

# THE BECKLEYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Beware  
of certain  
animals  
crossing  
the road!

- **New 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter study preparations**
- **Admire Makuwe in our home**
- **Funeral of Samuel Chimusi**
- **Local Work**
- **Update on Zimbabwe & Mozambique Relief**

Brethren,

**Preparations for new Preachers/trainees class-** We are trying to get ready for another invasion of Zimbabwean preachers and trainees. Some study supplies have been purchased in readiness for the study. Money for travelling documents and transport has been sent with some difficulty, but finally, everyone who needed, received something (See financial section for figures.) Our study will be interesting seeing that most of this new group have had less training than the previous group. I have just enough History and Geography books by the Waldrons to meet the need. I bought these on our last trip to the States. I cringe at the thought of ordering more with airmail postage for books being so high.



**Admire Makuwe** - is a Zimbabwean whom I asked to come to South Africa and study and work with me. His time is not as limited by visa because he has a Zimbabwean passport. He returned to SA on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb. and has been assisting me more than my assisting him. We started the study with the book of Acts. He accompanies Ron Chaffin to a couple of classes and I have just started him coming with me (and Ron) to the classes in the prison (prison formalities had to be taken care of). In his spare time, he is listening to teaching on tapes as he converts the analog tapes to digital mp3. This is a great service to me and others who use these lessons to study with others.

**Funeral of Samuel Chimusi** Brother Chimusi was the last of the three American supported Venda preachers to succumb to death that I knew for many years in the Venda homeland. He fought



Chimusi, June 1980

heart trouble for many years. The last couple of years he only had "good times" in the mornings. He was a jovial and loving man, and over the age of 90 when he died. He was the glue that held the church at Musina together. There were well over 200 people (close to 300) at his funeral, many were unconverted people from the

At Manandzhe, May 1980-

"We went inside the house and answered some questions from Mr. Mmbadi. It was here I learned the capability of Samuel Chimusi. He was not polished ... but the man showed he knew the Book! His answers were right on target. He even pointed out a fact about the Lord's Supper that I had overlooked for a long time....I was impressed with Chimusi"

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community. Being a South African funeral, too many people had to much to say. The funeral started at 6:30 in the morning and ended at the graveside at about 1pm. It rained at the grave site. I was asked to preach a message at the funeral. Paul Williams came all the way from Eshowe (an 11 hour drive to my house) to pay his last respects. Bro William Masala spoke on behalf of brethren in South Africa, giving a little history of Bro. Chimusi's work. Samuel died Feb 19, 2010. He is survived by his widow , Selina, whom he truly loved.



Selina and Samuel (pushing 90) 2007

**Local Work-** There has been little change in the work at

**Tshiozwi**, except that we have initially broken through the class barrier and our class attendance on Sunday has increased significantly. Also, a class for the women on Saturday afternoon was started by my wife with the agreement of the men and now a class has been approved for the school age children on Sunday mornings. We pray that the ladies, brethren and children will see the benefit and create a "need" for continued classes as time goes on. I have started using some PowerPoint presentations with my lessons and studies. Studies this



month are from the early ministry of Jesus and include: Jesus called them; Jesus and the Demons; Our need for Prayer; The Leper and Jesus, except this last lesson was not delivered due to some kind of chest pains when I got up to preach. Fortunately, a brother visiting from Ivory park in Pretoria was prepared enough to take my place. His lesson was on the example of Christians and preachers.

Prince Ramaira is now helping Ron and I with the churches in the **prison** on Sundays. I have applied with the prison for him to be accepted as volunteer worker on behalf of the churches of Christ in the prison, as Ron and I are. There doesn't seem to be any problem at the moment, except the assistant chaplain said the prison is wanting different forms to be filled in, but they don't have them and are not sure where to get them. The brothers in the prison really need more attention than we can give them at the moment. Ron is doing well to have two classes besides his NLB classes. It seems all I can do at present is to continue with the two NLB classes and the Sunday afternoon work with these brethren.

**Update on Zimbabwe & Mozambique Relief-** Another \$680 was sent to Chisuko who had regained members which were overlooked due to forgetfulness and lack of communication. The church at Zikani has indicated that they need food sooner as we mentioned in last's month's report because of isolation and high food costs there. We have sent \$350 just for March with WU fees of \$34. The money I have received for drought relief for the needy saints stands at 8753.11. Steward Makurudza writes that the relief list needs to add 13 more families for the Vumba church. Shepherd called and updated other figures (see attachment).

The relief needed to get the Mutare brethren through to harvest time for April and May will be about \$16,000, but few of the churches, if any, are expecting any harvest of any significance from the reports I am receiving. The above amount is not sufficient to cover the needs for April & May, much less **through June which would be close to \$24000 for about 800 families for three months.** Your help will be appreciated and accounted for.

