

7emca7 Mission Update: July 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters;

June is almost gone and I will catch you up on the mixture of trials and triumphs we have seen and are experiencing in the mission.

There are links to the Mission site as well. Heartfelt appreciation to all who took time to remember us in prayer, and to our faithful mission partners who sacrificed to share means to keep us going forth, gathering souls from highways and hedges. The needs grow greater as we move forward. May the Lord open the windows of heaven for each of you and your loved ones, blessing physically, spiritually and financially. We all need His guidance and blessing as never before!

Project Update:

The main Mission home is still at a standstill. It still requires sanitary facilities, plastering and doors and windows to be finished. We were sad to see the first one was bulldozed this month. We will wait on the Lord to send miracles as other needs, including bare necessities come first and much has been accomplished this month, Praise the Lord!

The Mhondoro Story continues:

We have seen amazing progress in this new area where the Lord placed our second MMV team! He opened the way for a laptop and printing equipment to be provided for Nurse Lynnette, a well and sanitary facilities for her and facilities for the church lot. Then the building team offered to build her a house at an amazing low cost, doing most of the work for free! That has been completed and we will try to post more on this online. May God bless these hard working men!

The Borehole Miracle:

Few people there have ever seen a well, so when they saw the Mission well they all came for water—this was not good as it is only sufficient for the needs of the mission family. With the agriculture school starting we knew a true borehole well was needed! It was a leap of faith, but the men gave us a deal and the Lord is providing! Story online soon: <https://www.pathlightsjr.com/TemcatMission/Mhondoro/New-Group2.html>

Hearts Converted and New Seekers:

The Uncle and others were baptized, and now some of his friends are coming to study. Ps M reports, “Yesterday night study I had uncle's two friends who joined the study. He later told they were witches that worked with him and like him were seeking relief from their witching things. Seeing him free and alive they want in as well. Most are held in bondage by their fear of death as they are told they would die if they threw these away. So unless one understands the power of God they are never willing to lay down these for a new life.” Reminds me of, “And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:15. Praise His name!

A Sad ending.

On the story of the kidnapped children: The sangoma [witch-doctor] was found in the forest by boys herding cattle; he had hung himself. How we wished we could have reached him with hope in Jesus before the dark powers drove him to this despair. Now because believers are still only a small minority, the newly baptized chief of the area was confronted by demands from the spirit worshippers for the ritual burial and appointment of a new sangoma. With much prayer and counselling we are thankful to report he refused to be involved, and left others to deal with it. He declared he will not give a place at his court or allow any sangoma to influence his decisions on affairs of state. May the Lord bless him as he stands for the honor of His name.

The VBS Adventure!

The 10 day Vacation Bible School graduation day involved over 1870 children; some areas had results but did not report the numbers. There were over 2000 children and their families touched with the gospel story, most had never heard such things before! Both the group leaders and the children were blessed to the honor of the Lord.

Prison Baptism:

50 men, who had long awaited a chance to be baptized, were baptized by Pastor and Missionary Maxwell on June 20. The other 50 were scheduled for a few days later. Sadly the prison was locked down again, and for now they are disappointed, but the Lord knows their hearts!

Teaching the ABCs: Agriculture School.

The land the Chief generously gave to Sister L and the church in the Mhondoro area, is capable of agricultural development, so as He did with the VBS, the Lord has guided MMV Maxwell, our agriculture expert, to go there and start a practical course to teach organic gardening in the AM and Bible studies in the afternoon. We were enabled to send means for seeds for both there and the first mission station and the interest is booming for both. Maxwell is living there as pastor at present. The Chief, who only 3 months ago, had never heard of God, has made a full commitment giving up his devil charms to be destroyed this week and seeking baptism. Ps Maxwell reports the chief's strange dream which may have a lesson for us all: "The chief took all his other gods and charms into one hut and locked them there. He says he doesn't feel at peace seeing those things near him and wants them destroyed. He dreamt of Jesus coming, though he didn't know Jesus, but told me that he saw a real nightmare of a man coming down with a golden hat and a golden stick in his hands, "He was too bright to see or gaze at him, suddenly people started to float and fly towards Him, as I tried to float and fly I found heavy weights tied at my legs pulling me down, I struggled to go but I couldn't, when I turned to look I saw myself tied to my gods strongly and I believe it's a message!" Today, [29th] the chief burnt down his hut with those juju things inside, he said he couldn't wait anymore as each day he did not have peace knowing he is harbouring satan. He was saying 'I rather die than live fearing evil gods.'" I hope none of us are 'tied to the earth' by anything!

Trials:

The Lord is working, but the dark powers are also at work to prevent the progress of the mission as network blocking, that used to be occasional, is lately quite often! We ask prayers! Lockdowns and such are causing distress to many of our groups in the more populated areas. Interesting event that appeared briefly on the news there; a family who were told their relative had died of [you guess] insisted to see the body and opened the casket to find it empty. Hmm? Interestingly, that story vanished quickly. We are thankful our workers are mainly in outback areas living off the land. We thank the Lord no one cannot shut down His communications!

The Websites: A much needed update for www.temkit.com our children's site has finally been completed. If you see any broken links, let us know? www.pathlightsjr.com our teen and youth site has new items. Mission gift link, highlights, newsletters, pictures, and updates are at: www.temcatmission.com .

Something to think about: "Spiritual life—what is it? It is the contemplation of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us that our lives might be sweet and fragrant, that we might have power to perfect an unselfish Christian experience, and that from us others might learn to do good." Lt121-1904

"In this perilous time men must humble their proud hearts and cease to do evil, if they would rightly appreciate and understand the words of truth contained in the Scriptures. Jesus Christ is our Saviour, and we can be saved in no other way than by receiving the truth and exemplifying it in the character. Time is short, eternity is before us. Are we preparing to change worlds?" Lt22-1906.

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"Money is always looking for a place to go: In these uncertain times, If you have extra money, move fast and get it transferred to Heaven!"

"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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