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Dear **Mission Go** Partner

What a great privilege for us to be alive at this hour of earth's history, and an honour to co-labour with the Redeemer in taking tidings of salvation to His purchased souls. In these last days, as the world grows darker each day, God's call to us is "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1. As God's remnant people we need not slumber now, we have a great work. Soon, the work shall be ended. At Mission Go, the past few months have been busy ones, and so many interesting developments have taken place. We thank God for the just ended Guruve Campaign, 75 souls and counting have been baptised so far, in a community grappled with cultism and superstition. We thank all who participated in this mission in all the different ways, may the Lord bless you richly. In this edition we take time to look back at the campaign, glean some lessons, and look ahead to upcoming tasks.

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WHO SHALL OVERCOME?



Ducus T. Mwanaka
MISSION GO President

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross, went to Heaven and who is soon to return so that we enjoy the bliss He has prepared for us. It is so fortunate that this bliss will be enjoyed by those who are overcoming and shall continue to overcome. The devil is busy deceiving nations and his deceptions are increasing daily, for he knows his time is so short. The good thing is that not all will fall prey to Satan's sophistry. Not all will join him in rebellion against the loving Lord of Heaven. Some will overcome him. But how? The good thing is the Bible does not leave us to figure it out on our own, Jesus gave it all to John in a vision. Let's see Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." John tells us how in this verse. There are three specific weapons of warfare that will secure the victory for us:

"The blood of the Lamb." When we behold and appreciate the love of Christ revealed at the cross, we are strengthened to resist the devil's temptations. God's love is our single greatest need. When we understand and exercise faith in the cross, our hearts are filled with love for Him. And love produces a loyalty and devotion that nothing can destroy see Romans 8:35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Je-

sus our Lord." And 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again."

"If we love God and want to glorify Him more than we fear death, Satan cannot steal our salvation."

"The word of their testimony." Our second source of overcoming power is to bear our personal testimony of God's love and salvation. Expression deepens impression. The more we share our faith in Christ with others, the more secure and strong we will become in that faith. See Psalm 119:37 "Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in Thy way."

"They loved not their lives unto death." Our third source of victory over the devil is to place higher value on God's honor than on our own lives. If we love God and want to glorify Him more than we fear death, Satan cannot steal our salvation. Even if we lose our lives for our faith, eternity awaits us. Jesus had this to say Revelation 2:10 "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Jesus gave the above three at our disposal so that we are overcomers in this world to inherit the world to come. May God bless the mission work ahead of us and may we continue to support the ministry for time is at hand He who comes, comes quickly. God Bless.

News & Mail Bag

Guruve 2017

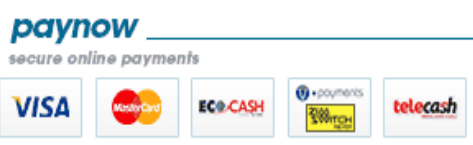
Great things the Lord has done! From the 25th of May to the 10th of June 2017, the Lord guided His servants on a heavenly appointed task in the area of Guruve. More than 60 missionaries, youthful and energetic, teamed up with Guruve SDA Church to take the light of the Gospel to benighted souls in the area. It seemed a daunting task given the superstitious nature of the local people, but the Lord did great wonders and many opened up and accepted the call to follow the Saviour. At the close of the campaign 63 souls in total were baptised from the 4 sites that were running during the campaign. In addition at least 2 church companies were established. Mission Go has since then engaged a lay evangelist who is building up on the work and as a result 12 more souls were baptised on the 22nd of July bringing the total so far to 75. A worship structure was built at Mudhindo Church, one of the areas evangelised during the campaign

Hwange Campaign

Our second task for this year will be in Hwange, in a place called Dinde. Currently the ministry is working on the best convenient dates for the campaign in liaison with the local church. We need much prayer that the Lord guides this campaign to be successful.

Online Payment System

Realising the need to link up more closely with Mission Go members across the globe as well as locally based, we have recently set up an online payment service that allows



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financial contributions to Mission Go to be processed instantly online. We believe this brings much convenience to most of us and allows us to efficiently channel more resources to the mission field and hasten the coming of our Saviour.



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Mission Testimony

- A Tale of Two Dreadlocked men

Meet Effort Chataira and Rodreck Mafunga from Guruve. These are two individuals who had a life-changing experience during Guruve mission campaign. The two were at different sites, Mucherengi and Nyamhondoro. On the final day when calls were made for baptism,



Mr Chataira, before & after the campaign

each stepped up to make a decision for the Lord and got baptised. What makes them interesting however, was obviously their hairstyles, they had dreadlocks. Most likely they were well known to the community due to the dreadlocks. But



Mr Mafunga, before & after the campaign

their conversion experience was not to end with just baptism. Days after the campaign had ended, the two realized they needed to make lifestyle changes in line with their newly found faith and nothing was going to stop them. So they teamed up and went to the barber and got fresh haircuts, a new look altogether.

