

THE BECKLEYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Most of the men in the Bible Class

Brethren,

Preachers/trainees class- The March study class went very well considering the South African government only gave the Zimbabweans less than two weeks to be in South Africa. This meant rescheduling the classes and doubling up on the lessons at places. We started Mar 8 and when through Saturday, the 17th.

The first problem we encountered was a visa for 2 days. Yes it was a mistake, but it could only be corrected at the border. So I had to make a trip north to the Beitbridge border with the men who had short time on their visa to find out what the problem was. The border officer was nice enough, but the rule they were following only gave two weeks visa from the time their travel document was ISSUED in Zimbabwe. So, those who got their ETD (Emergency Travel Document) in good time, suffered from shorter time on their visa. Those who got it at the last minute, got the most time. This meant we had to take the shortest time on the men's visa and fit everyone into that time period. The two-day visa was a mistake which the border corrected.

All had a safe trip here and back and did well considering the time problem. It was the first time for most of the men to be here and be out of their own country. Ten men attended including Admire Makuwe who had already taken the course and was already here. One man decided to stay in Zimbabwe due to his fear of his supporter's disapproval of coming to SA for classes.

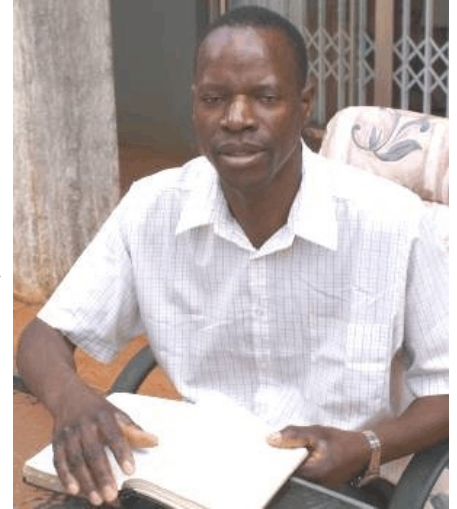


Admire (standing in the picture) was a great help to me and even assisted me in teaching. I did not go the route to secure passports for these men for two reasons: 1. I did not know four of them at all and three others I barely knew. 2. The passports were so much more expensive than the Emergency Travel Documents. But with this restriction of the South African government, I will have little choice but to now help these men get passports so their time will not be as limited for study and it will cost less in the long run. The upside is that I will only have to supply this one time in ten years for those who at present do not have passports. And the visas in the passports are about 3 months each time so time will not be so limited.

Some of the men had some medical problems while they were here. One man's reading problem turned into a followup to the ophthalmologist and an eye operation is scheduled for next week. He is returning for the operation. His supporting church is paying for most of the expense. We received several gifts (listed in last month's and this month's report) to help feed the preachers and trainees the 381 meals in March.

Admire Makuwe- is a Zimbabwean who has only now returned home. The time on his visa was almost up. He has done a good service for me by helping in converting sermons and studies on cassette tapes to mp3 digital files. This is a time-consuming job and he finally got the "hang" of making and editing them. He also went with me into the prison to see how the prison classes were taught. His studies in Acts brought him to me time and again with questions about the text. He has so much to learn as a young man, but he is on the right track with the right attitude.

Cliford Ruzwidzo in Zimbabwe who took the Bible Study last year writes: "I'm still having that problem of renal failure so I am living on hemodialysis, the problem I'm facing is of funds for dialysis. As from April 15 2010 it will be costing US\$100.00 per session of 5 hours yet I'm needed to have two sessions every week. I wish I could have funds for a kidney transplant. please may you confirm for or me over that side here there is no such service yet or assist me with funds for dialysis.." I am torn when I receive letters like this. Cliford has not received the medical attention he needed in the past because he was supported inadequately for his situation. Now he has kidney failure and is tied to a dialysis machine twice a week with little quality time to fulfill his preaching responsibility. Cliford's story is one that could be multiplied a number of times among brethren in Zimbabwe in their extended family situations. Each one of us is limited in what we can do and we often think that the little we can do is insufficient. That is not true. Many little efforts can make the light shine at the end of the tunnel in a brother's life, as some families have already shown in a different area.



Local Work- The brethren at Tshioswi where I have been preaching for the last few months have suffered another discouragement. Just when I was getting into the use of PowerPoint presentations, another burglary happened. The brethren had reinforced their window burglar guards with rods of 3/4 inch steel, but the burglars destroyed the outside lights and then took a log and kept battering the welded bars over the window until the welded tacks broke. They once more cut the wire at its terminals and removed them from the plastic conduit. To add insult upon insult, after a brother replaced the welds that Sunday afternoon, the burglars broke in again that evening and destroyed the pulpit lectern. This seems to indicate that the destruction of property was not motivated just for profit since nothing else was taken. This is the third time (fourth with the next day's destruction) and the police cannot seem to do anything. The building is about 100 feet from a main road on which side the thieves work! The noise should be able to be heard by neighbors across the road on the other side of the building, but nothing is admitted or reported.

Nevertheless, we continue to have our Bible classes on Sunday morning and I'm preaching on a similar theme from the life of Christ. The sermons were on The leper and Jesus: Our Sympathetic Lord; Jesus and the Man Let Down From the Roof; Jesus Calls a tax Collector to Join Him; and after the burglary, "The Blessing of Being Tried by Fire"

About 8 brethren turned up at the prison from Dzinani Makhado church to encourage the prisoners for the planned once-every-three-months service with outside brethren. Samson was discouraged that there were only 8, but we are happy that there was at least this many for a first time effort from these brethren. Up to now, only Tshiozwi congregation has shown any effort to encourage these converted men. My classes at the prison continue on a regular basis.

