

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that this mail finds you all well and working earnestly for our Lord. The work in Zimbabwe is going well. We thank the brethren for their continued support of the work.

For the past six weeks, we have been concentrating on reviving the church at Airport. The church there was affected by people transferring to go and work in Harare and Victoria Falls. Some lose their jobs and some leave their jobs for greener pastures. The situation was so bad that some of the members who were there were now attending Seventh Day Adventist and some other denominations that were meeting there. Our work has been to encourage these people to come back to the truth. We have visited them and have had bible studies with them. We were happy to see that more and more people are coming and are quite faithful. At the beginning, we would have an attendance of about six people but now attendance is between 15 and 25 on any given Sunday. We have had eight baptisms from the airport community, three of which are from the soccer team.



There are some members too who used to attend the church at Airport who live in nearby farms that we work with. They had stopped worshipping for lack of a preacher. Right now we are having bible studies with them and are encouraging them to come back. A few now meet at a place called Mbizo. We are working on arranging some transport for them to come and join the church at Airport so that we have the one service on Sunday.



Tuesday and Thursday classes at the World Bible School are still continuing well. We have finished a series of lessons with one group and have started with another group. So far the new class has four students. Wednesday night bible studies are going well too and the number of people who attend increases every week. In fact, it has increased so much we are no longer



meeting at people's houses but have moved to the community hall and have changed the times to accommodate some people who would still be at work.

We have also continued working with youth at Bulawayo Central and

Bulawayo as a whole. We are busy preparing for the National Annual Youth lecturership to be held in Mutare in a couple of weeks (from the 16th to the 19th of August). We will be chaperons for a group of close to a hundred youths for the trip. We have been involved in a lot of fundraising activities for this trip. We have also continued the youth monthly meetings and have meetings with the youth leaders from churches around Bulawayo every other Saturday.

We have also started working with a school in the Ntabazinduna area on Harare road, about 32km out of town. They have what they call 'a scripture union' session on Mondays and we have bible studies with them. We have just started and we hope this goes well. Schools are closing in a couple of days for vacation but we will arrange for studies during the holidays.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the donations that were made by the Delanos. They helped with food for a children's home that we have been working with. This solidified our ties with this children's home, and now we have access to some of these children to come for devotionals and youth activities whenever we have them. Also we are thankful for a fundraising project that was done by the children of Southside

Church of Christ in Naeogdoches, Texas. They raised money and the money was used to buy clothes for children who desperately needed clothes at a local primary school. Now we have strong ties with the school principal and there are strong possibilities that we can start meeting on the school premises for our worship services on Sunday.

We are doing well working together with my wife. She teaches Sunday school class. She and the kids seem to have a lot of fun. She also meets with the ladies at Airport every Thursday and they have devotionals and share ideas on home economics.

Current Conditions In the country:

**The dams are at below 1% capacity and the water supply is on for about four hours a day in the eastern suburbs (low density areas). In the western suburbs (high density areas) people go without water for three days at a time. The country did not receive much rainfall last season, and we are yet to get into our hot summer before the next rain season. There are constant power cuts, so sometimes this affects water supply because some pumps can't operate without electricity.*

**There is shortage of basic food commodities like mealie meal, bread, cooking oil, meat (beef, chicken, and pork), and sugar. The shelves in the supermarkets are almost empty.*

**There is a shortage of fuel in the country. People travel to Botswana to get fuel, and those who don't go have to either wait in long queues for days or buy the fuel at exorbitant prices in the black market.*

Thank you for all your prayers for our country. We really need them. We survive and make it through in the midst of all the tribulation and we know it takes a lot of prayer for that to happen.

May God continue to bless you....Amen!

Hailey and Noma

