



# MISSION GO Review

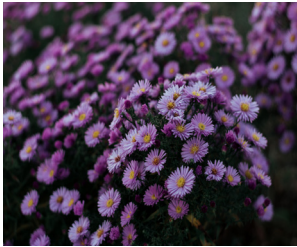


SIGNS OF  
HIS

COMING



# Contents



## 3

### VIEWPOINT

"I am with you always"

## 4

### MINISTRY NEWS

Get up-to-date on all the outreach efforts in Mission Go

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

## 9

### Signs of His COMING

In Matthew 24, Jesus outlines a number of signs that shall precede His Second Coming on earth. How can we know that His coming is near and what are we to do in light of these signs?



## 7

### HEALTH NUGGET

Caffeine is a substance found in a number foods and drinks taken by people today. We examine its effects on the human body

## 11

### MISSION REVIEW

A look at post-campaign efforts in Dinde, Hwange



## 12

### HERITAGE

We look at the life of William Warren Prescott and his work in advancing the Advent movement

## MISSION GO Review

Vol 13 #01

### EXCOMM

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Programs Director  
Logistics Officer  
Committee Member  
Committee Member

Tafanana Chirikumarara  
Michael Sande  
Innocent Mpeta  
Carol Gavi  
Clement Chale  
Obert Kwacha  
Shingai Dube

### Editor

Michael Sande

### About Mission Go Review

Mission Go Review is a quarterly publication of Mission Go Ministry. Subscription is free. Mission Go is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, based in Zimbabwe.

### Feedback

We would love to hear your feedback about MISSION GO and Mission Go Review. We would in particular enjoy learning how MISSION GO has blessed you and your family or community. Please contact:

Mission Go Ministry, Inc.  
E-mail: [info@missiongoinc.com](mailto:info@missiongoinc.com)  
Web: [www.missiongoinc.com](http://www.missiongoinc.com)

Copyright ©2018, Mission Go Ministry, Inc. MISSION GO REVIEW and the respective logos are trademarks of Mission Go Ministry, Inc.

All Bible quotes are from the King James Version (KJV) or New King James Version (NKJV), unless otherwise noted.

# THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

## I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

*"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20*

This promise of our Lord Jesus Christ can be truly seen when we minister in His vineyard. The year 2018 was a difficult one for most people in Zimbabwe, however as we see the Lord's dealings with us particularly in ministry, we realise the fulfilment of the fact that as we engage in ministry the Lord will be with us always, even unto the end of the world. This promise particularly becomes a reality when we engage in God's work. The promise has a condition that we have to teach what the Lord has commanded us. In the same vein we also ought to keep what the Lord has commanded if we are to effectively teach. The times we are living are hard,

## **"Connect yourselves more closely with the work of God..."**

resources have become scarce both for the ministry and even at respective family levels, but the needs of the ministry continue to increase putting some fear in our hearts. It is during these times that we cling to the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ will always be with us. We again see the promise and encouragement as we read from the Spirit of Prophecy *"I appeal to you, my brethren in the ministry. Connect yourselves more closely with the work of God. Many souls that might be saved, will be lost, unless you strive more earnestly to make your work as perfect as possible. There is a great work to be done in -----. It may seem to move slowly and hard at first; but God will work mightily through you if you will only make an entire surrender to Him"* Evangelism p63

The past year has seen us ministering to the people of Chirumanzu and Bulilima. We managed to plant 3 churches in Chirumanzu and 1 new church in Plumtree. We were also able to support Global Pioneer missionaries in these areas for a 6 months period. We want to thank God that as we were ending our 6 months of supporting these churches in Chirumanzu, another partner has taken over to sponsor the resident Global Pioneer, providing comfort in our hearts that nurturing for these brethren will continue. We also see the leading of the Holy Spirit in Dinde where a volunteer Global Pioneer missionary has taken over again after the ending of our efforts in the area. Our hearts are ever filled with joy we continue to hear powerful testimonies of how God is leading His people both in Chirumanzu and Dinde.

All we need to do is to work as faithfully as we can and leave the results of our action to God who in due season will provide more labourers and more souls. In the areas we have worked in number have been continually added. As we minister we at times do not see the results of our efforts. *"The good seed sown may lie some time in a cold, worldly, selfish heart, without evidencing that it has taken root; but frequently the Spirit of God operates upon that heart, and waters it with the dew of heaven, and the long-hidden seed springs up and finally bears fruit to the glory of God. We know not in our lifework which shall prosper, this or that. These are not questions for us poor mortals to settle. We are to do our work, leaving the result with God"*—*Testimonies for The Church* 3:248 (1872). As we start a new year, planning for the upcoming programs for next year is now in progress. Let us now pray that the Lord will lead us in the selection of venues and also that amidst these economic hardships we may be able to fund the ministry.

