

THE BECKLEYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Paul William's presentation



Brethren,

4th Quarter Study with Preachers/trainees- In mid-January we began the last quarter of our study of History and Geography with six Zimbabweans, one Mozambican and one Venda (South African). Paul Williams came and joined us for the first week, teaching Ferrell Jenkin's book on the Early Church, and giving a presentation of the "Big Picture". This was along with my classes which have been much like a survey of the Bible. I have enjoyed teaching the men the New Testament section, even stretching up to the end of the first century and beyond with the persecutions toward the Christians. I love to watch the light of understanding come on in various areas of study. I have also tried to expose them to areas of study that they will not have as much opportunity to be informed about. I have tried to show them how the overall knowledge of the Bible is necessary to make correct decisions about doctrine. Most of the men excelled in their studies. Their "letters of commendation" have been the response of other Zimbabwean brethren wanting to come in March to begin the study. They have heard from these students and have seen the value of what these men have gained and now desire the same.



The Foreigners

Eric Hamilton- is an American young man who has had close contact with a few preachers in South Africa. He has been preaching for two years in Kansas and wanted to come and gain some experience about the work in Africa. He said he mostly just wanted to observe the work and the brethren. He joined our History and Geography classes for the last week and I asked him to teach one portion which he did. He was given opportunity to teach for the church in Tshiozwi and did a fine job with the Bible class on the Life of Christ. At the end of our two-week studies, the Zimbabwean brethren returned home and my wife and I took Eric and Aaro Uchaio to White River. Aaro was on his return to Mozambique and Eric was scheduled to teach at White River with Rob (Bob) Buchanan. My wife and I stayed the night at Nelspruit and returned the next day. My body was just exhausted. That week became a week of recuperation.



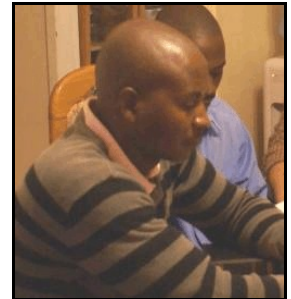
Eric

Baptism- On the 10th of January, **Glen Phathutshedzo Munzhelele** from Matonda was baptized by Ron Chaffin here at our home. Ron has been having classes at Matonda for over a year and some of the fruits are now showing up. A young married man, **Prince Ramaira**, also from this village, has shown a keen interest in preaching and has been instrumental in encouraging the people at Matanda to obey the Lord. Prince is the Venda who was in our History and Geography class for the first time. He has also joined Ron and I in going to the prisons on Sunday afternoons for worship (and we really needed the help). He has requested Bible materials from me and we have had some informal studies together. We are so happy to see this development here in the Venda area.



Ron & Glen

Local Work- I continue to study from the life of Christ with the brethren at Tshiozwi. Our study time was originally limited to 45 minutes, but we needed 15 minutes to drill on Books of the Bible and sing songs that provide basic teachings, so that time also has to come out of the 45 minutes. We are making progress with the songs and the attendance for the Bible study continues to increase. Most of my sermons are drawn from the text we studied in the Bible class, such as: "Living Water" John 4, "The Great Light That Dawned" Mat 4:15-16 and "Jesus Called Them" from Mat 4:18-22.



Prince

After the service is over, the men gather for a business meeting and ask any questions about the Bible study or the sermon that they didn't understand. And if that is satisfied they may have other questions to ask about. This is really a great custom.

At the same time that the History and Geography class began, the classes in the prison also restarted. My class in Green prison increased in number, but the two classes in Blue prison were reduced to one class with only a few attending. The Blue class reduction was partly due to the anxiousness of some men to get these lessons while they had the chance, so they have been doubling up on classes with Ron and I on different days thus reducing the current need. The three churches in the prison are fairing well with a schedule allowing them all to meet together once a month with scheduled visits three times a year with churches from the outside, such as the Tshiozwi church has done in the past. This is really encouraging to the brethren.

Zimbabwe & Mozambique Relief- The drought relief status for the needy saints in the Mutare area of **Zimbabwe** has been met but with a couple of hiccups. The church at Zikani, which is in an isolated and very dry area, has related that the price of maize for them cannot be covered for three months by \$10/family per month. This means help will have to come to them before the three month period is up as they need it.