Classes by my wife continue for the ladies at Tshithuthuni and Tshiozwi.

Zimbabwe & Mozambique Relief on the way- Brethren have once again responded in a noble way toward the needs of the Zimbabwean saints. We are working on a suitable way to get relief to the brethren. As of now, Western Union will not allow my brother to take money and send it to Zimbabwe because of the large amount already sent out in January by him. This may present a problem, but we are working on another avenue at the moment. I cannot leave for Zimbabwe until next mid-week due to helping the brother mentioned above with his eye



Bags of mealie meal

operation. We hope the means to get help to Zimbabwe will have sorted itself out by then. The current balance of funds for relief is \$26907.88

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT, "Balance of Relief funds 2010-4-9", for current status of givers. Updated needs now being processed, see "Mutare data 2010-04-9"

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. I am mindful of Paul's expenses toward those he was working with (Acts 20:34).
 - a. 110 hymn books were requested and made this month.
 - b. Extra expenses this month in table below:

Date 2010	To:	@7.5319	Rand tot.	In \$
Mar 13	Paradzai Kusena Partial Subsistence R100; transport to Mutare R230		R330	43.81
Mar 17	Transport to Harare.:R. Gararanga R150+20; L. Ngorima R150;		R320	42.49
Mar 17-23	M. Tsiga: transp. R150+20; doc.R450+194; Insulin R378.68; blood test R25+25cash		1242.68	164.99
Mar 6	Hygienic supplies for men: R152.70		R152.7	20.27
Mar 15-19	grape Juice for Lord's supper in Zim. R129.95+47.65+R295.35		R472.95	62.79
Mar 1,17,15	Ladies Bible Class supplies R382.90+23.40+162=		R568.30	75.45
Mar 2	Children Class table R399		R399	52.97
Mar 18	Printer- staples for hymnbooks while office stapler gets repaired R25	=R25	R25	3.32
Mar 16	Luke Zvapano ear infection, Doctor R361.44+transport R230	=R591.44	R591.44	78.52
Mar 17	Transport to Mutare:P. Mutengerere R230; L. Makunike R230; H. Muvhuto R230 =R690		R690	91.61
Mar 10	Shepherd Maribo help: \$200 +WU fees \$22			222.00
Mar 17	Dumisani Mutemera help: R1040	=R1040	R1040	138.08
Mar 18	duplicating equipment R6241.5	=R6241.5	R6241.5	828.68
April 6-7	Admire Makuwe : subsistence 500+90; transport R200	=R790	R790	104.89
Mar 18	supplies etc. R839.04	=R839.04	R839.04	111.40
March	381 meals for preachers and trainees (food: about R6733.1[\$900] + elect., etc)			
Mar 31	to Moffet Zulu (former Prisoner) help with rent via Markus Marendala R250		R250	33.19
TOTAL:				2074.47

- c. Messenger for S. Musandiwa, \$75; and Arao Uchaio, \$25 ck.#9003741066
- d. Extra help received in March:
 - i. From Family: \$200ck#5692; \$400, ck#??;
 - ii. Anonymous, \$300 ck#2741
 - iii. Help toward preacher training: \$190 Anonymous deposited 3/8/2010 ck#2060

2. Personal exchange rate loss for **March @7.5319** = -\$109.91 (Extra money received and spent, and -\$488 from this money makes the total loss from the lump sum kept for future support & exchange rate

differences at -\$587.91. This leaves a balance of \$9783.25.

3. **Regular income** below:

<i>Regular SUPPORT for: 2010</i>	<i>Jan. 2010 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>Feb. 2010 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>Mar. 2010 money, date, ck#</i>
<i>Huffman, Birmingham, Al</i>	400 12/18#3611	400 1/21#3640	400 2/22#3661
<i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>	330 2/5#7000995	330 3/4#7001005	255 4/6#7001013
<i>N.32nd. St, Paducah, Ky</i>	905 2/1#9002776427	900 3/1#??	900 4/1#9003801653
<i>Eastside Mt. View, Ar</i>	500 2/1#0071154128	500 26#80129505	500 28#89954290
<i>anonymous #1</i>	300 15#2703	300 19#2727	300 28#2741
<i>Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx</i>	1200 2/3#8420	1200 3/4#8451	1200 4/5#8479
<i>Inman Pk., Winter Haven, Fl</i>	200 2/3#5932	200 3/4#5947	200 not arrived yet
<i>Oak Hill, Mt. Sterling Ky</i>	100 25#1066	100 22#1075	100 4/1#1088
<i>Warren Boss</i>	75 11#2466	75 corrected 13#2499	75 8#2583
<i>Home Suite, Florence, Ky</i>	667 2/5#72284163	667 3/8#0082942937	667 4/5#0091489225
<i>Tom Spargo</i>			300 18#??
<i>Eastside, Baytown, TX</i>	700 2/2#5218	1000 5#5263	1000 4/5#5325
<i>Honeysuckle, Dothan, Al</i>	600 2/5#5872	600 3/10#5896	600 4/6#5918

brotherly,
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