God bless! 🙏

T. Chirikumarara  
President, Mission Go



# Connect with Mission GO







## From Mail Bag

### Mission Testimony

My memorable mission experience was the campaign in Bulilima. We started this mission campaign with a few attendants as compared to our earlier campaign in Chirumanzu. This saw the District Pastor adding a few local youths to the members. After having a smooth first time experience in Chirumanzu most of us became sluggish with regards to prayer sessions by being inconsistent in attending prayer band sessions as well as neglecting our usual practice of prayer relays where we pray for the whole night in turns as witnessing groups. The neglect of prayer went on for a larger part of the first week and was accompanied by a number of disheartening occurrences which included very low attendance amongst the locals in the evening meeting. Almost all the witnessing members got sick, with myself being the worst case. Other members would wake up half paralyzed, and another worrisome thing was that our preacher would mysteriously sleep when trying to prepare the sermon for the night. It was after the first Sabbath that we decided to “up our prayer game” as the first week which in most cases sees a handful of villagers accepting the truth and being baptized ended with zero people accepting Christ and with a dwindling number of visitors during the week, quarrels within the site members and fear. In attempts to “up our prayer game” we started with a prayer and fasting day and God started working within us. Visitors started to increase in numbers and people gradually accepted the truth until the last Sabbath where a number of Gods children were baptized. What I learnt from the Bulilima mission trip is that evangelism is a battlefield where the battle is not won by eloquence but by prayer! 🙏

**Charlton Moyo, Bulawayo**

### Find Us On

-  [facebook.com/missiongoministry](https://facebook.com/missiongoministry)
-  [twitter.com/go\\_mission](https://twitter.com/go_mission)
-  [instagram.com/missiongoministry](https://instagram.com/missiongoministry)
-  [youtube.com/missiongo](https://youtube.com/missiongo)

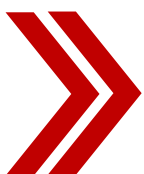
### Website

-  [www.missiongoinc.com](http://www.missiongoinc.com)

### Upcoming



- Annual Mission, 25 May - 8 June 2019



For more articles, testimonies, news and ministry updates visit our website  
[www.missiongoinc.com](http://www.missiongoinc.com)



# NEWS TO NOTE

## 67 Baptised in Bulilima

From the 29th of July to the 11th of August 2018, Mission Go had a series of evangelistic meetings in Bulilima, south-west of Zimbabwe. Two sites were in place, one at Malopa and the other at Madlambuzi. At the conclusion of the meetings, 67 people took a stand for the Saviour and were baptised to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The new converts received each a Bible and a manual of Bible Doctrine in vernacular language.



A new church branch was also opened at Malopa. Since the time, the ministry has engaged two lay evangelists/global pioneer missionaries who are working to nurture the new church members

and also doing more evangelism in the community.

## 20 more baptised in Chirumanzu

In November 2018, the church in Chirumanzu assisted by Mission Go lay evangelist, Elder Tigere, had meetings in a part of Chirumanzu. Approximately 20 people were baptised and a new church branch was also opened in the area. This



brings the number to about 110 people since the initial Mission Go campaigns earlier in June. Mission Go has been supporting a lay-evangelist in the area since June to November 2018 and its pleasing to note that a church partner has chipped in to sponsor the evangelist for an extended period so that he can do more work in the area. We thank God for His wonderful mercies.

## 2019

As the new year beckons upon us, we have a plethora of tasks and assignments to accomplish as a ministry. One area we have been wrestling with for sometime is formalising and registering our organisation as an independent body within the jurisdiction of Zimbabwean laws. We believe this will give us more latitude in expanding our work and reaching more people for the heavenly kingdom. We also seek to become a member of ASI International and thus interact more with Adventist ministries across the globe. Your prayers and support in this area will be very needful. We are optimistic the upcoming year will be one of adventurous and fruitful missionary activity, bringing many people to the Saviour. May the Lord bless you for your continued support of the work. 🙏

# You Tube

Watch our presentations  
and subscribe to our  
YouTube channel:

[YouTube.com/MissionGo](https://www.youtube.com/MissionGo)





# TREASURY

## THE LIFE OF JOB

by Innocent Mpeta

**A**s the year comes to an end, I want us to reflect upon the life of one of the interesting characters in the Bible, Job! Job is known to be one of the richest man to ever live on planet earth. His wealth was calculated in thousands of sheep, thousands of camels and thousands of cattle. *"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His*