Today, they are living sermons in the community as many people witness the changes that have happened in their lives. The Lord be praised for His goodness.



Finance Desk

by Tafari Chirikumarara

As we reflect on Guruve Mission Campaign we are just reminded of two scenarios where the people of God gave until the leadership had to say it is enough. The first time is when Moses was building the temple in the wilderness and also during the construction of the temple in Jerusalem. So much was brought by the brethren for the cause of God. In the year 2016 and 2017 we raised an excess of \$11 000.00 and this enabled us to buy stands for Chivhu and Guruve, we also constructed a church shade for the Guruve Church. Our budget for Guruve was about \$8000.00 (see financial statements). The plan to leave a structure once mission had been completed seemed very ambitious but God indeed provided the means for His work and we were able to finish.

We appreciate all those who contributed towards mission work.

Building a Sanctuary

Exodus 35 is an interesting chapter and I wish to just highlight certain aspects that can help us as we continue to contribute towards Mission Go's activities.

In this chapter verse 4 points out that as we give we should know that the commandment comes from God. It was God through Moses who had said let them build Me a sanctuary. The sanctuary was not for Moses but it was the idea of God so that He could

dwell among His people. As we contribute towards Mission Go activities it is also important to note that whatever we are giving we are not giving to the Executive but to God

Verse 5 points to the fact that we should give willingly to God, God desires a cheerful giver. Sometimes we do have a feeling that others are not contributing as we are doing but the most important thing is for us to give to God willingly.

Different Opportunities

In the same verse God seems to appreciate that all of us do not have equal opportunities, same jobs, same amount of money etc..., hence He says those with gold should bring gold, those with brass bring brass, even those with stones, wood, goats hair...etc brought what they had. The lesson we are taught here is that all of us have something to give to God. We have people who have failed to meet the \$10.00 and \$20.00 contributions because we cannot afford it, but let's contribute even the dollar that we have, clothes, Bibles or our time for Mission Go activities

Verses 22 shows that people came with what they had, some were taking off their bracelets and earrings so that they could give to God. God will not require us to give what we do not have, but those things that He has abundantly

blessed us with.

Chapter 36 shows that when people give God willingly they can

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continue to do so up and until they are restrained, on verse 6 Moses had to restrain people from giving for it was enough, I wish that all of us can be moved to do such as we contribute towards Hwange campaign.



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Water

by Sthandwa Moyo

A well in the desert country of Palestine was the sign of wealth. It was also the sign of independence. Wells were dug by hand, and it took much time and much hard labor. All in the search of water. The importance of water has not lessened by any mar-

But why? Because water is life, water is health and health is wealth. Note that the Philistines did not temper with altars Abraham built for they knew that if they destroyed the wells, they would have destroyed life, faith and true worship. That is how important water is in our lives.

On a more personal level, water has five primary functions in our bodies: it carries essential nutrients to cells, waste excretion from our bodies, breaks down and transports nutrients in what we eat, regulates our body temperatures, and lubricates our joints. The life-giving substance still carries out a multitude of functions in our bodies, functions which we need to survive at even a cellular level. After all, water is used in bodily functions – from breathing and sweating to digestion and waste elimination – that are critical we consume enough to keep our machines running at their best. In fact, the water in our bodies is one of the most important factors of good health.

Here are a few water facts:

- 1**-Water makes up approximately 70% of a human's body weight. The percentage is even higher in babies – but DON'T stop drinking water to lose weight! In fact Drinking more water can help one to lose weight. Drinking water can help you lose weight by increasing one's metabolism, which helps burn calories faster. Drinking more water helps one's body detoxify.
- 2**-Approximately 80% of one's brain tissue is made of water. Drinking more water can help improve one's mental clarity.
- 3**-The average amount of water you need per day is about 3 liters (13

cups) for men and 2.2 liters (9 cups) for women. Milk, juice and other beverages do not count toward your daily water intake. The average adult loses about 10 cups of water daily through perspiration, urination, and bowel movements and breathing.

4 By the time you feel thirsty, your body has lost more than 1 percent of its total water. When one does not drink enough water, one's body may trigger signs of thirst. Although thirst signals the need to

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gin since time memorial. In fact water is an urgent necessity and sadly, millions lack access to safe portable water.

Water is Life

In the ancient times, father Abraham dug wells and built altars where ever he settled. The Philistines that came after him filled up those wells with earth". . . All the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth." Genesis 26:15

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them." Genesis 26:18

drink water, one actually would have needed water long before one became thirsty; so let's not wait to feel thirsty

5 The average person can live without food for nearly a month, but we can only survive about one week without water.

6-Good hydration can prevent arthritis. With plenty of water in one's body, there is less friction in one's joints, thus less chance of developing arthritis

That said, make it a habit to drink several glasses of warm water every morning.



