

Temcat Mission update October 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters;

For those of us on this end of the world, autumn is beginning to 'fall' on us, pointing forward to cold weather and increased expenses for most of us. Where I am, the far north geese are heading south, bravely encouraging one another, 'Keep on going brother, sister'! The strongest among them take the strain, assisting the young and weaker. I find these noble birds inspiring; may we learn from these living object-lessons. I read that when trials and challenges hit, we have 3 choices; Give in, give up, or give it all you got! I know which choice the Lord wants us to make; the only one He can empower; the same one He made when He determined to save us no matter what the cost to Himself! When He was about to ascend to heaven, He gave His followers the 'Great Commission' and I don't see anywhere He added, 'If things get tough, it is alright, just quit!' It did get tough for those back then; need we be surprised to face the same? But they did not face it without the Lord, and neither will we if we 'Give all we got' to Him in faith. Again I assure you that the Mission presses forward, teaching and sharing, eagerly doing their best, often struggling more than ever with hardship and privation. May we all pray, asking the Lord to show what He wants us individually to do. Heartfelt appreciation to all who took time to remember us in prayer and our faithful mission partners who sacrifice, sharing means to enable us to gather souls from the highways and hedges. Opportunities to gather souls for the Master are great as people in dark areas are longing for the light! May they not be denied because of lack of support, and souls perish needlessly. May the Lord open the windows of heaven for each of you and your loved ones, blessing all physically, spiritually and financially. We all need Him as never before!

Miracle Mission:

For the sake of mission friends, we pause to praise the Lord for how He has led this humanly impossible mission. This is His mission, no human can take credit for it, only the Lord working with some very poor Missionary Volunteers who have to cry to Him daily, depending on Him even to live. At first there was one teacher who began to hold daily Bible study against the wall of a building for one small group eager to learn. How it has grown into around 21 large groups of hundreds in many different areas, only the Lord knows! It went forward only where invited. The groups all have the missionary spirit and as they learn, they teach others. Many in turn have raised up one or more new groups in their areas! Only the Lord can number the faithful. What about donations? Supporters can be assured that what comes to the mission is used for the mission, no personal expenses come from it. In fact the cost of website hosting and such comes from our pocket, mission money goes to mission. All praise to the Lord!

Baptisms:

In June, Pastor was finally allowed to do a baptism in the prison for 50 souls who had been converted and studied for many months. The rest of the candidates expected to follow in a few days, but lockdowns put all on hold. Last week Pastor was allowed to start again and 87 men were baptized in 2 sessions! These are folk, sentenced to life in prison, coming out of hopelessness, they have taken hold of the One mighty to save, and with us, look forward to the 'Blessed Hope'.

Water Woes:

Seasons there change now into hot and dry, and some groups are experiencing serious water shortage. Two in particular face crisis situations. We are praying to the Lord for means to solve the problem.

Rafingora: There is a borehole well there but it was drilled in the wet season and now in the dry it is not giving enough for needs! They are rationing water, which means their gardens, depended on for much needed food, will dry up and die. Their animals will die as well. What is needed is to send in the drilling company who has often served us, to drill deeper and all will be well! Cost to do this would be about 400 USD. This group is where the mission school is located; it is now reopening with plans to do vocational training for the children along with Bible and regular school work! They need support to serve these opportunities to harvest souls for the Kingdom!

Chiyadzwa: This group is in a heartbreaking situation. The less than helpful government has leased mining rights to an industry from China, these are drawing off water for their industry from the dam, the only

source of water for people in that area. We and they are praying for help from the Lord who cares for the poor, humanly they have no help. Here is the touching plea Elder Bruce, who's Ox died of thirst, sent me: "The govt ...focus on areas of larger populations to motivate them for voting for them as they have started campaigns for elections. As for small villages like ours which don't actively vote because the govt does not provide births certificates or IDs to us, they don't care about us. . . we go to local schools which don't need those, we are born in midwife kitchens which don't provide any proof of birth, only natural remedies used. No sort of medical intervention, we are marginalized to a great extent." He also added they are praying for this newsletter, that it might touch hearts. What is needed? A new borehole well, cost would be around 1200-1400 USD. Unless a miracle comes from the Lord, either in means or another way to provide water for them, these faithful souls face disaster.

Other Mission needs include, paper and printing supplies; Books, Gospels and Bibles; Clothing and Blanket Bales; and travel expenses.

A Malawi Brother:

The attached photo was sent me by a dear brother George C. in Malawi, a literature evangelist, who has need of help to provide tracts and Bibles for the many interested folk in that poor nation. May we consider him and keep him in prayer?

The Mhondoro Work:

Our Agriculture expert Ps Missionary Maxwell has established the organic gardening project very well there. While he is away, the church work and health teaching has been carried on by Nurse L and her family as well as two of our MMV team who have been serving there. Last week one of them was injured by a rogue donkey and suffered a broken hand. Pastor brought her back to the main mission area to recover after being treated by Nurse L and the clinic nurse. She is doing well, Praise the Lord. May God bless our hard working MMV teams!

The Murehwa group.

Ps Missionary Maxwell spent over a month teaching his highly helpful Seminar in that area as well as holding Bible Classes! It was a great success and he has left them to carry on and share the skills and knowledge with the branch church in that area. Ps. Maxwell has now returned to the main mission area to work at and supervise the planting of a large rented field where they hope to grow food for the needs of the mission family.

New Area: ChishaWasha.

We were able to send printed lessons and some Bibles to the chief there. These are being used and we keep this area in prayer that the Lord will help and teach them as we are unable to visit them at present. Prayers are needed!

The Websites: are still feeding thousands all over the world! www.pathlightsjr.com our teen and youth site. Mission gift link, highlights, newsletters, pictures, and updates: www.temcatmission.com .

Something to think about:

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him. All that has perplexed us in the providences of God, will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation." OFC 67.

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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." John Wesley.

May the Lord Bless and guide all and keep you safe and well! =^..^=

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