

The Mission House Miracle

TC Mission seen in a Dream: June 2021

“Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps:” Jeremiah 31:21.

The story of the Mission House the Lord provided for our Mhondoro MMV team as well as other surprising blessings this month.

If you have been following the story of how that Lord has worked in this new area to His glory, you will recall that at the very time it seemed all was going to fall through and the team have to leave, the chief gave two pieces of land, one for the church and a large one for the family to live on. A new hut was quickly built with the willing labor of the members of the new church. Then we were able to hire our building team to construct a well and sanitary facility for the mission home and sanitary facilities for the church area.

We spoke before about the need for a laptop, good Solar panel and printing equipment for the new area because of so many new people wishing to study and learn the Gospel. The end of May that need was filled. Then bigger surprises came about. As the builders worked on the job we inquired about the cost to build a small home of brick for Sister and family! We were amazed when they told us they would charge only 200 and we buy the materials. They said that they want to advertise their skills there so maybe they will be invited for more work. The Lord arranged a generous gift to come in from one of our dear sponsors and we launched off to get the materials saying, “We will arise and build!”

As the work proceeded we had not remembered we still needed roofing for the place. Where was that to come from? I had sent all I could spare for the month. Then a South African Pastor, who works with us, but was not aware of what we were trying to do, reported this surprising dream: “Recently, I have had this dream two consecutive days and I feel God is saying something, but I can't figure out what exactly. I have seen you standing in the middle of a desert, and from nowhere you were handed a pick, I did not see who handed it. You started digging a well so as to produce water. As you dug you looked weary, and I saw two people, man and wife, who looked like married, come to your rescue. They came and took part while you rested, they were white like you but with black hair. Somehow then two more people came and joined, and then while they were doing the work, I heard a voice say, “Why are you standing there? Go do my work!” I hurried to help you all, but by the time I got there, you had completed the well and strangely built a house in top of it, but under it flowed streams of water to the four corners of the desert. They moved slowly but then they watered the desert and grasses sprang forth. It became a beautiful garden, pleasant to the eye. This dream repeated exactly the same and I am wondering why?”

I advised him to pray about it and the Lord would surely clarify what it meant for him. I

was touched by the idea of being handed a pick to make wells in the desert, literally and spiritually. He then spoke with the Pastor and this is what came of it. "I had just been in talk with Pastor B and filled him with details of the project in Mhondoro. He said he is organizing on sending roof sheets as they are cheaper from his side. "The roofing of that house", he said, "is his job. We should not worry about it." We had not thought of needing the roof on that house! Good thing God provides even before we worry."

It turned out that he had to send the means as he could not arrange to ship the sheets to Zimbabwe. The story continues as Sister L. reported, "A few minutes ago I just received a gift from the chief, he says "I want to thank you for the religion you brought in, and please be a different woman and show them this light." He said he is finding the light very helpful and changing his life, and so he is grateful. He said he learnt of me trying to set up a living and here in an agri-based environment it's impossible without agriculture activities, so he gave me two oxen, from his flock." A yoke of oxen is a very useful asset to the church group in that area for sure!

Gardening Miracle! This turned our attention to the need of seeds and for MMV Maxwell to go there to hold an organic gardening school before the main growing season would occur. I was planning to send means to get the garden seeds for all the mission family but we were going to delay because of the building. Then when Maxwell wrote me about gardening plans, I felt I should send the means right away, so I did. Maxwell informed Pastor who was in town dealing with the roofing materials and here is what happened because of the Lord's timing!

As Pastor was in town getting the roofing materials lined up from Ps B's gift, I was enabled to send means for the needed seeds, and pastor reported another surprising event took place. "I have a miracle to share. After I got means and bought the roof sheets as planned, as I was walking to the bus stop, I passed near a WU office and a security guard recognized me and said, "You are late today." (though I wasn't planning to get in) and said "but there is someone still inside, let me check inside." And he checked and said, "Come in, he agreed to serve you even after time." I got served and just decided to cut costs and get the seeds before going home. When I got to the farmer's hardware, I got all seeds and as I paid, they then gave me a voucher, and said pick any free bag of seeds you want, it's a promotion that's been there, ending today, that whoever buys things worth \$180 and above, gets to pick anything of their choice on the things they bought, and I added another bag of seeds. Then while going out, also they offered free transport home and said it's their promo!!! That enlightened my day."

Then followed MMV Maxwell taking the seeds and travelling with the truck delivering the roofing materials, to go and start the Agriculture school! Praise the Lord for all the little and big ways He works things together to multiply means and encourage us.

The School excited great interest even before it began and on the first day 89 showed

up to learn. The chief insisted lessons also be at his place as he wishes to learn also. Then in the evening services brother Maxwell ties in the growing and raising food with the Bible teachings on these things.

It was at this same time we realized the need of a Borehole Well for the community and for agriculture. On inquiry we learned the company would give us a very reasonable price as before and would do the job for part down and the rest within 2 months. It took a leap of faith as we don't like to owe any man anything, but right then a gift came in that enabled a down payment and the company headed to Mhondoro to drill the big well! This is also finished now—all this in one month! Sister's home was also completed and she moved in a few days ago. [24th]

How excited the people were to see the drilling machine and then how the water comes out of the thing. We had to caution them not to waste it just for the sake of watching it. Brother Maxwell has made a little channel and pit so any that gets spilt will be saved for the needs of the gardens. We 'Gather up the fragments to waste nothing'.

It is interesting too that this month is the coldest of the year for them and many suffer greatly with the cold as they have scanty clothing, few blankets and no way to heat their homes for the most part. The Lord has certainly encouraged us all though and we give all praise to Him!

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3.

July 1 Update: The Balance of the debt for the Borehole was sent today and Pastor, and Missionary Maxwell dedicated the new Borehole well, the mission home and the church shelter today. This report is from Nurse Lynn: "When people heard of the official opening of the borehole they came, to witness, it ended up being a large crowd. And as the well was being named 'Faith and Grace', Pastor explained the story of amazing Grace on Calvary displayed, then how we can live by faith unto Him who died to set men free. It was emotional, and I tell you such preaching touched my heart.

Finally the chief was baptized before the public and declared that he now is a Christian and would only live by the dictates of the Bible and rule as agreed by the Bible. That was a joyous moment when we walked from the river listening to his testimonies that he is planning to live a new life in Christ."

Praise the Lord! We must keep these new Christians in prayer!