Sthandwa Moyo is a NUST student and Mission Go Member. She writes from Bulawayo



Drinking more water can help improve one's mental clarity

Mudhindo

by Thubelihle Mpofu

Witnessing

The area that we had to cover as a site was quite wide and considering the number of people that our site had we could only cover but a small fraction of the area. We had 5 groups which consisted of maximum of 4 people, each group was supposed to give a detailed report of how they spent their day visiting different homes. Before we started our witnessing we had equipping lesson were bible verses were given so as to guide the groups on how to have their lesson.

Evening services

Upon inviting people to come and join us for a service that was to be done each evening, we then managed to have services which started at 18:00 and was to end at 19:30. We emphasized to our choristers to give their best as music was one thing that got some people to come and join the service. Our preachers were Elder Chirikumarara and Elder Kutyaauripo. The structure of the service had opening prayer, pulpit manager, children story, health talk, main speaker, closing prayer. Also during the services we gave away books which included *The Great Controversy* and *When God Said Remember*, in which some people gave feedback that these books were really useful and life changing. We had some head counts of the attendance each night and it was ranging from 55 to 70 people.

Baptism

It was our prayer that every house and every person we had witnessed to would respond and choose to be born again, however things did not go as planned. From all the people we studied with after calls were made during evening services we had 24 people that choose to be baptized but only 12 of these pitched up on Sabbath for the baptism. Soon after baptism we chose spiritual parents for them and encouraged them to work closely together to get these new members to grow spiritually.

Children's Activities

Great interest was given by the children department on maximizing as much program for the children as possible. Upon receiving the clearance letter from the district ministry of education we then attended morning assembly at Chifamba primary school, where some Bible stories were done for the pupils. We then decided to hold a career guidance seminar at Chifamba High school, where we did motivational talks and some word of encouragement to the examination candidates for both Advanced and



BAPTISM— Guruve local church elder reads vows to baptismal candidates before they get baptised

Ordinary level pupils. They asked much questions which were answered and we also gave away prizes to those that managed to answer some questions we had asked.

Challenges

The greatest challenge I think we faced as a site is shortage of people to work on the field because surely the work was great but the laborers were few. Also we faced the challenge of the fact that some of the people that were to witness were themselves not equipped with Bible knowledge so sometimes we spent too much time discussing issues we are supposed to know as Adventist. Apart from that, the Lord managed to keep us united together as a team during the entire period of our Zunde.

Recommendations

As Nust Society during the lunch time lessons we need to also include some serious Adventist church doctrine lessons so as to equip everyone with enough witnessing skills. When distributing people to different sites during zunde we ought to balance the scale, for example choristers ,those that have attended zunde before we must make sure that every site has such, I hope I made my point clear.

Other Events

We had unfortunate event of funerals in the second week where there were four consecutive funerals in our village, in which one of them was the funeral of the brother of Mai Matambudziko, the owner of the home where we were camping.

Closing Remarks

We would like to thank God Almighty who is the One who was leading in our camp throughout the mission. I would personally like to thank all those who were in my site for all their cooperation whenever I gave them tasks to do. Also we would like to give thanks to Mai Matambudziko for allowing us to use her house, electricity and wells for water, we surely had more of like a holiday than a zunde experience. Most importantly we want to recognize Mission Go executive for the wonderful work they did during zunde, just to mention the highlight, we ate very good food and we had no food shortages not even for a day.

May the LORD bless all those who took their time, some their money to make this zunde a success.



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Mucherengi

by Johnson Mapfumo

Witnessing

Initially the group had 4 witnessing teams, 3 of which had 4 members and one had 3 members. On each day we had 2 members remaining on site for security as there were baboons in the area. We were joined by Mrs Gondo, a member of the Guruve church and also some Society members who came in the last week, these formed an additional group.

The groups had a combined equipping lesson in the morning which was to introduce the evening sermon, though other groups would give lessons that they deemed suitable for the houses they visited. The people we witnessed to were from churches such as the Salvation Army, Johani Masowe and other apostolic groups, some did not go to church at all.

We were not able to visit all the houses in the area, our numbers were too little. On some houses we had very few lessons as the people would not be available or would be busy. We encountered very few houses where the people would completely refuse to learn or to pray with us.

As part of our witnessing we addressed the physical challenges that we could meet, we encountered people who had no money for medications, some with no blankets and food and some without money for fees. Some of the more serious cases we forwarded to the local church members and to Mission Go.

We were able to have motivational talks and career guidance at Mucherengi Secondary School, in which we spoke to the whole school, the response has been good as some of them are in contact with us and we help where we can. An ongoing program for the school would be much appreciated by the community and the students.

Evening Services

We had our evening services starting at 17:30 hours initially but we then changed to 18:30 hours as most people would arrive during the service. The sermon topics took from that which the groups would have covered during the day. Most of the people in attendance were primary school students with a adult attendance at an average of seven. Use of the P.A system helped greatly as people at distances of about 3km could hear the sermon. We had a children's segment every day, in the second week we covered the NEWSTART acronym during our health talk.



