

THE BECKLEYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Thandi Mungoma ready for baptism by Dave

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Brethren,

Zimbabwe Relief Issues: I have received no money from individuals for Zimbabwean needy saints for the Mutare area of which I am familiar, nor have I been asked to serve as a messenger of a church for relief. I am concerned, but my feelings are not hurt at all; it is a difficult task with the record keeping, etc. I don't know if this development is negative or positive. Zimbabwean brethren do not need to take this help for granted and American brethren have given and given and given. The absence of aid may help sort out the needs from what one preacher believes is habitual requests. There is also the fact that misconduct among some of the preachers in this area has not been an encouragement toward giving, especially when other preachers in the area refuse to address the misconduct and extremism from a few. But still, many are destined to suffer without some kind of help. There is one US church that I am aware of who is sending relief directly to a Zimbabwean church in the Mutare area.

FYI, List of churches, families and updates I am aware of in **Mutare Area:**

<i>\$20/fam. Needed</i>	Christmas Pass, 18, <i>helped already</i>	Manica, 60 (new)	Selborn, 10	There are many other churches in others areas I do not know as well.
Bambazonke, 21	Collins, 39	Masasi, 10	Vumba, 15	
Betera, 24	DC Mutase, 16	Mhandambiri, 26	Zikani, 35	
Chikanga, 15	Dewedzo, 16	Muduma, 28	Zinyembe, 23	
Chikobvore, 22	Hauna, 7	Mutendebvure, 16	Zororo, 9	
Chimhango, 6	Jowo, 46	Mutezo, 39	Zvavanhu, 35	
Chitora, 12	Mambondiani, 28	Nyatsungo, 42		
Chisiko, 18		Riverside, 6		

I have finally had a chance to come up for air from all the activities we have been involved in and have discovered that all my extra help from others and my personal resources have been emptied. These personal gifts have allowed us to help in assisting others over and over throughout this year, those who wanted to work with us in studying the Bible. Much of this has gone to assist young men who have no livelihood but who were willing to come and study the Bible to learn more about teaching. I would like to take this opportunity to personally express my appreciation for the love and concern in helping with funds for various purposes of the work here. Thank you.

Baptisms:

Tandi Mungoma was baptized as a result of the sisters at Tshithuthuni talking and studying with her. She will be a fine asset to the church there. Her husband is not a Christian.



Thandi, on the way down

In Mozambique, three young men have been baptized by Arao Uchiao and he is fighting to keep the denominations from pulling them back into error. These names may look like they are made up, but they are the result of poor hearing over the phone and Arao's unfamiliarity with their last names. They are **Nelson Nsyla**, **Nelson Divanim**, and **Oebzndo Madlazi**.

Also this past Sunday, Arao called saying his wife was vomiting up blood. Please, seriously, keep all of these in your prayers.

My Support Loss has been made up for now by North 32nd St. in Paducah Ky., and Honeysuckle Rd. in Dothan Ala. We are so grateful for those who are mindful of the work we are trying to accomplish here. We are left without adequate words to say "Thank You." And to those who continued to bear the burden of our work over the last few years, we humbly say, "Thank You."

Even with the support made up, I am in great pain about not being able to extend anymore **help (subsistence) to the young men**, three with families, who are doing their best to preach and who have been studying with me this past year. We have used up all the gifts from individuals and our own resources until we have very little to give. I realize many who have helped us have done similar, God bless you. All I can do at this point is help one or two a little bit and see if there is a brave soul in earshot of this **plea to supplement these men** in their quest to preach and survive these hard and difficult times. A concerned brother has taken up a large portion of their need, but they still need another \$25/mo. to breathe and make ends meet. Twenty five dollars a month is not too little, if you can send it directly to them every four months. If four people could do this for each man, they might survive. I will continue to try to make a way to help **Arao Uchiao** in Mozambique. That only leaves four men, all very good students in my classes:

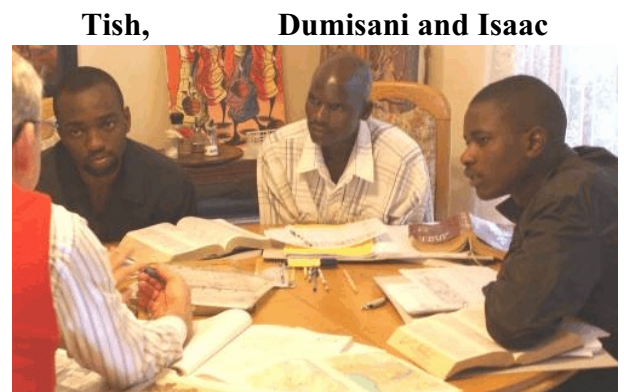
Admire Makuwa is not receiving anything at the moment but was receiving about \$160/ mo. He is single but is doing what he can in the Harare area where he lives. Admire took a couple of bro Chaffin's religious books without asking, they got stolen with other things at the bus terminal, but he has since apologized for his action. His email is amakuwe@gmail.com



Isaac Chafungamoyo is also single and working in the rural area south of Rusape and north of Mutare. His email is isaacchf@yahoo.com but he does not have access to the internet very often. He has been under the teaching of Shepherd Maribo in Zimbabwe.

