

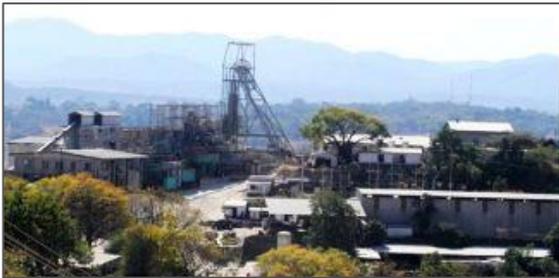


Mission report from Rev. Pardon Chingovo

Dear Friends of the Miners' Mission

We thank God for His protection of our lives and for His help, which we have seen in all our need. To Him be the glory!

Travelling in my car in the various mining areas, often travelling over poorly maintained roads, I constantly meet people who have experienced God's wonderful working in



„Cam and Motor Mine“, once the biggest gold mine in Zimbabwe, near Kadoma should reopen again next year.

their lives. What a joy, when mine workers, with whom I have engaged in conversation, show interest in listening carefully to the message of Good News in Christ and start a new life with Jesus.

One miner to whom I spoke, said: „I was ill for 10 years. I prayed to God, I was in hospital, I expected help from a traditional healer - but nothing helped me. But from the time that you visited me and prayed with me, so my faith started to grow step by step. My trust in God grew stronger. I started to read in my Bible, that you gave me, every day. I wish to thank God so much, that I am now healed. My headaches, my heavy chest pains and the pain in my legs have gone. Now I can walk again. I thank God for this man of God, who came to visit me. My name is John Shava from Torwood.“

From 10. – 15. April a Camp for orphan children and children from truly needy families took place in Mkotosi. It was a good and blessed time for all the children and also those helping.



On 9. May all the evangelists of the Miners' Mission, along with 16 helpers met in Mkotosi, to plan and set up the Camp and have a big session of prayer for those attending. One day later, on the 10. May, a total of 260 children arrived from the mining areas of Mashava, Shurugwi, Zvishavane and Mkotosi for the Camp. There were three themes for the children and young people to study as well as plenty of sport for them to play:

1. The Way of salvation. How can one become a child of God?
2. Who is Jesus Christ? Who is God? Who is the Holy Ghost?
3. Learning to live life well, Maintaining good health, Dangers of Prostitution and other matters relating to daily life.
4. Sport: Football, Handball, Volleyball etc.

Both children and young people listened with interest and took part in the discussions. The singing was enthusiastic. Naturally meal times were a special highlight for everyone!

Four *Street Kids* from Shurugwi took part in the Camp. What a joy that these four street kids gave their lives to Jesus. After the Camp was over we contacted some relatives of these children. These relatives were happy to accept the children into their families. One child said: „I am so happy, that my near relatives of my parents have accepted me into their



family. Jesus is so good to me. I really want to follow Him and belong to Him.“

What a wonderful God we serve. 127 children have given their lives to Jesus during this Camp. We are convinced, that we must start an

evangelistic children's outreach, so that children are won for Jesus during their young lives.

Hearty thanks to the IMM Switzerland for bearing the costs so that it was possible for us to run this Camp!

We are experiencing big problems with the supply of clean water here in Rutendo. From the end of 2016 the water is polluted and is the cause of typhoid spreading. Children and



elderly people have died from typhoid. The people are coming and are seeking help from the Mission. But the water well does not produce enough water. The people are despairing. We *desperately need a*

proper deep bore hole, in order to pump up good clean water. The well is empty. People are becoming desperate. The water buckets cannot be filled.

During the Camp at Mkotosi, where Evangelist *Derreck Marijeki* was engaged with the Mine Ministry team, during *his absence his home in Shurugwi was broken into by burglars and everything in the home was stolen.* Nothing was left – it was completely stripped of its contents. Now they have had to find a house with a cheaper rent. We pray that Derreck Marijeki will receive all the help he needs.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the great support we receive from the Miners' Mission. And thank you also for the tremendous encouragement you give us through

your prayers. They are such a great help and mean so much to us.