Mucherengi– Preacher congratulates newly baptised church members

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Baptism

The total number of people who were baptized from Mucherengi was not ascertained, the estimated figure is 21 persons. Some of the people who had registered for baptism could not attend, when a follow up was made, we observed that they still had interest but due to different circumstances, some beyond their control, they could not attend. An estimate of 7 persons can be made.

Children's Activities

These have been outlined under witnessing, namely

1. Career guidance at Mucherengi High School
2. Children's stories during the evening service

We were not able to have any sessions at the primary school, permission was not granted us.

Challenges

The challenges we face were internal.

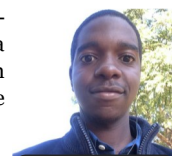
1. Time management proved a challenge in the first days, we had delays in the morning and evening service.
2. We had too few pots, this was a cause of delay. Some would miss services while they finished cooking.

Recommendations

1. Ensure that cooking utensils are adequate for our sites.
2. Literature needs to be provided, especially in the local languages.
3. A means of equipping Society needs to be devised before zunde, to avoid the unnecessary dependence on the equipping lessons.
4. We need to be equipped on how to witness to the elderly, most of the elderly people seem not to accept the message on the surface. We noticed among them intra personal conflict in regard to making the decision for the truth they had received, they fear to be misled when they are nearing the end of their races.

Other Issues

1. We received feedback from some community members on the health expo, they said it was helpful and they asked for literature distribution in the area.
2. Church members in the area were a great help during our stay in Mucherengi. They provided us with all we would ask for, even going beyond our requests
3. The Mucherengi community members requested a meeting place that is in their vicinity, to some the distance is a hindrance.



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Nyamhondoro

by Ecclesine Phiri

Witnessing

Initially the site had 16 campers and 1 local member. We had 5 witnessing groups, 3 groups having 3 members and the other 2 groups having 4 members. We started witnessing on Monday 29 May. Witnessing started at 10am to 4pm. Each group would visit an average of ten houses a day depending on the topic of the day and the time they spent on the first houses. We had an additional group the final week with 3 members.

The people in this area were receptive, they welcomed us with open arms and they enjoyed our visits. However, we had a challenge the day when we were talking about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ because most of the people in Nyamhondoro go to Mudzimu Unoyera and Emmanuel church where they believe that their Jesus is there with them “a girl aged around 24”. After that lesson some houses were no longer receptive as at first, some gave excuses of not giving us time to teach them and others were bold enough to tell us that they were no longer interested.

Evening Services

Our evening service started at 5:30pm with a prayer band which would end at 6pm and the main service commence at 6pm to 8pm. We had children’s ministries department which would give children’s sermon before



Divine Service— Preachers make a call to congregation

the main speaker every day. The attendance was not very good in the first week but increased to around 80 visitors the second week. We noticed that our visitors were just promising to come for the evening service but at the end of the day fail to. So we resorted to collecting them before service. So maybe that’s why the turn up was good the second week. Among our visitors we had Living Waters church founder, a teacher at Nyamhondoro primary so from our survey we noticed that even if some of our visitors wanted to be converted, they failed out of the fear of their leader. So we can say that was our challenge.

Baptism

As Nyamhondoro team we managed to baptize 9 people. Some of our members who had promised to be baptized did not show up on the day because there was a fu-

neral in the area. Generally we can say that the two weeks were a success and the Pastor encouraged the church members in the area to meet for services at Nyamhondoro Primary school.



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Nyanhunzi

by Courage Dudzai

In the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the globe.” Steps to Christ pg68. Through this campaign we got to experience and had a feel of this life-giving atmosphere. We had a wonderful and blessed time at Nyanhunzi site.

Witnessing

Initially we were 15 and divided ourselves into five groups of three. Witnessing time was from 9am to latest 4pm. We had an additional number of nine full time members, 6 from within the local area. On average each group studied with at least 5 houses, reports being given everyday after supper on the experiences each group had during the day.

Evening services

Our evening services where supposed to start at 6pm but from the observation, attendance around that time was low so we shifted to 6.15 up to 7.30. The order of the evening service was 15 minutes music session, 5minutes health talk, 5minutes children story, 45 minutes main sermon and prayer band and special prayers after the service with visitors. We had music provided by three groups from within our members including the main choir.

On Sabbath we had the normal Sabbath service from Sabbath school, divine and afternoon lesson.



Sabbath service— Nyanhunzi team and local church members at baptism site

Church attendance was low in the first few days with around 5-10 members but later it went high to 45-60 members including children.

Prayerband

We had prayer relays from 11pm up to 5am, prayer band up to 5.30 and morning manna up to 6am. This was such an uplifting exercise as we would feel secure each night and during the day. Our fasting days where the two Thursdays of the two weeks.