**"When you dig a little deeper, it is interesting to learn the fact that Job was not always rich prior to the record that we get..."**

*substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east."* Job 1:1-3

### Perfect and Upright

No doubt the Bible then records that he was the greatest man of the east. His wealth was

just something many of us may just imagine but possibly fail to fully comprehend. It's quite interesting that Job 1:1 talks about Job being "perfect, upright and fearing God". How can such a man be wealthy while at the same time maintaining his righteous state before God? We would normally think or assume that for one to be filthy rich, they have to violate God's law. They have to be corrupt, or they have to be involved in some shady deals, or possibly they must be an evil runner for some big shot somewhere, or worse still they must have sold their soul to the devil. But not so with Job, he maintained interesting unique attributes, filthy rich and righteous.

### The Secret

When you dig a little deeper, it is interesting to learn the fact that Job was not always rich prior to the record that we get in Job 1:1. The book of Job indicates that riches actually came as a result of what Job did, or at least the kind of life that he lived. In Job 29, we find Job narrating (or lamenting) his life. He greatly longs for the time past when God preserved him, when His candle was upon his head and the secret of God was upon his tabernacle. Then in verse 12, boom, Job tells how all this came to be: *"Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing*



*of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." Job 29:12,13*

## **An Unusual Heart**

He became rich because he had compassion on the less privileged. He had an unusual heart for the orphans, widows and those on their death beds. Because of this God blessed him with riches and power such that even the princes respected him, the elderly gave way to him and when he spoke no one else spoke afterwards. If Job could be this rich because of having a heart towards the orphans and widows and those that were perishing. Will not God also honor us when we engage in the very same work? Won't His biblical promises come true in our own lives: we lend to the Lord and He will reward us (Prov 19:17), the generous will be blessed themselves when they share their food with the poor (Prov 22:9), the Lord will, in the time of trouble, deliver the one who considers the poor (Ps41:1). These promises are not exhaustive but the Lord has an excellently high regard for those that have the needy at heart.

## **Distributing Freely**

These promises I am sure most of us already know and I have always asked myself why there seems to be no Jobs in our time, especially among us that have a heart for mission. Could it be that we are only interested in preaching and teaching but

have no genuine heart for the needy? Or is it that we are stingy? We feel like we won't make it to the next month if we let go part of our God given money? Maybe, just maybe, we believe our wealth is increased by saving every penny we get, even to the point of not considering the needy. Job's life shows the contrary; we get rich by distributing freely. We get manifold blessings by worrying about those whom God places His eye upon.

## **Jobs in our time**

I strongly believe our ministry would be better and bigger if we had at least a Job among us. Imagine just how organized we would be. Imagine the equipment we could buy. Imagine the number of people we could impact with food, blankets and possibly shelter. Imagine how easy it would be to minister to others over broadcast media. We could easily do ministry full time. We could have (or be) full time employees on a salary. Oh how I wish God could raise us to be the Job's in our time. May this be a challenge to each and every one of us that riches do not need to make us unholy, neither do we need to create wealth by unholy means. God can and will bless us if we consider the needy, and with the blessings, may we also generously sponsor the mission so that it may have a bigger impact on the hearts of man. God bless you 🙏



Innocent Mpeti is the Mission Go Treasurer. He writes from Chinhoyi



# Caffeine

by Ngonidzashe Nyamunhu

Caffeine is a natural alkaloid, meaning a nitrogenous organic compound of plant origin which has pronounced physiological actions on humans. It is naturally found in coffee beans, tea leaves, cocoa beans and cola nuts. Caffeine is a stimulant causing it to speed up the messages travelling between the brain and the body.

## Sources

- common beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks), e.g. red bull, coke zero, coco cola, mountain dew, black tea, cappuccino.
- products containing cocoa or chocolate
- medications, including headache or pain remedies and over-the-counter drugs

## Effect on the Body

Following ingestion, caffeine is rapidly and completely absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract into the bloodstream within 45 minutes, reaches peak level in the blood within 1 hour and remains there for 4 to 6 hours. Absorbed caffeine is readily distributed throughout the entire body. It passes across the blood-brain barrier, through the placenta into amniotic fluid and the foetus, and into breast milk. Some studies have also detected caffeine in semen. Having reached the various sites, caffeine changes the way the brain and body work. It has a structure similar to adenosine, a chemical that is present in all human cells which acts as a central nervous system

depressant. Adenosine promotes sleep and suppresses arousal by slowing down nerve activity. When adenosine binds to its receptors, it also causes blood vessels in the brain to dilate thus increasing oxygen intake during sleep. When awake, the levels of adenosine in the brain rise each hour, making the brain and the body more alert.