Pardon Chingovo

Below please read excerpts from the reports from Rev. Elija Katiyo, Ev. Tafadzwa Chikudo and Rev. Kelvin Chipangura

Rev. Elias Katiyo, Mashava, Mkotosi, Zvishavane

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. I praise God for His steadfast love that He gives us each day.

I am always experiencing during my visits, how God is working with His power in the lives of many of these people. On one occasion I met a lady who was in such undescrivable need. She suffered from cancer, but lacked the money to pay for the operation she needed. The doctor found out that the cancer was spreading and she needed treatment. But there was no money. I was nearly in tears as she explained her sorry situation. I tried to help her but could find no solution. I realised how impossible it is for poor people to get access to medication and treatment. However I have met doctors who were ready to handle patients without any payment. I prayed and pleaded with God that He would open doors for this woman to see a doctor who would be willing to treat her without payment.

I preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the men's ward of the hospital. Some men were very attentive to what I said. Two men were touched by the message and were ready to follow Jesus and let Him come into their lives. That was a great joy!

I was able to help at the children's Camp. I got into conversation with a young lad, who told me that he lived with his grandmother. He explained to me how hard it was for him to have to live with her in a country which economically was on its knees. I saw how tears flowed down his cheeks as he told me of his experiences. He said that he hardly ever went to school as his grandmother had run out of money. That he was able to come along to the Camp was a great privilege as it was the very first holiday he had ever experienced. He wore no shoes on his feet. I told him how dearly God loved him. After a short chat he was ready to open his heart to Jesus and decided to follow Him completely. I prayed with him and asked the Lord, that he would be provided with food, clothes and enough money to be able to go to school regularly.

We thank you so much for your wonderful support that we appreciate so much. This Camp for orphan children and children from the poorest families could only take place because of your support. May God bless you!

I send you my greetings

Elias Katiyo

Evangelist Tafadzwa Chikudo, West Nicholson, Gwanda

The presence of God is so important for our daily life. He gives us the strength to serve Him. I thank Him, that He stands with me in all I seek to do in His Name.

On most week-days I am moving around doing house visits, doing evangelism in schools, visiting sick miners or members of their families in order to encourage and pray for them. I also going into the mining areas to do open-air evangelism.

On Thursdays I visit the hospital and the day clinic. I came into conversation with a lady patient in Gwanda hospital who told me she was suffering from a heart condition. She asked me to pray for her. Two weeks later she told me that through the power of Jesus she was healed. We thank God for this miracle.

During a house visit a widow told me of her suffering. She was particularly concerned that she could not afford to pay for her children's school fees. I said to her: „Shall we pray to Jesus that He comes to intervene in this situation.“ We both prayed that He would find a way that the children could continue visiting school.

We are praising God because our fellowship is growing. 12 families have decided to follow Jesus. We thank God for His working in people's lives. We need Bibles in the Ndeble language, as this is the main language spoken in these parts.

Thank you so much for your faithful support through prayer and gifts! May God bless you.

With our greetings

Tafadzwa Chikudo

(Note: Evangelist Tafadzwa is learning to speak Ndeble)

Rev. Kelvin Chipangura, Kadoma

I greet you in the Name of the Lord Jesus. During my visits in Kadoma I meet of people of all kinds and I can experience how the power of God is working in their lives. It is always a greatwonder when you see people opening their lives to the message of salvation in Christ Jesus and then go on to trust Him with all their heart. I have been able to give many Bibles to these people

I ask you to pray for me, that I may be able to reach out to other parts around Kadoma with the Gospel.

A particular joy for me is to visit the local Children's home. I have many opportunities to speak to the kids and young people. They are very open to the Gospel. They come from difficult backgrounds. Quite a number have already decided to follow Jesus. The standard of life in the Childrens's home is very poor. They lack decent food, clothing is in short supply. I pray that God's hand of blessing will be revealed in this place and that the kids will have a better life. In spite of everything God is blessing these children.

Honour to God for the miracle He has done for a 5 year old boy born blind! As I prayed for this child a miracle happened - the boy could suddenly see! Thank you Lord for your great and gracious gift. The parents of this child are now won for God's Kingdom. Before this they lived without God.

