

NEWS OF THE MINISTRY

STUART & LAVERNE WAUGH



GREETINGS FROM ZIMBABWE

Hello and greetings in the abundant grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ! We are deeply thankful for your continuance and willingness to stay the course of the Gospel Ministry with us. Herewith some "VISION PICTURES" of ZHOMBE Baptist Church beginnings. You will notice three things:

1. The delivery of food for people who are workless and poverty stricken yet wearing their best clothing to "church" which has been donated from the USA churches.
2. The intense attitude of all the people and pastors as PASTOR JUMA preaches the Word.
3. The many Sunday school children present.

The mid-sized truck you see was given by an anonymous financial donation in cash to each pastor and is now used, as intended, for the work.

Pastor Juma Arubi is our financial secretary and administrator for distribution of funds for the support of 11 pastors and their families. They are our Zimbabwe Vision of a work that continues on, run and managed by the men we have trained and taught. This new church where the special meeting was held was planned and administered entirely by these amazing brethren.

La Verne and I are confident that they will continue on doing the work of the Lord in preaching the WORD, long after the Lord has taken us away. We have seen the growth and dedication of the local churches under the faithful teaching and are persuaded that the Grace of God will never fail them. The time draws nearer when the teachers become the students and we follow and Glory in the Grace that He bestows on these saints.

We want to thank you for all of your 40 years of support and prayer and your lives of true sacrifice to the Zimbabwean works and the South African ones before that. Only the Lord knows your hearts' desires and your obedience to those out there in your lives and service. Thank you!

La Verne and I continue on in the ministry in roles that have changed with our situation on the ground. La Verne is healthy and able to handle the fund distribution and giving for the hungry saints through Pastor Juma Arubi. She still teaches at a local school where literally thousands of children have sat under her personal influence over the years. So many grow and return to express their love to her and appreciation for the grace she evidenced in their lives. The funds she makes from teaching are used to help the lives and work of the many around her and attending services under Pastor Crispin Lunga.

Transplant! I handle the Simon Waugh Funds. This entails fetching cash from South Africa every month and arranging for their physical delivery to Brother Juma in Zimbabwe. I also arrange meetings of all the pastors to sit under the Bible teaching of some beloved visiting Pastors twice each year for continuing education.

I continue to meet with the pastors to discuss the works and administration of the churches and to help deal with theological and practical issues. I can no longer sprint the 100 meters, but am able to walk the road the Lord has given me and preach occasionally in one of the churches.

The people in the Zimbabwean churches have an apparent need to see the one who started the churches in the first place! I have indulged that need but love more to see the searching for Him Who built and is building the churches.

Our needs continue on as before and the Simon Waugh fund stands always in the need of support. We ask still for prayerful giving to the fund. We need substantial gifts to bolster the total and secure the future of the ministry through Independent Faith Mission oversight as usual. Please continue to pray. We need you.