Caffeine on the other hand, is detected by nerve cells as similar to adenosine and hence caffeine easily binds to the adenosine receptors. However, unlike adenosine, it

**"...having reached the various sites, caffeine changes the way the brain and body works..."**

does not decrease the cell's activity. Caffeine utilizes all the receptors adenosine binds to and the cells can no longer sense adenosine. As a result, instead of slowing down because of the adenosine level, cellular activity speeds up.

Caffeine blocks adenosine's ability to open up the brain's blood vessels, causing them to constrict, (this is why caffeine is used in pain relief medicine for headaches). The blocking of adenosine causes excitatory neurotransmitters to increase in the brain. The pituitary gland notices this increased activity and releases hormones that tell the adrenal glands to produce epinephrine.





## Diseases of every stripe and type have been brought upon human beings by the use of tea and coffee and the narcotics...

### Health Risks

Caffeine toxicity in adults can present a spectrum of clinical symptoms, ranging from nervousness, irritability and insomnia to sensory disturbances, diuresis, arrhythmia, tachycardia, elevated respiration and gastrointestinal disturbances. In children, caffeine toxicity is manifested by severe emesis, tachycardia, central nervous system agitation and diuresis. Chronic exposure to caffeine has been implicated in a range of dysfunctions involving the gastrointestinal system, liver, renal system and musculature. It is now widely believed that habitual daily use of caffeine around or above 500–600 mg (four to seven cups of coffee or seven to nine cups of tea) represents a significant health risks such as restlessness, anxiety, irritability, agitation, muscle tremor, insomnia, headache, diuresis, sensory disturbances (e.g. tinnitus), cardiovascular symptoms (e.g. tachycardia, arrhythmia) and gastrointestinal complaints (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea). Excessive caffeine intake (more than 400 mg per day) may increase the risk of detrusor instability (unstable bladder) development in women.

### SUMMARY OF CAFFEINE EFFECTS

**Gastrointestinal** - caffeine stimulates gastric secretion and may cause effects such as acid indigestion, heartburn, abdominal pain, gas or constipation to varying degrees.

**Depression** - high caffeine intake may worsen symptoms of anxiety and depression.

**Blood sugar** - people with type 2 diabetes report that their blood glucose levels rise after consuming caffeine. Caffeine may also impair insulin action, leading to a small but detectable rise in blood sugar levels, particularly after meals.

**Pregnancy** - studies have suggested that more than consuming 300 mg a day of caffeine, or the amount equal to around three cups of coffee, could lead to loss of pregnancy, delayed fetal growth and abnormal fetal heart rhythm.

**Fertility** - research suggests that caffeine may reduce muscle activity in the fallopian tubes, which carry eggs from the ovaries to the womb and this may reduce a woman's chances of becoming pregnant by about 27%.

**Breast-feeding** - caffeine passes into breast milk in small amounts, and it may build up in the nursing infant. Infants whose mothers drink large amounts of caffeinated beverages may be jittery and have trouble sleeping.

**Gout** - caffeine intake may trigger a gout attack in people with the condition. Drinking six or more caffeinated beverages in 24 hours has been associated with an almost four-fold increase in the risk of recurrent gout attacks.

**Incontinence** - research has shown that women whose daily intake of caffeine is 329 mg, had a 70% higher chance of bladder problems.

**Insomnia** - Consuming caffeine 3 to 6 hours before bedtime can significantly disrupt sleep. Up to 6 hours before bedtime, caffeine can reduce objectively measured total sleep time by more than 1 hour.

**Headaches** - a population-based study found that dietary and medicinal caffeine consumption may be a modest risk factor for triggering chronic daily headache, regardless of headache type.

**Menopause** - studies have found that women who consumed caffeine during menopause were more likely to have hot flashes and night sweats.

**Cardiovascular** - caffeine is a vasoconstrictor and stimulant and often increases blood pressure by contracting the heart and blood vessels in non-habitual users. It also changes the electro-physiological activity of the heart, increasing conductivity, even in limited doses. Heavy caffeine consumption raises the plasma levels of homocysteine, a risk factor for heart disease.

**Muscular/skeletal** - caffeine can mobilize calcium from cells and may lead to bone mass loss hence increasing the risk of osteoporosis.

