

Temcat Mission Update June 2023 Extra:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters;

After I had shared the newsletter yesterday, I realized a lot that is very important needs to be shared as well, excuse me as I share this extra information and insight. There is a sad side to this report and prayers are certainly needed like never before these days in the mission and I know they are needful in all our lives as well.

Prayers and Progress.

This is from the past but I want to share as it shows the hand of the Lord. The group at Chitunwiza had joined the mission a long while back but somehow it never seemed to do much outreach or have real vitality. Our contact there Elder Z., a very dedicated Christian, even to the point of losing his job to keep the Sabbath, was doing his best but other 'elders' in the church refused any suggestions. We did not know why, but it began to come to light as we were teaching all groups about tithes and offerings, and supporting, as they could, the mission outreach. Eld. Z was all for it, but these others rose up against him and it came to the place of making false accusations and demanding a church trial to cast him out. On the Sabbath this was to happen we knew he must have support and so 3 of our Pastors showed up at their farce trial. They tried to demand the pastors to leave but the congregation opposed them. So then it came out that these 'elders' were receiving large political grants to use the church as a political front! They had even been bribing people to lie about Eld. Z. As they were opposed by congregation and pastors, they began to say the building was theirs, so it was given them and the faithful, which was most of the congregation, rose up and left, to later make plans to establish their own meeting place. The Lord has blessed their efforts in this and they thrive spiritually. But the ones receiving the filthy lucre who kept the building had a shock as a storm hit shortly after, and basically destroyed it. The land was turned over to someone else and nothing remains of it now. Some of the former opposition are now coming to join the faithful and are welcomed. I share this to show the Lord is not asleep, those who stand for His pure truth are honored. Politics and filthy lucre do not mix with God's truth!

This month Pastor also spent time with the prisoners as some were about to be pardoned and released by the government and later they were. We ask prayers for these dear ones who are faithful brothers and sisters, as some have nowhere to go. We pray the Lord will watch over His own.

Chishawasha Miracles.

Pastor Maxwell and our 3 MMVs now remain to do the work on their own. The church group there had earlier built two huts for them to stay in and they occupy them now. Classes are held every afternoon by the MMVs teaching health, sanitation, and child care. In the evenings 3 times a week, beside Sabbaths, Ps Maxwell teaches the Bible and Gospel to a large eager audience in the church shelter the people built. Pastor arranged to send some seeds to Ps Maxwell so he, as always, can teach agriculture and organic gardening to the people there. We knew that at least a couple wells and a toilet and wash area had to be built there as at Ngesi when work was started there. So with some generous support from friends of the mission and much sacrifice, our building team is being sent to do this. Materials were delivered to the site yesterday, and another miracle was that the suppliers delivered free for us and actually it took 2 trucks and still they did not charge us! May the Lord bless them! The builders plan to go and begin work next week. We were not able to afford all the materials that will be needed but I made sure to pay them their wages up front, as the Lord says the working man must not be made to wait for his wages! I send a bit more than they asked also. They have families to support! It is wonderful that because of our honest and generous dealings with them over the last years, they are all baptized members attending regularly at home mission group and keep Sabbath on the job! So many you see in Zim think all religion is just a front to rip people off! How we treat people we do business with is important to God! Now when both pastors were at Chishawasha our other MMVs were at the home mission and we were praying much for their safety. For those who have followed the mission for a while,

you may recall that when our dear sister Molly passed to her rest leaving the mission home and most of her possessions to Pastor and the Mission, there was a certain uncle who fought to take it all away. He had been out of the area for a long while. Sister Brenda's report on his threat of the 17th. "Aunt Molly's uncle who took most of the property and tractors that was meant to be given to brother [Pastor] passed by yesterday, he is in the area now, he did not say take anything but as he passed he shouted saying you killed my relative to inherit her things, but it's not over I am back, tell your father that I am back I will come you people will leave." Then on the 18th came the placing of the curse at night; "There is a spear rolled with a red cloth up tongue handle at the gate, a basket with three white eggs inside, looks like eagle eggs, and there is a circle of blood like liquid drawn at the gate center as and in the center of it, there is a needle and a razor. We all are okay, just saw it when we were about to sweep the yard. Not sure what we should do with these things." We counselled of course as usual, not to touch them, but to pray earnestly as a group and then with prayer and hymns of praise throw wood and brush on it and burn it as always. Curses have no effect on God's faithful children! But what happened was so amazing! "We finished praying and gathered our things to go and burn those things, we saw dogs I think attracted by the blood, they licked the blood from the soil like entirely rubbing off the entire circle and those blood tools they carried them away soon as we appeared and fled, including the small basket as it had blood too. We just gathered the wood on the spot and lighted a fire, there was nothing left though for the burning." So, while they prayed, the Lord cleaned up the mess with His own agents! The sad report on the 25th after Pastor had returned, the threatening uncle was hit with a stroke. So far he is alive and we pray he will repent. What about the things they did steal from Pastor and the mission when aunt Molly died? They never benefitted them. The tractor would not run and sits rusting away, the lands they took, every crop they ever planted either failed or beasts destroyed it! You would think they would learn that God does not take it lightly when His children are being messed with.

Mission Needs:

We do pray these extra stories with insight into how the Lord is working to combat the intense spiritualism there, will be an inspiration to all of you dear ones. It is not in the scope of our work to speak of politics, but suffice it to say that through the influence of certain leaders conditions in Zimbabwe are desperate, with skyrocketing inflation making it very hard to obtain food supplies and other needs. The leader and many there are ancestor worshippers and like Nebuchadnezzar of old when faced with the nation's problems, he 'calls the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans' [sangomas] Their suggestion? Honor the dead ancestors. So a huge statue was built at great expense to honor one of the dead ancestors. Did it help? No, things have gotten worse of course. But God is with His faithful ones and so we see miracles as we have shown you. Rest assured, God is never at a loss in any situation.

But I will share this report from our lead MMV sister on Home Team when I asked about supplies.

"Granny, we have enough to survive, as things are in this country no one can have enough, now people just have enough to survive. So thank you very much for your concern. Your prayers will do much." This time of year is cold and dry there, "During dry season like this most or all our plants usually dry and die, even wild fruits we don't have. Until the rain season comes again. Even wild veggies will not be available during this time. But in rain season we sure have those." I like their attitude though and want to copy it! "As for us, we are super okay. We have learnt to survive." So the needs are great but we know He is faithful Who has promised, "I will never leave you or forsake you!"

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Something to think about:

This promise sure describes the mission work. "O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make gods unto

himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.” Jeremiah 16:19-21.

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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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