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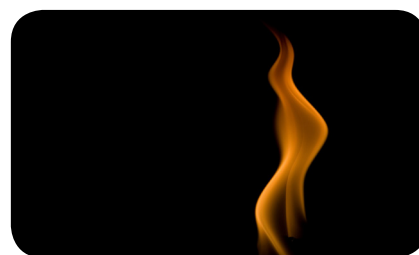
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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

PERILOUS TIMES ARE HERE!

As we draw close to the end of the year, it is natural to look back and reflect upon the experiences of the year. I must say it is in this year that I have experienced pain and disappointment over brethren that have somewhat gone back or have altogether deserted the faith. I have seen close friends and brothers, giants in the faith, just let go off the hand of the Master and drift into a dark hopeless odyssey. Never had I imagined that I would ever experience close friends, those I had shared great zeal in the Lord's work, leave the faith and follow a life of sin. Never had it occurred to me that the friends I had shared prayers with, praying for others to join the faith, would be the very ones needing prayer to come back into the faith. The very ones that had given those in marriage comfort and counsel would be the very ones causing pain to their loved ones and needing counsel themselves.

I have seen friends, some powerful preachers and some delightful singers find solace in the brown bottle. Some have given in to the sin that seemed to have been their strong lure during their Christian journey, the sin that caused the death of more than twenty

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thousand by the borders of Canaan - sexual immorality. And to think that these my friends had preached strongly against these very sins, makes the thought of them leaving the faith one not easy to accept. I am left with more questions than answers as I see such unfold right before my eyes, worse still as I believe that Christ's coming is now imminent. Could this be the very shaking that the Bible talks about. Why is it happening to those that had been zealous, close friends of mine?

As I reflect upon the year, texts from the letters to Timothy that I have always read quickly come flooding into my mind *"This know that in the last days perilous times shall come."* - 2 Timothy 3:1, *"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition"*- 1 Timothy 6:9, *"For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia."* - 2 Timothy 4:10. Though painful and unexpected,

the reality is that perilous times are now here. In the epistles to Timothy, Paul foresaw a time coming where people would readily follow or allow their passions to reign supreme. Paul talks about the love of money drawing many away from the faith, and of Demas abandoning the faith because of the love of the world. And surely these are now our daily experiences. Brethren who had been zealous, virtuous, examples of Christian piety are now falling away in their numbers, giving sway to unimaginable passions and living lives that are unthinkable (especially considering how faithful they had been serving the Lord).

So what is it that I have learnt? I have come to this appreciation; we are living in times where we need to make decisions in terms of what shall reign supreme in our hearts. Is it going to be the love of money, or the love of heaven? We are living in a world that is not making it any easy for us as a people to live the kind of life that we may desire. We must work hard to earn just a basic living, and even harder to enjoy the luxuries in this life. And this is where I believe the majority of us are making shipwreck of the faith. The harder we are working, the more successful we are becoming, the more ungodly friends we are making and the more the allurements besetting our path. Easily is Christ's statement in Matthew 13:22 being fulfilled *"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."* We are soon given to the demands of this life, and the zeal for God quickly dries up.

The time is now, when we need to be increasing in zeal for God's work. The time is now when we need to be fulfilling Daniel 12:3, *"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever"*. Our only safeguard not to be shaken out, is for us to be wise by turning many to righteousness. As we actively work in God's vineyard, as we faithfully work to earn resources for the Lord's work and as we dedicate all that we attain (educational or otherwise) to the winning of souls then we shall keep our souls safe and not find ourselves shaken out of the faith. May the Lord help us keep faithful to the cause and do a greater work for Him than we have done before! 🙏

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Testimony Time

On my first day of witnessing in Beitbridge I didn't have any clue what I was supposed to say to God's people because I wasn't that familiar with many verses and Spirit of Prophecy but, through God's grace I became geared for mission with time. In that short period of time I learnt that as people we are different but, through love we can unite and fulfill God's mission. Above all, I experienced the joy of serving God and the greatest thing I learnt is that in as much as we are not perfect as human beings, if we commit ourselves to God's work our lives also get transformed in the process and our lives can never remain the same. 🍃






