

## **Temcat Mission Update: August 2024:**

### **Greetings Brothers and Sisters;**

We are at the end of July now and we are seeing some amazing events happen in the mission! I am dedicating this Newsletter to telling you a wonderful and challenging story. Appreciation to all of you friends who remember the Mission in your prayers and share your gifts of love. This outreach could not happen without you! May the Lord send many blessings to you! Let us all keep our courage and hope always centered in the Lord, He will never leave, fail, or disappoint us! Amen!

### **The Amazing Saga of Binga Territory:**

Several weeks back, Pastor T. received a call from the government Chaplain, at the prison, where we long have had established church groups, asking him if he and TC mission would undertake an outreach into the territory of Binga. This area is not actually a part of the neighboring nations, but sort of a jungle 'no-man's land'.

Now we may not have been too terribly interested in taking on a new project when we were swamped with needs and obligations as it was, except for the amazing history he shared. It seems that over the years several popular churches have tried to establish missions there and evangelize these people, and failed, even RCC, who built a cement building there had to leave. The people would have nothing to do with them as soon as they learned they were all Sunday keepers. Their answer to these churches was always, "We know of no God who is worshipped on Sunday!" The Binga people for centuries have been Sabbath keepers, somehow, in the past, receiving from the Lord knowledge of the true Sabbath and keeping it faithfully through their generations! On learning this we knew we had to send a team and reach out to these folk, who other than the true Sabbath, were basically heathen and did not know of the Bible or the Creator God! We had to get in on this mystery. The chaplain knew that only Sabbath keepers had any chance to be able to reach them.

This is the report from Ps Maxwell, Friday, regarding how carefully they keep the Sabbath there:

"Tomorrow is Sabbath. And although they don't go to church on Sabbath, the people here will all be at home no one goes to do any work or gathering. They even fetch water for tomorrow and prepare food, none will go get firewood on Sabbath. They respect the Sabbath amazingly!"

Now before we could send in a team, certain safety and sanitation needs had to be met and the Chaplain did much to open the way for us. He had toilets built and 2 huts for our men and lady MMVs. He also provided much of the travel expense for Pastor over the long road to Binga. He has a home and his family there at Binga, and he had the Lady's hut built in his yard where his wife and daughters stay. They set up a nice African style kitchen for our team to use, and he allows them to use his donkey and cart to travel about and fetch water from his well there. He is anxious that some religion be brought to these people as he intends on retirement to join his family and live there!

Pastor T. took in our team of Ps. Maxwell, Deacon Emanuel, and our 2 most experienced MMVs, on July 21, stayed overnight and returned on Monday, leaving our team to establish mission work there. Here is his report: "Well we established well. And everything is in place. We met with the village head and agreed what we shall do. Many many folks gathered too, to see a car. We had not planned a night service today, but we ended up planning one and I gave it as the people flocked to see us. It's a beautiful thing. They don't seem to be bothered much with the cold weather even when they are almost half

naked. Very strong people they are. They all gathered to take turns to look at a projector screen wondering how magical it was." Surprisingly most of the people can read English well! Later a Testimony from Ps Maxwell. "Do you know how sweet it is to teach someone for the very first time to pray? It gives joy beyond compare. Yesterday, we had to teach them on the origin of people. None had any idea and believed they came from gorilla and chimpanzee." First sermon: "I taught about the Word of God, creation to the seventh day. They did not argue that God created the Sabbath, actually they applauded nodding that this is the truth. They love the Sabbath more than anything. It is a village law that Saturday is a holiday. They rest. No one does anything. I believe rightly trained these people can be blest [even more in serving the Lord]. I have never seen such." More from Ps Maxwell. "I believe we will have an amazing crowd tomorrow. As all may want to hear about the God of the Sabbath who made men. The people down here have no clue about the origin of the Sabbath. They don't know how it started but legend around says the God who made men above all gods has commanded it and it has been passed from generation to generation. So we spread the word, that That God you all heard about has sent us to explain better. We are taught their legends say, God promised their ancestors long ago that He will send them a messenger who will teach them more about Him. So they dismissed many, many people that tried to come and evangelize to them on the account that if they don't believe the Saturday rest of the true God, they are His enemies! The Witch-doctors around here even have to act as if they are mediums of God and all close their shrines on Sabbath, that's why they are accepted. So tomorrow many people will want to hear the messengers whom God has sent to them."

Now much prayer is needed for the team and the mission at Binga because the devil is not asleep, and is stirring up the witch-men who serve him to try to interfere with the team and their work. first hint of this was a spirit worshipper who called himself a 'Village Watcher', who came to Ps Maxwell asking why he saw a ring of fire around their huts at night. We said, "Here is why there is a fire around our huts! We ask for the Lord to send His angels and make a wall of fire around us. Our God, sends his angels to protect us as we serve here. We can show it in the Bible to them! "For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her." Zechariah 2:5." This seeing a fire or light over our mission places was common in early sda mission work! It is how the Lord protects those who claim His promises and obey His commandments!

This morning we got a report that a spirit medium collapsed in the Pastor's yard during the night and is unconscious. We are praying much that the Lord will prevent the devil from harming him [or the others] and that our team get a chance to pray for his recovery that he may have a chance to learn of Jesus and maybe be converted! Amen!

This situation reminds us of Chishawasha when we first went there, witches had tried to attack, sadly some of those lost their lives through the revenge of their own spirits. We pray this will not happen here! Those who fled to Jesus for protection and to learn of Him, became staunch members of the church and one is even a group leader now!

### **Another Seminar:**

This week Pastor T will be launching a seminar to another Government college who invited us to come in and try to inspire the students to a better life than the drugs and vile lives they are living! They were so impressed by BTT College where we have had church groups active for years now. The new school will be paying his transportation and he will take with him one or more of our other pastors or elders!

Prayers are needed there also!

**TC Website:** Link: <https://www.TemcatMission.com> .

**Something to think about:**

As I hear about the faithfulness of the Binga people in keeping so carefully the Sabbath of the Lord, for generations, even though they have had no missionaries, no churches, and no Bibles to help them, personally I felt humbled. It puts some of us to shame these days when many sda folk seem to be pushing it aside, seeking any excuse to ignore it, even in some seminaries teaching it is not all that important which day you keep! Yet we have the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and even the prophetic history of the Sabbath as the reason we were raised up by the Lord. You can't tell the Binga people that it does not matter which day we keep! They have resisted all attempts to evangelize them by Sunday keepers, even forcing the RCC mission to depart, leaving its moldering, ungainly building behind as mute testimony against Sunday keeping. May we stand faithful to the treasure the Lord has given us and not seek to be like the worldly churches, pursuing friendship with Sabbath haters to the dishonor of our Lord. Amen?

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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.

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