The other matter of concern has to do with giving the money to one man to cover the church's relief needs, usually to the preacher, and then finding out that he also knew about and was receiving money from another source without disclosing this. In my view point, to keep silent about this matter was irresponsible. It is more than a just a "mistake" as the young man said.

What is the solution to this reoccurring problem? I believe if we will continue to bear the expense of using more than one man from a church to receive the relief, this difficulty can generally be avoided. This was done the time before (as far as I know), but it arose this time due to a matter of convenience, accessibility, and economy. The result was that two churches received four months of relief causing other churches to be short in their relief money and more money having to be sent by Western Union with its fee. Perhaps this will help us all understand why there are on going problems in the area of money. This is one of the matters that has delayed the Relief financial report.

Relief of \$540 was also sent on the 3rd of February to the hungry saints in Javanyani, **Mozambique**. Arao says if things don't change, it looks like they will get a harvest, but they need help through February and

March. Please keep Arao's wife in your prayers. She continues to have one problem after another, health wise. **Full accounting of all relief funds** is in a separate attachment and will follow this Report in a day or two Lord willing.

Corrections- from Dec. Report - Honeysuckle support for Dec was not \$700 as I reported, but \$600.

Appeal for Zimbabweans- Farai Chingondi has told me he is only receiving \$150 a month to support his family and preach the gospel in Zimbabwe. His supporter is not able to help more and is not discouraging his seeking more support. Brethren, \$150 for a man 40 years old with a family is just not adequate for support. If you can help him, contact him at faraizim@yahoo.co.uk



Farai

Also, Clifford Ruzwidzo has been seriously ill and is in need of financial help. He has already received about \$500 from various people, but his hospital bill is still not paid off as I understand. He also is taking a treatment for his kidneys as you can read in the following excerpt from Farai's report, "Clifford has not been well he has a lot in common with me he is a core worker in an area mostly controlled by the liberals. We really need him back. he was admitted in hospital on the 21st . The Doctor is saying he can improve both of his kidneys are not working they have done dialysis and now he is on hermo-dialysis for 16 weeks ,twice a day costing \$40.00 per visit which is very expensive we need your help prayers and cash. We want Clifford back in the Lord's field." Again, you can contact Farai in order to help Clifford.



Clifford

Dave's Finances:

1. The following is to let you 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).
 - a. Board for preachers staying with us for the studies: Paul Williams and Zipho, Eric Hamilton, eight preacher/ trainees. (We reported earlier \$200 help toward this food. That almost covered the initial grocery buying, but much more expense was incurred over the two week period.)
 - b. Close to 40 DVD Bible studies and 300 hymnbooks were requested, made and given away.
 - c. Received from **North Desoto church of Christ** \$750. Used in costs listed below:

Date 2010	income/expenses:	Amount
Jan 15	North Desoto church of Christ #2870 \$1500 (\$750 for Relief; <u>\$750 for Dave Beckley use</u>)	\$750
Jan 21	Dr. Johan Stoop for Wilesi Raphael, pulled tooth R778.90	-\$104.22
Jan 22	Travelex-money to Harare Zim. Cliford via Reason Marara (includes fees) R1665.74	-\$222.88
Jan 26	US-WU to Mutare: \$200 to Dumisani, help for wife's doctor tests, WU fee portion \$16.95	-\$216.95
Jan 26	US-WU to Harare \$175 to Admire, WU fee \$ 22	-\$197
Jan 23	Arao- Giyani taxi R120 = \$16.06	-\$8.95

d. Money to preachers and for studies not included above:

Date 2010	To:	In \$
Jan 7 & 8	Foam mattresses R520 and sheeting R379.93	-120.41
Jan 7	DVD 10 pack disks R40	-5.35
Jan 7	Travelex(WU)-money to Dumisani Mutermera & Isaac Chafungamoyo for travel to Ltt R1108.24	-148.29
Jan 7	Travelex(WU)-money to Arao Uchaio for travel to Ltt R1009.14	-135.03
Jan 8	Study supplies files, rulers, pens, highlighters R542.20 + R117.60	-88.27
Jan 7	Arao- Giyani taxi R120 = \$16.06 less N. Desoto portion= \$7.11	-7.11
Jan 22	Arao- subsistence with email availability (email jack) R150	-20.07
Jan 24	Transport to come to Ltt.: Harare to BB: Wilesi Raphael \$16+Admire Makuwa \$16+ Tich Mashabha \$20 +Farai \$18 = \$70 BB to Ltt: Wilesi R70+Admire R70+ Tich R70+Farai Chingondi R70=R280 Return to Harare: Wilesi \$16+Admire \$16+ Tich \$16 +Farai \$18 = \$66	-173.47
Jan 24	Isaac Chafungamoyo-Return to Mutare: Isaac \$22+ Dumisani \$15 = \$37 (- \$7 fr. Eric Hamilton) = \$30	-30
Jan 24	Return transport -Beit Bridge to Bus Rank in Zim.: Wilesi R20+Admire R20+ Tich R20+ Farai R20+ Isaac R20+Dumisani R20+ =R120	-16.05
Jan 24	Arao- subsistence with school supplies R500	-66.9
Jan 25	Arao- transportation to Chokwe from Nelspruit R300; (and R400 from songbook money; can not use as deduction)R300	-40.14
Jan 25	White River Trip, travel food: R293.45	-39.26
Jan 25	White River Trip, accommodation for 2 -Haden's Rest B&B: R600	-80.28
Jan 31	money emailed to Moffet Zulu (former Prisoner) help with rent via Markus Marendala R250	-33.45
Feb 3	US-WU to Moz. Extra \$250 to Arao-subsistence thro Mar., WU fee port. \$19.62;	-269.62
TOTAL:	Amount used out of future support and exchange rate money (Support I have already received)	-1273.7

e. Messenger for S. Musandiwa, \$75.

f. Received \$30 from Walton, ck #13218

g. Anonymous gift \$100, ck#9002776426

2. Personal exchange rate loss for **December @7.4736** = -\$142.04 (adjusted salary puts support gain for month \$232) = total gain of -\$89.96, leaving a balance of \$11287.34 for future support & exchange rate differences. But \$1273.70 of this support money was used for the work expenses and preachers' needs as was the \$750 listed above. This leaves a balance of 10013.64 for future support & exchange rate differences.

3. Regular income below:

<i>Regular SUPPORT for: 2009-2010</i>	<i>Nov. 2009 money, date, ck#</i>		<i>Dec. 2009 money, date, ck#</i>		<i>Jan. 2010 money, date, ck#</i>	
<i>Huffman, Birmingham, Al</i>	400	10/21#3516	400	11/20#3533	400	12/18#3611
<i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>	330	12/7#7000975	330	1/5#7000984	330	2/5#7000995
<i>N.32nd. St, Paducah, Ky</i>	900	12/02#9001822454	900	1/5#90002319707	905	2/1#9002776427
<i>Eastside Mt. View, Ar</i>	500		500	28#0060872416	500	2/1#0071154128
<i>anonymous #1</i>	300	30#2684	300	28#2690	300	15#2703
<i>Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx</i>	1200	12/7#8365	1200	1/5#8391	1200	2/3#8420
<i>Inman Pk., Winter Haven, Fl</i>	200	12/7#5904	200	1/6#5918	200	2/3#5932
<i>Oak Hill, Mt. Sterling Ky</i>	100	23#1048	100	23#1059	100	25#1066
<i>Warren Boss</i>	50	13#2350	50	14#2430	75	11#2466
<i>Home Suite, Florence, Ky</i>	667	12/7#54249254	667	1/5#0062786234	667	2/5#72284163
<i>Tom Spargo</i>	200	12/7#4609	200	18#4616		
<i>Eastside, Baytown, TX</i>	700	12/4#5157	700	1/4#5193	700	2/2#5218
<i>Honeysuckle, Dothan, Al</i>	600	12/4#5829	600	1/8#5848	600	2/5#5872

brotherly,
Dave Beckley