Baptism

On baptism, 23 members were baptized, 12 males and 11 females. The number we anticipated to get baptized was around 35 but some on the day did not show up.

On the issue of finances, we didn't have much of a challenge, some of the foodstuffs were provided by local members and some we were given by those with whom we

studied with. We had sufficient food to sustain us even in abundance.

Challenges

In a nutshell, the only challenges we had was the issue of Bibles. Most homesteads didn't have Bibles so for some it was quite a challenge to accept the truth. The issue of time was another one—such that our evening services ended quite late. Despite the challenges the Lord did His work well and won Himself 23 souls.



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The True Vine

by E. G. White

Am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." Our Heavenly Father planted on earth a goodly vine, whose fruit would impart to the children of men eternal life. But this precious plant appeared to human eyes as a root out of dry ground, seeming to have no form nor comeliness. When it was claimed to be of heavenly origin, the men of Nazareth became enraged, and cast it from them. The inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem took this vine of God's own planting, and bruised it, and trampled it under foot, hoping thus to destroy it forever. But now the Husbandman removed his precious vine, and planted it in his own garden, beyond the spoiler's reach. The stock and root were concealed from human sight, but still "the branches run over the wall." Thus grafts could be united to the vine, and, partaking of its nourishment, these became branches, and flourished and brought forth fruit.

This figure of the vine is a perfect symbol. God sent his Son from the heavenly courts to a world seared and marred with the curse. In Christ was righteousness, peace, life--every blessing necessary for man's happiness. But the world hated the Son of the infinite God. The world saw nothing attractive in him. The best gift of Heaven was slighted and spurned. Christ was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Yet "he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." Christ was hated by evil men because his character was spotless, his works righteous. He came to be the Redeemer of the world, yet he was taken by wicked hands, and shamefully entreated, and crucified. God raised him from the dead, and he

ascended to Heaven to present his blood as the propitiation for our sins.

Though hidden from mortal sight, Christ still lives as the world's Redeemer, the representative of man in the heavenly courts, and the medium through whom all blessings flow to the fallen race. Said the Saviour to his disciples, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." In this vine is all spiritual life. From Christ's fullness alone can we obtain nourishment unto eternal life. The vine


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stock is unseen; but the branches,--members of his body,--are visible. The scion which before was leafless and apparently lifeless, becomes, when grafted into the vine, a partaker of its life and fatness. Fiber by fiber, and vein by vein, the graft adheres to the parent stock, till the life-giving sap flows to the adopted member, causing it to bud, and blossom, and bear fruit.

The scion becomes a part of the living vine by forming a perfect union with it. Thus it is with the sinner. By repentance and faith, he becomes connected with Jesus Christ, and lives in him. This connection joins soul to soul,--the finite with the infinite. But, contrary to nature, the branch which has been united with the true vine brings forth, not fruit of its own kind, but the fruit of the vine of which it has become a part. The Spirit of Christ, flowing into the hearts of all who are indeed united with him, makes them partakers of the divine nature. They become pure, even as he is pure. Yet true disciples are the last to claim as their own this precious fruit. "Accepted in the Beloved," objects of their Heavenly Father's constant care and un-failing mercy, they feel unworthy of the divine favor, and have too vivid a sense of utter dependence upon God to boast of their exalted position.

Every branch of the vine, subjected to the pruning of the wise Husbandman, will bring forth clusters of precious fruit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." The branch can maintain its connection with the living vine only on condition that it bear fruit. Said Christ, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." And to each disciple is addressed the solemn warning, "Every branch in me [every one who claims connection with me] that beareth not fruit, he taketh away." Such a one is after a time overcome by temptation, and at last wholly separated from Christ.

It is a sad fact that many who profess to be branches of the true vine show by their lives that they have no



connection with it. Their words and actions, destitute of grace and meekness, resemble the stinging branches of the noxious thorn-tree, rather than the lovely, fruit-laden boughs of the precious vine. Love to God and love to our neighbor is the sum and substance of true piety. Those who are destitute of this love, and yet claim high attainments in spiritual things, may for a time deceive their fellow-men, but they cannot deceive God. Says the True Witness, "I know thy works." And in the great day of final accounts, God "will render to every man according to his deeds."

Many who claim to be followers of Christ are withered branches, that must ere long be separated from the living vine. The love of the world has paralyzed their spirituality, and they are not awake to the precious theme of redemption. The impression made upon the world by these professed Christians is unfavorable to the religion of Christ. Such dull, careless ones manifest ambition and zeal in the business of the world, but they have little interest in things of eternal importance. The voice of God through his messengers is a pleasant song; but its sacred warnings, reproofs, and encouragements are all unheeded. Eternal interests are placed on a level with common things. The Holy Spirit is grieved, and its influence is withdrawn.