I came across two women when I visited the local prison. They had committed a terrible crime. They killed a man to whom one of them was married – using an axe! They were

sent to gaol for 15 years. I spoke to them and witnessed to them of the love of Jesus, who in spite of all our guilt came to forgive us and save us. Praise God they have accepted Christ as their Saviour! I encourage them each time I visit this prison. I assure them that God will lead them to a good future, as long as they keep close to Him.

Some time ago I reported on a girl called *Tariro Matika*. She is an orphan and was born HIV positive. She has now completed a year's schooling and passed all her exams. She is now in the 7th class in the primary school. Consequently she now has the opportunity to move up to the 1st secondary school class. But she lives in very poor conditions and she does not have the necessary school uniform. She does not have any shoes, does not really have enough to eat and the school fees are all putting her future into question. *But she loves God dearly*. I pray for her and plead with the Lord that somehow she will get the necessary funds for her school fees. God can help!

People here in Kadoma live in such difficult circumstances. We thank you so much for all your support that we have received from you. It is such a huge help to us.

Please pray for us as the economic crisis has pushed us all to experience massive poverty. What are the consequences? They are all around us – prostitution, death as a result of AIDS, marriage conflicts, divorces and crime.

With our greetings in the Lord

Kelvin Chipangura

Dear Friends of the Miners' Mission,

Here in Switzerland we are impressed, how God sends again and again gifts just at the right time, just when they are needed to help others who need them in order to serve Him. We want to thank you, dear Friends of the Mission, who have been so faithfully supporting the missionary work in the mining areas of Zimbabwe!

The toilets next door to the church in Rutendo are now complete. The people are so grateful for this simple but vital facility!

300 Bibles in the Ndebele language were collected by Rev. Chingovo from the Bible depot. They will be distributed from end May to those in the West Nicholson und Gwanda areas, who are so eagerly waiting for them. I can assure you that each individual Bible will be received with great joy!

Once again in collaboration with the Salvation Army, we have been able to send a *Container with aid materials*, to Zimbabwe. This consists mainly of clothing, as this is what is sorely needed right now. This is the colder time of year in the country. The poverty is so extensive that the purchase of new clothes has been out of the question for so many for so long.

As Rev. Pardon Chingovo points out, people in Rutendo have been infected with typhoid due to drinking unclean drinking water. Indeed some children and a few elderly people have subsequently died. The

hope of many was finding clean water from the well on the Mission Compound.

Unfortunately so many people were coming to collect fresh water so desperately needed for their families that the existing well could not provide enough. The only solution for the huge demand for fresh water is to provide a deep water bore hole, which will pump the water up from a greater depth. There is a possibility for such a deep bore hole to be provided and the cost for this including materials costs approx. £8,000 - £9,000. We pray, that God may have pity on these people and that we can see a good solution to this serious problem. We are clearly ready with your help to assist in providing funds for this important and pressing project. Please note for any specific gift: Water borehole.

Again Rev. Chingovo has reported that the home of Rev. Derreck Marijeki, was broken into and completely stripped of its contents. This happened while he was helping with the children's Camp in Mkotosi. Everything was stolen. What a heavy blow for Rev. Marijeki and his family! Sadly we cannot provide any direct personal care from Switzerland. Perhaps someone is ready to give financial help for him. Any specific gifts for Rev. Derreck Marijeki will be forwarded to Zimbabwe as quickly as possible.

Mkotosi is the locality in the mine area where we have been funding the building of a chapel. I am pleased to say it is nearly complete. Our thanks go to all who have contributed towards the purchase of materials needed for the building! The fellowship of believers in Mkotosi cannot thank you enough for the large financial assistance received through the IMM Switzerland, without which the building of the chapel would have been unthinkable.

Dear friends of the Mission, thank you again for faithfully standing with us by prayer for the mission work in the Zimbabwe mining areas and also for your continued giving which is already achieving so much blessing!

I wish you all a very happy and blessed summer season.

Yours most sincerely,

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