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Madzivhe community was such an uplifting experience which drew me closer more to Christ, gave me a family amongst Society and changed my view of the scripture *"Go ye therefore..."*. It was a very hearty receptive Venda community and yearning for Christ there in Beitbridge, southern Zimbabwe. Many heard the Word, drank from the Living Waters and ate the Bread of Life, with Christ being uplifted through evangelizing. As a team we got to bond more, learning to trust in God through prayer and songs soothing our souls, overlooking all differences we had. More knowledge in life skills, Biblical truths, general life situations and social life was free for all and at all's disposal. Personally I discovered many truths I overlooked that have made me to change my life and brought me closer to Christ. In a brief summary Mission was a life-changing program in my life and I pray and hope to be eternally mission-oriented. 🍃



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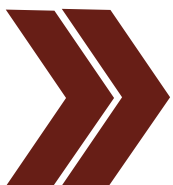
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NEWS TO NOTE

34 Baptised in Beitbridge

Truth continues to triumph even in these last days in the face of the setbacks and challenges of the modern environment. Beitbridge Campaign (together with Binga) had been penciled for 2020, but with the onset of the Covid-19 virus and its accompanying lockdown measures, the programs had to be suspended. Against a forbidding prospect, the ministry managed to reorganize its machinery in 2021 and successfully launched Beitbridge Campaign which ran and finished well. Forty (40) plus missionaries, students and alumni, descended on the Venda community of



Madzivhe, Beitbridge in October 2021 to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel. At the conclusion of the phased 2-week campaigns, 34 souls were baptised into God's church. The ministry has since

engaged 3 lay evangelists who are building up on the work and nurturing the new believers.

Scores Attend Health Expo in Beitbridge

On 31 October 2021, a team of close to 10 medical doctors and student doctors ran a health expo session in Madzivhe,



Beitbridge. The program came as a follow-up to the Mission Campaign with the objective of educating the community on the basics of Bible-based healthy living. The event was highly subscribed and the attendees benefited from the lessons delivered. Soon to follow in Beitbridge is a Stop-smoking Campaign in the month of December.

Binga 2022

From the 13th of February to the 13th of March 2022, Mission Go will be in Binga in the north-western region of Zimbabwe for a mission campaign. We hope to have at least four sites in the Binga North District and eighty (80) mission workers manning the area. Preparations are on course.

AGM 2021

Mission Go held its 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Session in Madzivhe, Beitbridge on the 23rd of October 2021. Critical resolutions and commitments were made on the ministry's work going into the future. A new Executive team was also elected at the session that will steer the work forward until 2023:

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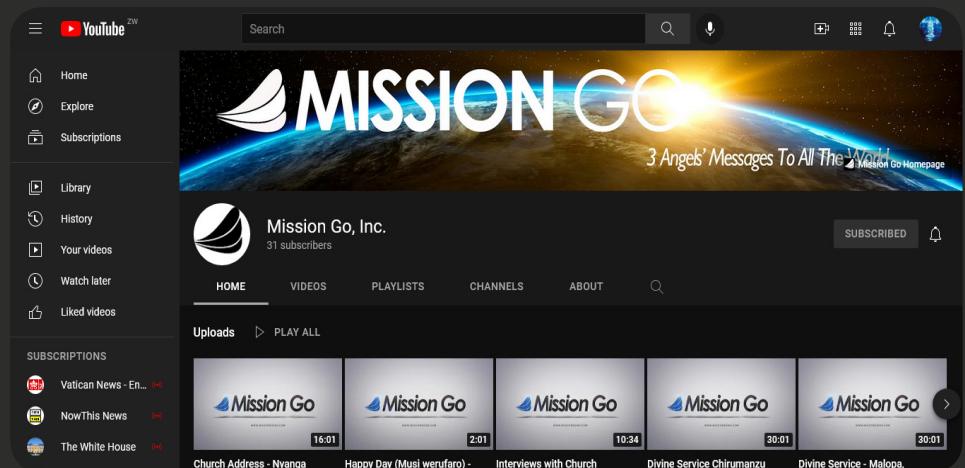
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SKILL SETS

by Kudakwashe I. Masosonore

The current outlook during the Covid-19 pandemic era has left many economies crumbling down. The economic fortunes of many families were heavily hit. The future remains uncertain and there is a lot of uproar in many hearts. The times have made the medium of exchange a rare commodity which has also been further eroded by inflation and exchange rates. The pandemic has attracted legislation to coerce the informal sector to comply and register, this means more burden on the average person. The situation has rendered careers useless, projects have yields losses. How can many families generate sufficient income?