*"Diseases of every stripe and type have been brought upon human beings by the use of tea and coffee and the narcotics, opium and tobacco. These hurtful indulgences must be given up, not only one but all, for all are hurtful, and ruinous to the physical, mental, and moral powers, and should be discontinued from a health standpoint" Manuscript 22, 1887.*



**Ngonidzashe Nyamunhu** is a Mission Go member. She writes from Gweru.



# Signs of His Coming

## Perspectives on Matthew 24

by E. G. White

**I**n unmistakable language, our Lord speaks of His second coming, and He gives warning of dangers to precede His advent to the world. *"If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*

### False Prophets

As one of the signs of Jerusalem's destruction, Christ had said, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." False prophets did rise, deceiving the people, and leading great numbers into the desert. Magicians and sorcerers, claiming miraculous power, drew the people after them into the mountain solitudes. But this prophecy was spoken also for the last days. This sign is given as a sign of the second advent. Even now false christs and false prophets are showing signs and wonders to seduce His disciples. Do we not hear the cry, "Behold, He is in the desert"? Have not thousands gone forth into the desert, hoping to find Christ? And from thousands of gatherings where men profess to hold communion with departed spirits is not the call now heard, "Behold, He is in the secret chambers"? This is the very claim that spiritism puts forth. But what says Christ? "Believe it not.

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

### The First of the Signs

The Saviour gives signs of His coming, and more than this, He fixes the time when the first of these signs shall appear: *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man*

**"Heaven and earth shall pass away but My words shall not pass away."**

*coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."*

At the close of the great papal persecution, Christ declared, the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give her light. Next, the stars should fall from heaven. And He says, *"Learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that He is near, even at the doors."* Matthew 24:32, 33, margin.

...Continue to Page 14





# Dinde through the eyes of a Medical Missionary

by Lilian Bvuma



## Background

*In September 2017, Mission Go had an evangelistic campaign at Dinde, Hwange. On conclusion of the meetings six people were baptised and a church structure was built. Through the work of lay-evangelists and a volunteer more people were baptised and a poultry project was started for orphaned children in the area. Lilian Bvuma, a US trained medical missionary, has since August 2018, taken up voluntary work to up-build and advance the work in Dinde. She shares her experience below.*

I have been at Dinde since August 2018 as a volunteer medical missionary. Of the ten people baptised in 2017, seven are still coming to church and we are praying with the other three. We have had two direct requests to join the church from a nurse at the clinic and a mother who appreciated what Mission Go workers did. She said they were self-composed and focused! Praise the Lord!

## Church Building

We have since dug up the foundation of the church and have collected some donations. We are however short of 35 bags of cement, 5 window frames of 8 pane size and their panes, and two doors. Even just one pocket of cement from each one of you goes a long way. Noah, soon after leaving the ark, built an altar and offered to the Lord (thanksgiving) although it's the time he was poorest. He only had seven pairs of the clean animals.

## Outreach Efforts

We also have testimonies of medical patients, diabetics, very high BP, with weight issues coming down from 96 kg to currently 82 kg in three months using the 8 laws of health! We also were nicknamed

"camp doctors" after participating at the August camp meetings and Mission to Rurals, attending minor ailments and giving health talks. Bible studies are on going. Our community services have seen us pounding millet in the mortar, fixing mud floors and walls, assisting old people fetch water for drinking.

**"The Dinde mentality is stingy and resistant to change, each man for himself. Even those we worship with expect a remuneration for helping at church"**

The school fees project is a real blessing. However, we still have more students who owe school fees for years. The chicken project needs to be launched so that it can be self supporting. It would be to Mission Go's advantage if they could engage someone who has interest in growing millet and vegetables. There is a good market for road runners.

## Obstacles

The general level of education is poor with many dropping out of school at Grade 7. If lucky, Form 4. There is need to train youths in life skills like building, sewing, scientific gardening (producing a crop when no one else is selling it), crafts and even small projects like bee keeping, drying vegetables and so on. Government is supplying maize to feed school children but there is no relish. Children do not eat because they should bring relish from home.





*Church Structure at Dinde, Hwange*

Unfortunately, there is nothing in the gardens. The irrigated garden suffers when one farmer fails to control a pest. They all grow the same crop which is then written off. That was the case with the tomato crop. Some parents are feeding children baboon meat, wild pigs, elephant meat and many other horrendous animals. A donation of beans to the school will create, yet again, excellent relations with the Dinde parents.