Dumusani Mutemera is married with children and preaches in the Mutare area. His email is dumisanimutermer@yahoo.co.uk

Tichaona Mashabha (Tich) is also married with one



young child and he preaches in the Harare area. His email is tishmash@cooltoad.com

Regular Work: Studies with Tshilidzi Matumba have resumed on a “as he is ready” basis. He studies from his workbook and reads the chapters of the Bible, then we come together to discuss the material as a whole, as well as the things the book didn’t have space to deal with.



Tshilidzi

I continue to have classes at Tshithuthuni on Saturday afternoon for two hours. I am teaching three classes at the prison on Mondays and preaching on Sundays at the prison. Tshilidzi has helped greatly what with my health not being up to par. On Oct 2-4, I preached at Eshowe in the Six Days of Creation Lectureship. Oct 11, I did not preach due to illness. Oct 18, I preached at Tshioswi. On Oct 25, I did not preach due to illness.

We have printed more Venda songbooks, but I may have to increase the cost. We have a request for 100 Shona songbooks for Zimbabwe yet to be filled.

Health Problems: The local doctor sent me to a specialist to see why I am so weak and tired most of the time. The pre-diagnosis was sleep apnea. So I went off to the nearest sleep clinic, which happens to be Pretoria (4½ hours away). It is hard to believe that this trouble could come from a sleep disorder that you are not even conscious of.

Well, three days later, Joanne and I are now back from the sleep clinic and the diagnosis was correct. The solution to the problem is a machine which costed about \$1000, but it really works. My night rest is drastically improving. The medical insurance is suppose to pay for the little machine. I guess that is one reason our insurance is about \$640/mo. for Jo and myself. Although I am rapidly improving with each night, it will take a little bit of time to rebuild my strength and stamina. I am having a respiratory problem also, but one thing at a time for now.

Due to the lack of energy and rest, I had to cancel the last part of the studies with the Zimbabweans and Arao coming here for study. I have tentatively rescheduled it for January of next year, if the Lord wills.



Apnea cpap machine

Separate email to follow- I need to make some comments about misinformation that is being circulated and promoted in Africa and America. This report is late enough, so later.

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.
 - a. Board for Tshilidzi who is studying, translating and teaching with me (entire month) and Arao who came back to finish the study he missed.
 - b. Money to preacher trainees -total of R9100 = \$1237.27
 - i. Money to Arao Uchaio:
 - (1) transportation for two trips R2400 = \$ 326.31
 - (2) Subsistence for Oct 09-Mar2010, R6300 = \$ 856.57
 - ii. Money to Tshilidzi- R400 for translating and teaching
 - c. Messenger for S. Musandiwa, \$50.
 - d. Supplement to Musandiwa- not added up yet- see next month
2. Personal exchange rate loss for **October @7.3549** = -\$204.605 (adjusted salary puts support loss for month - \$683) = -887.605, leaving a balance of \$10800.77 for future support & exchange rate differences.
3. Regular income below:

<i>Regular SUPPORT for: 2009</i>	<i>Aug. 2009 money, date, ck#</i>		<i>Sept. 2009 money, date, ck#</i>		<i>Oct. 2009 money, date, ck#</i>	
<i>Huffman</i>	400	7/20#3417	400	8/21#3444	400	9/21#3438
<i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>	330	9/8#7000946	330	10/6#7000955	330	11/4#7000964
<i>N.32nd. St Paducah, Ky</i>	600	31#7296	600	10/1#9000815537	800	30#9001315644
<i>Eastside Mt. View, Ar</i>	500		500	29#29604384	500	27#38583158
<i>anonymous #1</i>	300	24#2591	300	16#2608	300	11/2#2646
<i>Oaks -West Burnet Tx</i>	1200	9/8#8286	1200	10/6#8310	1200	11/9#8338
<i>Inman Pk., Winter Haven, Fl</i>	200	9/3#5867	200	10/6#5882	200	11/4#5897
<i>Oak Hill church,..... Ky</i>	100	26#1017	100	23#1028	100	11/2#1035
<i>Warren Boss</i>			100	17#2379	50	13#2323
<i>Home Suite, Kentucky</i>	667	9/3#34068031	667	10/2#36847079	667	11/4#38426553
<i>Eastside, Baytown TX</i>	700	9/3#5004	700	10/2#5043	700	11/2#5094

brotherly,
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