"It is the Lord who gives us gifts freely for His glory and for the benefit of the world. "

How can an individual survive during this terrible times? A new set of relevant skills need to be cultivated.

Innovation

A set of skills which are a benefit to the wellbeing of the family, society and country are both a blessing and a development. I have observed as many used their innovative minds to create valuable skills like gardening, farm engineering, courier services, among others. Mostly they did not learn them from

colleges but took advantage of the situation and were willing to change environments. Myself, I switched to photography and am gradually entering the advertising world. The environment requires one to be willing switch to any field which is in line with what they enjoy and are good at. It requires persons who are willing to learn new things and explore; it requires minds that can adapt to any situations no matter how strenuous it may be.

How to Know?

However, how does one get to know which his/her skill sets? First and foremost, we all possess unique talents according to our capabilities and abilities (Matthew 25:15). It is the Lord who gives us gifts freely for His glory and for the benefit of the world. We have to ensure that we get acquainted with our skills lest we sit upon them like the unfaithful steward in the parable. Secondly, life events around us will probe us to see which skills we possess. It can be a wrong which you see and you decide to take action. It can be missing service that is calling you to fill the gap. It could be a death of a loved one or a misfortunate event that can reveal what skill is needed. Most of the skills are hands-on and they need cultivation.

What do I have?

Another way to see is to ask yourself, what do I have? Moses was asked, what is in your hand (Exodus 3). The widow in 2 Kings 5

was asked by Prophet Elisha, what is in your house? We need to realise that it is not money that is needed to start a project but certain small things like taking any experience in life as an asset, taking a rejection after going through tough interviews, or taking your colleagues as strategic assets not just colleagues, even family members. When you start the exercise you will be shocked to discover what you possess and what you are able to do.

Self-sustenance

Self-sufficiency and sustainability is key especially for people living in the last days. It requires one to use their natural abilities and to be content. It kills greed and helps to acknowledge God as the Provider. As we carry our work lets develop our set of skills such that one day our livelihood can fully depend on the skills. Skills are transferrable by teaching and nurturing them to others. Thus, our children will learn how to be independent at a young age. This will enable us even to fund the Lord's work. These talents were given for mission. 🕊



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The Immune System

by Dr Hardlife Ranganai

The immune system is a network of biological processes that protects an organism from diseases. It detects and responds to a wide variety of pathogens, from viruses to parasitic worms, as well as cancer cells and objects such as wood splinters, distinguishing them from the organism's own healthy tissue. The human organism has two major subsystems of the immune system. The innate immune system provides a preconfigured response to broad groups of situations and stimuli. Innate immunity is a first-line defense from pathogens that try to enter our bodies, achieved through protective barriers. These barriers include:

- Skin that keeps out the majority of pathogens
- Mucus that traps pathogens
- Stomach acid that destroys pathogens
- Enzymes in our sweat and tears that help create antibacterial compounds
- Immune system cells that attack all foreign cells entering the body

The adaptive immune system provides a tailored response to each stimulus by learning to recognize molecules and organisms it has previously encountered. Both use molecules such as antibodies and cells such as white blood cells to perform their functions. In a special sense, the immune system is our own "private guard."

Several things boost the immune system, which is the foundation of the body's response to invasion, that is good nutrition, exercise, adequate intake of fluids, sunshine which in turn helps us with vitamin D synthesis- which is a key regulator in immune response, fresh air, temperance in all things, adequate rest and sleep, and faith and trust in God.