### Health Issues

There are no medicines in the clinics and this is pushing a lot of families to pentecostal churches in search of free healing and miracles. We have approached the Village Headman to seek permission to do a health expo with his Village Heads, cascading down to the community at large, to the high school and eventually children. Cooking classes will come through from results of the health expos. This is set for the beginning of 2019. The Dinde mentality is stingy and resistant to change.. each man for himself. Even those we worship with expect a remuneration for helping at church !! I wonder if baobab and marula seed nuts cannot do the trick. These trees contain omega 3, 6 and 9 which is food for the frontal lobe. This part of the brain controls feelings (use facts not emotions eg my family is all pentecostal and I will be isolated); sound decisionmaking and judgement (gmo seeds and meats blow the body but the brain is immature. Sexual feelings are activated but the mind is very immature resulting in unwanted pregnancies)

and HIV/AIDS and STIs spreading. The seal of God is on the forehead and sound minds which incorporate the laws of health will understand the requirements of living in the Day of Atonement. Memory retention is also one aspect. Sound minds will remember Bible texts especially when Bibles are banned after the declaration of the national Sunday Law. Baobab contains 34% vitamin C (7 times more than an average orange), 10% iron and loads of calcium (strong bones when running away from persecution and strong immunity during those times in the mountains).

Well, this is just one fruit that God has provided plentifully and freely in Dinde. Instead of making baobab maheu and yoghurt for their children to take to school, they are gathering to sell to the Chinese who are making baobab coffee for their countryme! Perhaps this is a lesson to all of us. John the Baptist heralded Jesus's first coming and adopted a diet reform and dress code. We are heralding Jesus's second coming. (Rev14:6-12) confirms judgement already started and starts with us in the house of God. If Jesus does not come in your era, are you ready to teach your children, and they also their children, to prepare a people who will feed off the natural environment in their area and stick it out there until His coming? Just food for thought. 🍌



**Lilian Bvuma** is a self-supporting medical missionary. She writes from Hwange.





# William Prescott

( 1 8 5 5 - 1 9 4 4 )

**W**riter, scholar, and administrator. Prescott was born in New Hampshire to a Advent family that became Sabbath keepers when he was three years old. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1877, and after some years in public education and private business, he was called in 1885 to be president of Battle Creek College. His commitment to the principles of education reform as outlined in the testimonies of Ellen White challenged him in their practical application. She corresponded at length with him over the years of her ministry, counseling, reproving, and encouraging, being close to him and his family. Prescott caught the message given at Minneapolis and spent much time preaching the concepts and attempting to bring unity of understanding in the midst of conflict and division.

Prescott served as Education Secretary for the General Conference from 1887-1897, and in 1891 organized the Harbor Springs conference on education. He was

founding president for Union College (1891) and Walla Walla College (1892). He compiled from Ellen White's counsels the books *Christian Education* (1893) and *Special Testimonies on Education* (1897).

He spent 1895-1896 in Australia, assisting with



**"Prescott caught the message given at Minneapolis and spent much time preaching the concepts"**

the establishment of Avondale College and with Ellen White's work on *Desire of Ages*. He was sent from 1897-1901 to head up the work in Great Britain.

From 1901-1909 Prescott worked with the *Review and Herald*, becoming editor in 1902 (as well as the first GC Vice President), helping to move the publishing house to Maryland, and writing at length against Kellogg's pantheistic concepts.



Due to his involvement with controversy over the new view of "the daily" (of Daniel 8) 1907-1909, and his help in the 1911 revision to Great Controversy, he lost the confidence of those who questioned both, such as Washburn, Haskell, and Starr. Ellen White counseled him in 1909 to do evangelism. He became Field Secretary for the GC in 1915, a position he held the rest of his life. He spent the last years of his life, not without controversy, involved in education, writing, and research. 🌬



## When He is Near

Christ has given signs of His coming. He declares that we may know when He is near, even at the doors. He says of those who see these signs, *"This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."* These signs have appeared. Now we know of a surety that the Lord's coming is at hand. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away,"* He says, *"but My words shall not pass away."*

**"there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."**



Christ is coming with clouds and with great glory. A multitude of shining angels will attend Him. He will come to raise the dead, and to change the living saints from glory to glory. He will come to honor those who have loved Him, and kept His commandments, and to take them to Himself. He has not forgotten them nor His promise. There will be a relinking of the family chain. When we look upon our dead, we may think of the morning when the trump of God shall sound, when "the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:52. A little longer, and we shall see the King in His beauty. A little longer, and He will wipe all tears from our eyes. A little longer, and He will present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24. Wherefore, when He gave the signs of His coming He said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

But the day and the hour of His coming Christ has not revealed. He stated plainly to His disciples that He Himself could not make known the day or the hour of His second appearing. Had He been at liberty to reveal this, why need He have exhorted them to maintain an attitude of constant expectancy? There are those who claim to know the very day and hour of our Lord's appearing. Very



**"many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."**

earnest are they in mapping out the future. But the Lord has warned them off the ground they occupy. The exact time of the second coming of the Son of man is God's mystery.

Christ continues, pointing out the condition of the world at His coming: *"As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*



**"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations"**

Christ does not here bring to view a temporal millennium, a thousand years in which all are to prepare for eternity. He tells us that as it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of man comes again.

