total	10	18	28		5	28	33

The current enrolment shows a student increase by 15%, this effort is greatly appreciated as it reflects effort from different stakeholders and participants in students mobilization efforts.

2026 Calendar of Events

The 2026 academic calendar has been finalized and circulated as below, for more details visit our website “www.mutareschoolofpreaching.com”: Key activities include:

- Academic terms and examinations
- Outreach and community engagement programmes
- Field education placements
- Graduation and institutional events.

Event	Date (2026)
Term One	January 6 th – March 26 th
Term Two	May 5 th – July 30 th
Term Three	September 8 th – November 25 th
Evangelism Campaigns	- March 27 th -30 th - July 31 st – Aug. 3 rd - Nov. 27 th -30 th
Hillcrest Visit	February 27 th
Bobby-Nancy Wheat	May 18 th -20 th
Preacher’s Refresher Course	June 23 rd – 25 th
Annual General Meeting	June 26 th
Graduation	June 27 th

Leadership Seminar	October 27 th -30 th
Field Practice	January 16 th – December 14 th

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

Class Schedule – Term One 2026

Classes for Term One commenced as scheduled. Lectures are running according to the approved timetable, ensuring adequate contact hours and balanced academic workloads for all programmes carefully structured to ensure that all courses are aligned with the needs of our students. Key areas of focus this term include:

First Years: Course	Teacher	Second Years: Courses	Teacher
Introduction to Computers	N. Marunga	OT Minor Prophets	T. Tanhera
Introduction to the NT	R. Gushakusha	Church Managt &Admin	N. Marunga
Introduction to the OT	T. Tanhera	Pauline Epistles	R. Gushakusha
Communication& Media	T. Tanhera	World Religions	R. Gushakusha
Life of Christ	R. Gushakusha	Marriage &Family Studies	N. Marunga
New Testament Church	R. Gushakusha	OT Major Prophets	T. Tanhera
Christian Spiritual Formation	R. Gushakusha	Hermeneutics	T. Tanhera
Acts	R. Gushakusha	Research Method& Writing	T. Tanhera
OT History	R. Gushakusha	Hebrew I	R. Gushakusha
Greek I	T. Tanhera	Life Skills Devpt.	R/person



Willy from Rwanda teaching a lesson during chapel. Our students at work, learning by doing.

Outreach Activities by Students and Staff

MSOP continues to prioritize practical ministry. Students and staff are actively involved in preaching appointments, community visits, and service initiatives within surrounding congregations, communities. The following congregations and communities have been visited Sakubva, Nyamauru, Hobhouse, Dangamvura, DC Mutasa, Chipinge, Nyamauru Primary school, Machiragwama and others.



Ringisai Gushakusha at Chipinge church of Christ. Nyamudoka (2nd yr) teaching a bible class.



During holidays, our students are involved in church work, preaching, teaching and singing.

Life-Skills Development and Training

Life-skills training remains integral to MSOP formation. During the period under review:

- **Fortune Mbofana** facilitated training in **pineapple and banana production**
- Students engaged in **sausage-making** for institutional meals, promoting self-reliance and entrepreneurship
- Partnering Munashe Driving School for driving competencies for our students.



Fortune Mbofana teaching MSOP students how to plant and survive on bananas.



To demonstrate his love for MSOP he brought pine apples and seedlings for trial

Third-Year Field Practice Deployment:

The **third-year class** has **successfully departed for their one-year field practice**, marking a significant milestone in their ministerial formation. We pray for fruitful service and growth during this period. As part of student preparation and motivation resource persons were invited to interact with our students. The discussions included challenges in the ministry, planning the work, conflict management, sound working relationships, respect and hard work were also emphasized during the interactive sessions.

Name	Congregation	Place
Frank and Sarudzai Charlie	Sanyati Congregation	Sanyati
Levison Mekerese	Muzokomba Congregation	Buhera
Givemore Guminyo	Chikanga 1	Mutare
Stewart Parehwa	Juru Congregation	Mrewa
Mbwando Titus	Munamba Congregation	Marondera
Hope Sadzi	Daramombe Congregation	Chivhu
Job Mutavuka	Relocated to Australia	Australia



Munamba and Juru placements were picked by Salowa (1991 class) and an escort by others.



The staff and students appreciated the visit and the interactions during the presentations.

Launch of MSOP Funds and Resources Mobilization Day

MSOP officially launched the **Funds and Resources Mobilization Day**, on February 15th at Sakubva church of Christ. This initiative is aimed at strengthening local ownership, sustainability, and partner engagement. This platform seeks to broaden support avenues and ensure long-term institutional resilience by engaging congregations to adopt the day, then mobilize resources for the school.

