

ZIMBABWE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

Newsletter

April – June, 2023

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the love of God whose grace is sufficient for everyone. Here in Zimbabwe we are doing well except that we don't like the cold weather we are currently experiencing. We are happy though that most Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and we are working more freely.

I started off this quarter by attending the National Youth Conference held in Harare where I facilitated discussions on topical issues affecting youths in Zimbabwe. It was a great opportunity to give hundreds of young people some spiritual guidance at a time that it is most needed.

After this, I also participated in the National Women's Conference held at Mashoko and attended by about a thousand delegates. I was one of the conference speakers on the theme, "Season of Great Impact." I also helped with logistics, making sure they had power, water, public address system and food.

Also having paused for a long time since the beginning of Covid-19, we held Christian Schools Competitions in the Lowveld town of Chiredzi. Eight High Schools participated in the competitions and as usual I facilitated Bible Quiz. We also did devotions every morning and evening for the four days we were there.

While there I was invited to the Mashoko Christian Schools Board of Directors where I had an opportunity to preach to the board members and 28 school headmasters. We stretch our wings wherever opportunity arises.

At the end of May, I collected gym equipment from Harare and we have started using it. We are already noticing some positive behavioral outcomes. This is something new in our community and it is giving us an audience that we could not get before.

At the beginning of June, I was invited to Central African Christian College where our preachers are trained to give the commencement speech. I talked about post college ministry opportunities and challenges including that they will also cover a new module titled, "What They Did Not Teach You in College."

I constantly get opportunities to preach to parents when they come to visit kids at school and to hold Annual General Meetings. They are very appreciative of the Christian teachings that we give to their children as we help mould their behavior. They are also happy about the sterling work done by the Preachers' Club as they not only reach out to fellow students but also to the community.

The ZCDM preachers are also doing very well at their different places of operation. Pinias is reviving Panganai Church of Christ starting off with seven people. We pray that it will continue to grow.

At Chizondo, Brightman is actively engaged in home visits. Lately he visited a family comprising of a husband with four wives and several children at their invitation for counseling. Brightman also invited youths from Chizondo, Turwi, Bambaniga, and Odzi for a conference and this activity yielded very positive results.

At Easter conferences were held at different locations where four to six churches gathered and ZCDM preachers gave lessons. Donson for example taught on the resurrection and ascension of Jesus at Tapudzai. .

Finally, two unusual things happened in the second quarter of 2023. First we got involved in an accident that the five of us in the vehicle survived without any injuries. Only my vehicle was damaged. We are thankful to the Lord for his protection. Secondly, I performed a burial of a church member in the middle of the night. This was after the digging of the grave took the whole day and part of the night because of a rock that ended up being blasted.

We are very thankful to the Lord for our partners in ministry who enable us to soldier on with Kingdom work. We continue to pray for more partners so that we will be able to meet our budgetary obligations.

Praises

25 baptisms: Mukanga - 17, Muzinda - 2, Bambaninga - 6

Successful conferences

Gym equipment

Reviving of Panganai Church of Christ

Surviving in a road accident

Prayer points

Motor cycles for preachers

Financial help

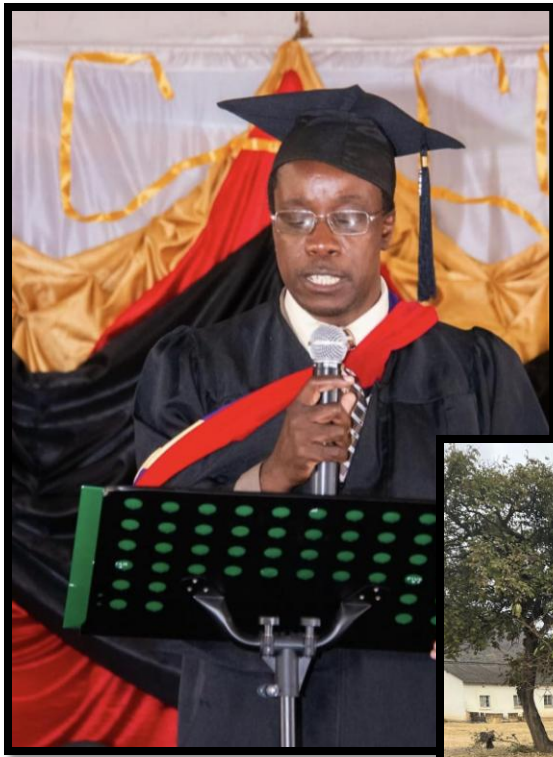
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Commencement Speech



Gym Equipment



Christian School Competition





Funeral service at night



Damaged Car



Youth Conference



Baptisms



Preacher's Club

Women's Conference