Relief @ 10/ fam. or Expense	Exp./Relief	Gave	Funds from:
Western Union fees	45	45.00	Joe & Peggy Bunting
Chisuko, makeup	680.00	30.14	Lewis (#1287); bal of ( \$50 -\$19.86) = 30.14
		15.00	Return of \$15 by Dumisani from relief money, 11 Jan. 2010
		200.00	Dowlen Rd church, Beaumont Tx.

Relief @ 10/ fam. or Expense	Exp./Relief	Gave	Funds from:
		200.00	Dowlen Rd church, individuals-Cowart
		234.86	Joe & Peggy Bunting
Zikani for March	350	186.14	Joe & Peggy Bunting
		100.00	Boltz
		63.86	Jerry and Nancy Richardson (bal of 36.14)
Western Union fees	34	34.00	Joe & Peggy Bunting
TOTAL		1109	

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT, Balance of Relief funds 2010-3, for current status of givers. Relief for April-June chart to follow.

### Dave's Finances:

1. In order for you to know the expenses that we incurred in our activities and the practical use of funds we have received this month (Petrol and toll expenses not included) the following has been listed.
  - a. About 10 DVD Bible studies and 65 hymnbooks were requested and made this month.
  - b. Money sent to **preachers for travel to studies:** (Etd= Emergency Travel Document necessary for visa for those without passports)

Name	Passport?	Needs Etd	Etd\$	to Ltt \$	Major City	Loc. Tran..\$	Total
Rodrick Garananga	NO	Yes	\$40	\$16	Harare	\$1	\$57
Lovemore Ngorima	Yes	No	---	\$16	Harare	\$1	\$17
Moffat Tsigu	Yes	No	---	\$16	Harare	\$1	\$17
							91
Paradzai Kusena			\$40	\$20	Hauna	\$5	\$65
Nhamo Mukwada			\$40	\$20	Hauna	\$5	\$65
							130
Luke Zvapano (Zororo)	no	Yes	\$40	\$20	Mutare	\$1	\$61
Louis Makunike (Chitora)	no	Yes	\$40	\$20	Mutare	\$5	\$65
Peter Mutengerere (Chitora)	no	Yes	\$40	\$20	Mutare	\$5	\$65
Hamela Muvhuto	No	Yes	\$40	\$20	Mutare	\$5	\$65
							256
Western Union fee					Harare		15
Western Union fee					Hauna		22
Western Union fee					Mutare		29
TOTAL							543

Date 2010	To:	@7.5327	In \$
Feb 27	Study supplies: files, rulers, pens, highlighters R586.6		77.8738
40235	Songbook supplies, paper protector notebooks and paper R2349		311.84
40228	Help toward funeral arrangements, R1200		159.305
40224	Help toward Christian's doctor bills R200		26.5509
40234	Partial Subsistence for trainee R200		26.5509
40235	Money emailed to Moffet Zulu (former Prisoner) help with rent via Markus Marendala R250		33.1886
<b>TOTAL:</b>			635.31

- c. Messenger for S. Musandiwa, \$75; and Arao Uchaio, \$25 ck.#90032244133
- d. Gift: Anonymous personal gift, \$500 ck#7995;
- e. Help toward preacher's teaching, \$50 J. Baker ck#3706; \$50 W. Boss, (part)ck#2583; \$50 L.Cruse, ck#?; \$50 J. Neal, ck#1058; \$500 from R. Riffe. ck#5027
- f. Eastside Baytown church, \$1400.

2. Personal exchange rate loss for **February @7.5327** = -\$109.48 (adjusted salary puts support gain for month \$467) = total gain of \$357.52, leaving a balance of \$10371.17 for future support & exchange rate differences. The \$1400 will be used as needed toward expenses, others and self.

3. **Regular income below:**

Regular SUPPORT for: 2010	Dec. 2009 money, date, ck#	Jan. 2010 money, date, ck#	Feb. 2010 money, date, ck#
Huffman, Birmingham, Al	400 11/20#3533	400 12/18#3611	400 1/21#3640
Southside, Somerset, Ky	330 1/5#7000984	330 2/5#7000995	330 3/4#7001005
N.32nd. St, Paducah, Ky	900 1/5#90002319707	905 2/1#9002776427	900 3/1#??
Eastside Mt. View, Ar	500 28#0060872416	500 2/1#0071154128	500 26#80129505
anonymous #1	300 28#2690	300 15#2703	300 19#2727
Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx	1200 1/5#8391	1200 2/3#8420	1200 3/4#8451
Inman Pk., Winter Haven, Fl	200 1/6#5918	200 2/3#5932	200 3/4#5947
Oak Hill, Mt. Sterling Ky	100 23#1059	100 25#1066	100 22#1075
Warren Boss	50 14#2430	75 11#2466	75 13#2583
Home Suite, Florence, Ky	667 1/5#0062786234	667 2/5#72284163	667 3/8#0082942937
Tom Spargo	200 18#4616		
Eastside, Baytown, TX	700 1/4#5193	700 2/2#5218	1000 5#5263
Honeysuckle, Dothan, Al	600 1/8#5848	600 2/5#5872	600 anticipating

brotherly,  
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