The welcome and support at Sakubva congregation was great, this tallies with its status of being the congregation with highest membership in the country. The students were given the opportunity to direct the service, preach, song lead, facilitate the Lord's table while one staff member taught the bible class.

Results:

MSOP was blessed with a gift of US\$500.00 cash and food refreshments worthy US\$100. Indeed this was a great moment and launch of the MSOP Day. Sakubva church elders, deacons, ministers, and all the saints are greatly appreciated for this gift of love. Below is a schedule of visits for the MSOP Day:



The 2nd year student, Gift Chinhongo preached during the launch at Sakubva congregation.



Dr Campion Mugweni could not hide his joy and excitement during the launch and support.

MSOP RESOURCE MOBILIZATION DAY

OUTREACH CALENDAR

CONGREGATION	MSOP COORDINATOR	DATE
Sakubva	Gushakusha	15/02/2026 ✓
Hobhouse	Mekeresi	1/03/2026
Hillview	Tanhera	10/05/2026
Federation	Marunga	17/05/2026
Chikanga 1	Gushakusha	24/05/2026

Mupudzi	Mekeresi	7/06/2026
Chikanga 3	Tanhera	14/06/2026
Nyamauru	Marunga	14/06/2026
Jubilee Street	Gushakusha	21/06/2026
Chigodora	Mekeresi	28/06/2026
Dangamvura	Tanhera	6-12/07/2026

Foreign Students Enrolment

Three foreign students were accepted into MSOP for 2026. Hillcrest church of Christ, Abilene TX is greatly appreciated for facilitating the scholarships of these deserving students through the Loy Mitchel Scholarship fund.

- Permits for all three were processed
- Two successfully enrolled
- One was unable to take up the place due to travel constraints

Academic Results Update

- Third Term 2025 results have been published
- HEXCO results were released with a 100% pass rate, a commendable achievement reflecting both student commitment and instructional quality

MSOP Strategic Review 2025–2026

The MSOP Strategic Review for 2025–2026 has been completed. This review has strengthened institutional planning, programme alignment, governance, and sustainability initiatives. The Board is appreciated for the guidance and facilitation of this important aspect of institutional development. This is available upon request from the school.

Volunteer Services Appreciation

MSOP sincerely appreciates volunteer contributions:

- **Gideon Mazambani** – Computer servicing and technical support
- **James Rumbabvu** – Management of MSOP social media platforms

Your services have added great value to the institution.

Alumni-Institutional Visits

We were honored to receive visits from our graduates below. Their engagement, encouragement and motivational speeches made a great impact on our students.

- Mafukidze Ignatius, a preacher and WBS follow-up teacher.

- Kuzipa Kudzai, ZRP Mutare Rural district chaplain, preacher and WBS follow-up teacher.
- Mucherera Zuva, Provincial Chaplain, ZPCS, preacher and WBS follow-up teacher.

Their engagements and encouragement are greatly appreciated.



Chaplain Kuzipa delivering a strong encouragement message to the 2nd and 3rd year class.

First-Year Class Orientation

Orientation for first-year students was successfully conducted, covering academic expectations, spiritual formation, institutional policies, and student life.



The 1st year class, now stands at 13. Breaking barriers of disability, Mareko Segkopi living with albinism joined MSOP from Botswana.

ARD A and Agricultural Projects Update

- Maize crop at ARDA is thriving though a hot wave affected its maturation.
- Boran cattle herd remains stable
- Open garden maize crop was unfortunately vandalized by baboons, resulting in losses.



The boran herd is thriving under sustainability while the open garden was affected by baboons. The maize crop was vandalized beyond recovery.

Staff Complement

The MSOP staff complement remains unchanged, ensuring continuity in teaching, administration, and student support.

Community Engagement

MSOP appreciates **Zimbabwe Open University (ZOU)** for donating learning modules to support academic delivery and resource development.



Zimbabwe Open University was there to bless us with modules in theology, management, administration, counseling and many others. The university has upscaled to online platforms.

Call for 2027 Field Practice Placements

Churches and institutions are invited to apply to host **MSOP students for 2027 field placements**. Interested partners are encouraged to engage the MSOP administration early.

Partnership Engagement

A partnership visit by ASBM is planned and expected in Third Term 2026, aimed at strengthening institutional collaboration.

Special Visit

MSOP was privileged to receive a **surprise visit by the Officer Commanding Manicaland Province of the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP)** and his deputy. The visit was cordial and encouraging.



Connecting with our partners in community engagement, presented gift of bibles to our visitors.

Stay Connected

Follow and receive updates via our **MSOP WhatsApp Channel** for announcements, news, and prayer points.

Thanksgiving and Appreciation

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

As we journey through 2026, MSOP remains committed to excellence in theological education, practical ministry formation, and community impact. We look forward to a productive and God-honoring year together.

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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.

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