Fruitful Christians are connected with God, and hence they are able to place a right value upon eternal things. The truth and the love of God are their meditation. They have feasted upon the words of life, and whenever they listen to the "message of glad tidings," they can say, as did the disciples to whom Christ explained the prophecies on the way to Emmaus, "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?" It is the duty of every child of God to store his mind with divine truth; and the more he does this, the more strength and clearness of mind he will have to fathom the deep things of God. And he will be more and more earnest and vigorous, as the principles of truth are carried out in his daily life.

That which will bless humanity is spiritual life. He who is in harmony

with God, will constantly depend upon him for strength. "Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." It should be our life work to be constantly reaching forward to the perfection of Christian character, ever striving for conformity to the will of God. The efforts begun here will continue through eternity. The advancement made here will be ours when we enter upon the future life.

Those who are partakers of Christ's meekness, purity, and love, will be joyful in God, and will shed light and gladness upon all around them. The thought that Christ died to obtain for us the gift of everlasting life, is enough to call forth from our hearts the most sincere and fervent gratitude, and from our lips the most enthusiastic praise. God's promises are rich, and full, and free. Whoever will, in the strength of Christ, comply with the conditions, may claim these promises, with all their wealth of blessing, as his own. And being thus abundantly supplied from the treasure-house of God, he may, in the journey of life,

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"walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing;" by a godly example blessing his fellow-men, and honoring his Creator. While our Saviour would guard his followers from self-confidence by the reminder, "Without me, ye can do nothing," he has coupled with it for our encouragement the gracious assurance, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit."

By E.G. White.
Adapted from
Review & Herald,
September 20, 1881.

A Work of JUDGMENT

By Mehluli Nokwara

A LOOK AT THE PRE-ADVENT JUDGMENT

Many have understood the theory of the first angel's message but not many of us have grasped the reality of the issue. Should the veil that separates heaven from earth be removed, and man be allowed to behold angels as they do the solemn work of recording every word and act done on earth; man would live righteous lives. Many trifling words would not be spoken, the sins committed in secret would be left and we would live in consciousness of the presence of Jehovah. The youth would not enter a path save that which they can ask for God's blessing.

We are as it were sitting in a judgment hall. The prophet Daniel describes it graphically, "As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened." The heavenly majesty sits upon the throne of heaven as a sovereign judge and ruler.

Inspired writers describe that God as He sits on the throne looks like a glowing fire, Jasper, carnelian and as one who has lived many years. Around Him is the appearance like that of the rainbow of promise. They further describe that the throne looks like flaming fire. They say it appears to be made, "like a wheel intersecting a wheel." "From the throne" comes "flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder." Before the throne are seven lamps and a sea which the revelator describes as a sea of glass but Ezekiel describes it as one sparkling like ice. There are not enough words under the sun to describe the glory and majesty of the throne of the king of the universe! It is a place where sin can never molest!

The scene there is one that commands reverence. When the prophets beheld it they fell down as if to worship God. About it are twenty-four thrones of the twenty-four el-

ders which worship the Lord saying, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power..." There are four living creatures with eyes all around them which sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty..." Angels which excel in strength are before the throne and they sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." We should ever seek to attain holiness if we are to live in glory.

The angels are, "...ministering spirits sent to serve..." They are sent of God to record, "...with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results..." How I pray for us the prayer

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that Elisha prayed for Gehaz, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." If our eyes were open to see the reality of these angels as they do their work; before we did anything we would ask ourselves, "can I actually pray for what I am about to do?"

The works that the angels record are written in books that are as it were before God's throne. There is the book of life which has, "the names of all who have ever entered the service of God." This contains the names of all who will enter the new Jerusalem, "nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." Another book called the book of remembrance which contains good deeds of "them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." Every good deed that man has ever done is immortalized in this book. Man sometimes may feel lonely in doing God's work and in living righteously before God but it is their privilege

to know that Heaven is noticing.

Cheer up my brother and my sister and continue in the strait path even if you are numbered with the minority. All heaven is watching you with deep interest and approbation. We know we have a gift after we have overcome this world. The other book opened before God is a book of sins. Speaking of this book Isaiah says, "...it is written before Me, ... your iniquities, saith the Lord." This is a book which every Christian should loathe. If the prophets had written only the above about the judgement then all humanity would be left in despair. For all have sinned, all have gone astray and all fall short of the glory of God thus all deserve to die.

Thank God the prophet Daniel sites that he saw, "one like a Son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence." This is none other than Jesus Christ our advocate. Unlike earthly lawyers, he has never failed a case. As we stand accused by the Devil before God it is He who says get thee behind me Satan. Satan knows too well the sins that he has made us to commit and his claim is that we should remain in the book of sins which means exclusion from the book of life and the book of remembrance. But Christ stands before the Father saying, "My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!" and we are justified.