## The Days of Noah

How was it in Noah's day? *"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* Genesis 6:5. The inhabitants of the antediluvian world turned from Jehovah, refusing to do His holy will. They followed their own unholy imagination and perverted ideas. It was because of their wickedness that they were destroyed; and today the world is following the same way. It presents no flattering signs of millennial glory. The transgressors of God's law are filling the earth with wickedness. Their betting, their horse racing, their gambling, their dissipation, their lustful practices, their untamable passions, are fast filling the world with violence.



In the prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction Christ said, *"Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."* This prophecy will again be fulfilled. The abounding iniquity of that day finds its counterpart in this generation. So


## **"The abounding iniquity of that day[Noah's] finds its counterpart in this generation. "**

with the prediction in regard to the preaching of the gospel. Before the fall of Jerusalem, Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, declared that the gospel was preached to "every creature which is under heaven." Colossians 1:23. So now, before the coming of the Son of man, the everlasting gospel is to be preached "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6, 14. God "hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world." Acts 17:31. Christ tells us when that day shall be ushered in. He does not say that all the world will be converted, but that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory.

### **Watch and Pray**

After He had given the signs of His coming, Christ said, *"When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."* *"Take ye heed, watch and pray."* God has always given men warning of coming

judgments. Those who had faith in His message for their time, and who acted out their faith, in obedience to His commandments, escaped the judgments that fell upon the disobedient and unbelieving. The word came to Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me." Noah obeyed and was saved. The message came to Lot, "Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city." Genesis 7:1; 19:14. Lot placed himself under the guardianship of the heavenly messengers, and was saved. So Christ's disciples were given warning of the destruction of Jerusalem. Those who watched for the sign of the coming ruin, and fled from the city, escaped the destruction. So now we are given warning of Christ's second coming and of the destruction to fall upon the world. Those who heed the warning will be saved.

Because we know not the exact time of His coming, we are commanded to watch. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching." Luke 12:37. Those who watch for the Lord's coming are not waiting in idle expectancy. The expectation of Christ's coming is to make men fear the Lord, and fear His judgments upon transgression. It is to awaken them to the great sin of rejecting His offers of mercy. Those who are watching for the Lord are purifying their souls by obedience to the truth. With vigilant watching they combine earnest working. Because they know that the Lord is at the door, their zeal is quickened to co-operate with the divine intelligences in working for the salvation of souls. These are the faithful and wise servants who give to the Lord's household "their portion of meat in due season." Luke 12:42. They are declaring the truth that is now specially applicable. As Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Moses each declared the truth for his time, so will Christ's servants now give the special warning for their generation. 

**Ellen G. White.**  
Adapted from *The Desire of Ages* pg  
632 - 634

## Income and Expenditure June - December 2018

		BOND	USD	RAND
Balance b/f (17/06/18)		412.95		
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions and Donations (Local FBC and Ecocash)		8609.38		
Subscriptions and Donations (FCA & USD Cash)			400	
Subscriptions and Donations (Rands)				1000
Total Income		<b>9022.33</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
GP Bicycles	330			
Camp Meeting Plumtree	350			
Camp Meeting Chirumanzu	158			
Airtime and Ecocash Charges	35			
Izifundo ZeBhayibheli	100			
Bibles (Ndebele)	700			
Printing	21			
Car Repairs	245			
Tollgates	40			
Tent Hire	253			
Transport & Fuel	1576			
Health Expo	336.33			
Food	1008			
GP Salaries September	550			
GP Salaries October	550			
GP Salaries November	550			
GP Salaries December	300			
Government Tax 2%	39			
Ecocash Charges	20			
Total Expenditure (Bond)		7161.33	0	0
<b>Balance as at 31/12/18</b>		<b>1861</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1000</b>
Balance as per Ecocash Merchant A/C		<b>497</b>		
Balance as per FBC Bond A/C		<b>1364</b>		
Balance as per FCA & US Cash		<b>400</b>		
Balance as per Rand		<b>1000</b>		



## Mission Bus

**About “MISSION BUS” Project.** In order to improve on efficiency we have seen the need for a sizeable vehicle for use in mission trips. Much of the ministry’s expenditure each year goes towards hiring transport vehicles for mission campaigns and in most cases the costs are quite high. To reduce on such costs and also increase our effectiveness as a ministry, we launched the ‘Mission Bus’ Project. The project seeks to acquire a 36 seater bus which we will use in mission campaigns .



## Tents



We are working on securing at least 2, 100 men peg and pole tents for use in our outreach efforts .