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The Polynesian Field - Pitcairn Island

In the year 1876, Elder James White and the writer [J.N. Loughborough] sent a volume of the Signs of the Times and some tracts, accompanied by a letter, to Pitcairn Island. These documents were placed on a ship going around Cape Horn to New York. We were assured that the ship would stop at Pitcairn, and there the parcel would be delivered. We knew not a person on the island, and knew nothing of the island itself, save its reputation as having for its inhabitants a devoted, godly people. The papers were sent at a venture.

Visit to Pitcairn

We heard nothing from the people or our literature until Mr. John I. Tay made his visit to the island, in the year 1886, ten years later, when we learned that as the result of reading the volume of the Signs and the tracts, the whole island, at one time, almost decided to change their day of worship from the first day of the week to the seventh day, and keep the Lord's Sabbath. This they did not do, however, until the time of Mr. Tay's visit. He had been for a long time deeply impressed to visit the island, but knew nothing of the people personally, nor of their interest already kindled in the truth.

After his return to America, he pleaded most earnestly for a ship to be constructed with which missionaries could be transported from island to island in the Pacific Ocean.

He attended the General Conference held in the year 1889, with this thought uppermost in mind, and there he plead the cause of the Polynesian Islands. The conference, seeing the utility of the undertaking, voted to raise, by donations, the sum

of \$12,000 with which to build or buy a ship to work among the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

The Pitcairn Built

In harmony with this action the ship Pitcairn was built, in the summer of 1890, near Benicia, about thirty miles from Oakland, Cal., at a cost of \$12,035.22. In three fourths of a year this sum of money was raised, and donated by the Sabbath-schools for this purpose alone, and never was a gift more cheerfully and enthusiastically made. The ship was dedicated at Oakland, Cal., Sept. 25, 1890. About fifteen hundred people assembled on the ship and wharf to witness the ceremony.

The Pitcairn's First Cruise

The vessel sailed on its first cruise from San Francisco for its distant field of labor, October 20. On board as missionaries were Elder E. H. Gates and his wife, Elder A. J.

Reed and his wife, John I. Tay and his wife, with a missionary crew under Captain Marsh. This vessel went first to Pitcairn Island, four thousand miles south of San Francisco, where it arrived November 25. When the ship left the island, December 17, eighty-two adults had received baptism, and had been organized into a Seventh-day Adventist church.

The vessel then made its way to the Society, Hervey, Samoan, Friendly, and Fiji groups, leaving religious books and health and temperance tracts with the English-speaking people. During eight months, to September, 1891, the missionaries sold books to the amount of \$1,900 besides dis-

tributing a large amount of reading matter free.

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Death of Missionaries

After an absence of one year, eleven months, and eighteen days, the Pitcairn returned to San Francisco, where it arrived Oct. 9, 1892. During this time Captain Marsh had passed away, and been buried in the island of New Zealand. Mr. Tay was stricken with pneumonia, from which he never recovered. He, too, passed peacefully away, and was laid to rest in the distant land of Fiji; and thus were two precious lives given so soon to the Polynesian Mission.

The missionaries located on the island of Tahiti, at Papaete, were led to rejoice in seeing, almost immediately, fruits of their labor. They were enabled to send to the homeland, at this date, the cheering report of forty persons converted and organized into a Seventh-day Adventist church.

Adapted from
the Great
Second Ad-
vent Move-
ment by J.N.
Loughborough

February 2017 to July 2017(GURUVE MISSION CAMPAIGN)

US\$

Funds available as of 01 February 2017

1,063.67

Income

Contributions

7,666.33

Total

8,730.00

Expenditure

Transport (to and from Guruve)

2,182.00

Mudhindo Church Structure

1,654.00

Food

1,153.75

Mudhindo Church Stand

1,000.00

Bibles x80

720.00

Bible Manuals

48.00

Insurance

100.00

Health Expo

677.00

Fuel

414.00

Precampaign-Chiefs' training

55.00

Sundry (Firewood, Lamps, Stationery...)

275.50

Total Expenditure

8,279.25

Funds available as of 30 July 2017

450.75

HWANGE MISSION BUDGET PROJECTION 2017

| Item | | US\$ |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Transport | | |
| Bulawayo-to and from Hwange | | \$1,200.00 |
| <u>Literature</u> | | |
| Bibles | | \$500.00 |
| Manual of Bible Doctrine | | \$200.00 |
| | | \$700.00 |
| <u>Logistics</u> | | |
| Generator (x2) | | \$100.00 |
| Lighting | | \$50.00 |
| Fuel | | \$100.00 |
| Health expo | | \$100.00 |
| Insurance | | \$100.00 |
| | | \$450.00 |
| <u>Food</u> | | |
| Mealie meal | 525kg | \$270.00 |
| Samp | 160kg | \$75.00 |
| Soya Chunks | 60kg | \$150.00 |
| Rice | 120kg | \$150.00 |
| Beans | 100kg | \$140.00 |
| Bread | 200 loaves | \$200.00 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 10 buckets | \$50.00 |
| Potatoes | 10 buckets | \$70.00 |
| Cooking oil | 40 litres | \$70.00 |
| Peanut Butter | 30litres | \$75.00 |
| Mazoe | 20 litres | \$30.00 |
| Freshpak Rooibos | 8 boxes | \$25.00 |
| Sugar | 40kg | \$40.00 |
| Salt | 15kg | \$15.00 |
| Powdered Milk | 8kg | \$32.00 |
| Flour | 15kg | \$30.00 |
| Baked Beans | 80tins | \$80.00 |
| Soups | 4 boxes | \$20.00 |
| Salad Cream | 6×1,5kg | \$40.00 |
| Eggs | 8 crates | \$40.00 |
| Roundnuts/Peanuts | 2 buckets | \$20.00 |
| <u>Fruit & Vegetables</u> | | |
| Cabbage | 30 heads | \$30.00 |
| Tomatoes | 5 boxes | \$75.00 |
| Onions | 3 pockets | \$30.00 |
| Fresh Vegetables | | \$40.00 |
| Carrots | 20 packets | \$20.00 |
| Green Beans/peas | 15 packets | \$15.00 |
| Oranges | 4 pockets | \$30.00 |
| | | \$1,862.00 |
| Church Structure | | \$1,654.00 |
| Overall TOTAL | | \$5,866.00 |

Church Building

About “Church Building” Project.— As a ministry we have come to appreciate that evangelism is more than an event but a process of leading souls to the Saviour. We need to win and *retain* souls in the truth. It means that above doing one-time events there is need to set up resources and facilities where new believers have constant access to hear the truth being taught. Thus in addition to preaching the gospel message over the usual 2-week campaign period, we have sought to ensure that new believers have a place of worship. As a relatively affordable and useful means to meet this need we have resorted to building a church shade structure in places where we plant churches. This is a pressing need especially in rural areas where our church has very few buildings in place.

Review

By the Lord’s blessing we were able to build a church shade at Mudhindo in Guruve during the recently completed Guruve Mission Campaign. Initially the Lord had blessed the church with a 2000m² stand, large enough for activities the church in the district may want to do. The shade can accommodate above 100 worshipers, and can be fitted with walls using locally available resources. We seek to make this a prototype for future campaigns. We plan to build similar structures in Hwange and Chivhu.



The church at Mudhindo, Guruve

Advantages of a church structure

- ⇒ Acts as center of influence from which the truth can reach many people over many years
- ⇒ It gives the church a sense of identity within the community
- ⇒ Project is considerably affordable
- ⇒ Worship is not interrupted in times of bad weather e.g rainy season, winter or scorching sun
- ⇒ New laborers in the area do not have to start from scratch



“Wherever a company of believers is raised up, a house of worship should be built.” Gospel Workers pg431

MISSION BUS

About “MISSION BUS” Project. Mission Go’s work in proclaiming the 3 Angels’ Messages has been extending and widening every year. We thank God for the heart-warming stories that continue to be told of lives being transformed by the Gospel. However, as expected, as the work grows it also comes with increased needs and challenges. In particular we have seen the necessity of resourcing ourselves as a ministry in order to get more leverage and latitude in effectively preaching the gospel on a sustainable basis. One key area where we have noted the need for improvement is on transport. Much of the ministry’s expenditure every year goes towards hiring transport vehicles for mission campaigns and in most cases the costs are very high. In order to reduce on these costs and hence also increase our effectiveness as a ministry, we have recently launched the ‘Mission Bus’ Project. The project seeks to acquire a 36 seater bus by April 2018 which we will use in mission campaigns and avoid hiring costs.



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Advantages of owning a bus

- ⇒ Significantly cuts on transport costs on our budget
- ⇒ Will give the ministry more flexibility and efficiency in conducting mission programs
- ⇒ Can be income-generating through hiring out

Financing & Implementation

Our plan is to have this project complete by April 2018, in time for 2018 Annual Mission. Approximately we need to raise US\$15000 and the goal is to raise the full amount and make a once-off payment.

Constantly Flowing

“God calls upon those who have possessions in lands and houses, to sell, and to invest the money where it will be supplying the great want in the missionary field. When once they have experienced the real satisfaction that comes from thus doing, they will keep the channel open, and the means the Lord entrusts to them will be constantly flowing into the treasury, that souls may be converted. These souls will, in their turn, practice the same self-denial, economy, and simplicity, for Christ’s sake, that they, too, may bring their offerings to God. Through these talents, wisely invested, still other souls may be converted; and thus the work goes on, showing that the gifts of God are appreciated. The Giver is acknowledged, and glory redounds to Him through the faithfulness of His stewards.” - Testimonies for the Church Vol. 5 (1882-1889) - pg733

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HWANGE

Campaign 2017

Join Mission Go Ministry in a 2-week evangelistic campaign as we share the everlasting gospel with the people of Dinde, Hwange. To register and for more details email: missiongomin@gmail.com



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