**Donate Online** from anywhere in the world. Visit:

<https://www.missiongoinc.com/donate/>





# Bible Puzzle

## *test your knowledge*

### ACROSS

- 1 Purifies (7)
- 5 Tainted (7)
- 9 Forbidden objects of worship (5)
- 10 Abundant (9)
- 11 Wife of David (9)
- 12 Lift up (5)
- 13 Grapple (7)
- 15 Lack of rain (7)

- 17 Sennacherib's realm (7)

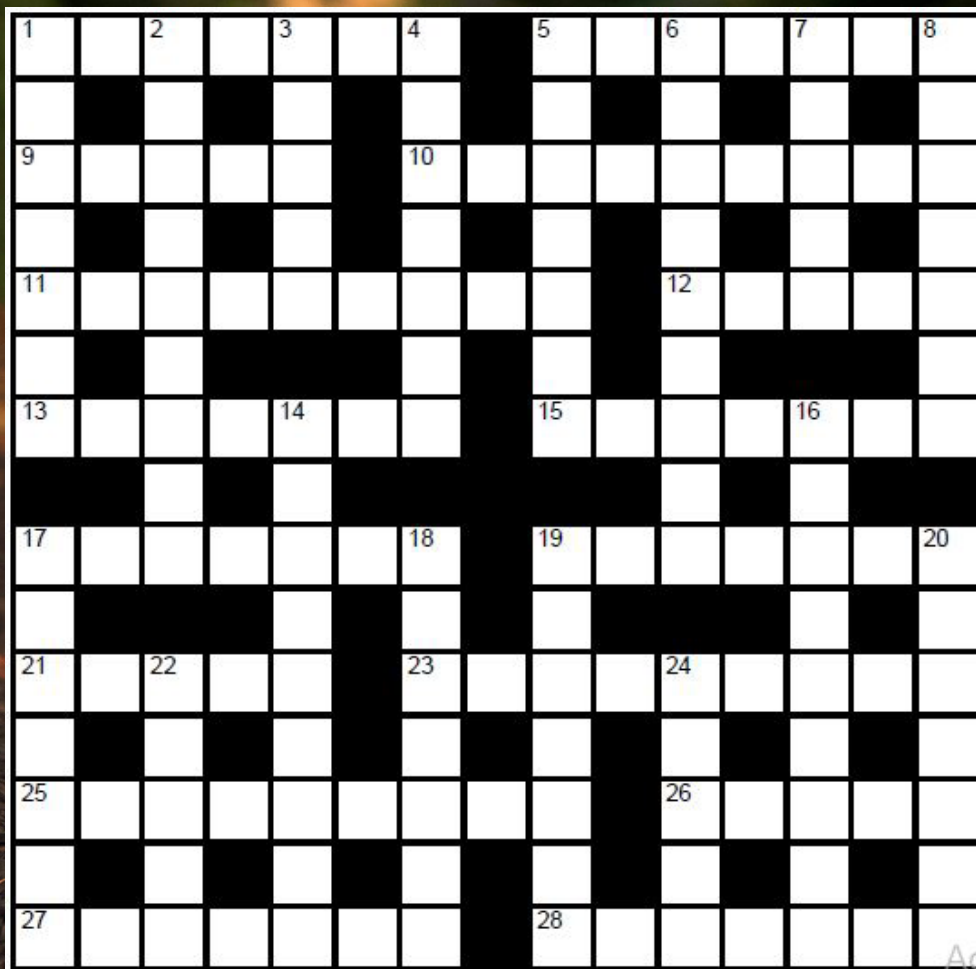
- 19 Domain (7)
- 21 Biblical clothing (5)
- 23 Supplant (9)
- 25 Announced (9)
- 26 Tamar's brother (5)
- 27 Person seeking redress for wrong (7)
- 28 Decorates (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Colourful arc seen after the flood (7)
- 2 Forehead ornaments (9)
- 3 Bird homes (5)
- 4 Greatest in status (7)
- 5 Servant (7)
- 6 Time of day (9)
- 7 Ruth's mother in law (5)

- 8 Lineage (7)

- 14 Separating wheat from chaff (9)
- 16 Legion's people (9)
- 17 King who was almost persuaded to be a Christian (7)
- 18 One more (7)
- 19 Pummelled bread (7)
- 20 Grass clippings (7)
- 22 Holy book (5)
- 24 Barter (5)





25 MAY - 8 JUNE 2019

# Annual Mission 2019

## Redemption Draweth Nigh

For more information email - [info@missiongoinc.com](mailto:info@missiongoinc.com)



Scan to donate on  
your mobile device!



[www.missiongoinc.com](http://www.missiongoinc.com)