Nutrition and Sunshine

Malnutrition or a diet lacking in one or more nutrients can impair the production and activity of immune cells and antibodies. The diet should be wholesome, nutritious, abundant in fresh fruits and vegetables. In Eden, God gave Adam and Eve the best and ideal diet. The entrance of sin necessitated a few changes, but the closer we are to that diet, such as the Mediterranean diets and balanced vegetarian or vegan diets, will generally help our immune system function at its best. A few key micronutrients have been identified as critical for the growth and function of immune cells, including:

- Iron is a component of enzymes critical for immune

cell function. Sources include beans, nuts and fortified breakfast cereals.

- Vitamin A helps protect against infections by keeping skin and tissues in the mouth, stomach, intestines and respiratory system healthy. Sources include orange and red fruits, and vegetables like carrots, apricots and bell peppers.
- Vitamin C stimulates the formation of antibodies, and the production, function and movement of white blood cells. Sources include citrus fruits like oranges, grapefruit, strawberries and tomatoes.
- Vitamin D helps regulate antimicrobial proteins that can directly kill pathogens. Sources include sunlight; egg yolks; and fortified dairy.
- Vitamin E Vitamin E works as an antioxidant to protect the integrity of cell membranes from damage caused by free radicals. Sources include seeds, nuts, vegetable oils and peanut butter.

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- Zinc is needed for wound healing and supports immune response. Sources include whole grains, milk, seeds and nuts.

Need a multivitamin or mineral supplement?

It is advised that people obtain the nutrients above from food rather than supplements, as foods contain more health-promoting benefits. For most, a balanced diet will supply adequate amounts of nutrition to maintain a strong immune system. However, certain populations, like pregnant people, the elderly and those who are critically ill, cannot eat a variety of nutritious foods or have increased nutrient needs. In these cases, vitamin and mineral supplements can help fill nutritional gaps.

A general multivitamin or mineral supplement providing no more than 100% of your recommended daily allowance can be used and is generally safe for many people. Your health care provider may recommend further supplementation based on your lab values or medical status. Consult with your health care provider before beginning any supplement. Avoid "mega doses" or supplements



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that supply greater than 100% of your recommended daily allowance, as they often offer no additional benefit and can be used harmful in some cases. Remember that supplements are not a substitute for a healthy diet, as they do not contain all the benefits in food.

Exercise and Weight Management

Obesity is associated with low-grade chronic inflammation. Fat tissue produces adipocytokines which are chemicals that can promote inflammatory processes. Research is early, but obesity has also been identified as an independent risk factor for the influenza virus, possibly due to the impaired function of T-cells, a type of white blood cell.

Water and Hydration

Water helps to carry oxygen to your body cells, which results in properly functioning systems. Water carries important components of the immune system, including nutrients, cells to where they need to go, acting as ideal solvent and medium for all the body processes, so drinking more of it could help prevent toxins from building up and having a negative impact on your immune system. Do not wait to be thirsty to drink water, by then one would have been dehydrated. In 2004, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine set general recommendations for daily water intake for healthy, sedentary people in temperate climates: about 2.7 liters (91 ounces) of water for women and about 3.7 liters (125 ounces) for men.

Fresh Air and Temperance.

Environmental toxins (smoke and other particles contributing to air pollution, excessive alcohol) can impair or suppress the normal activity of immune cells. Being outside and breathing fresh air strengthens the immune system, which is extremely important right now to protect against COVID-19. The fresh air and oxygen can kill bacteria and fuel the cells that help the body fight off viruses and other invaders. Increases energy. Harmful

substances, illicit drugs, overwork, and overindulgence even in right behaviors such as oversleeping have been shown to impair the immune system and to be detrimental to health. So it is important to avoid the harmful and also to take the good in moderation.

Sleep and Rest

Sleep and rest is a time of restoration for the body, during which a type of cytokine is released that fights infection; too little sleep lowers the amount of these cytokines and other immune cells. Sleep provides essential support to the immune system. Getting sufficient hours of high-quality sleep enables a well-balanced immune defense that features strong innate and adaptive immunity, efficient response to vaccines, and less severe allergic reactions. In contrast, serious sleeping problems, including sleep disorders interfere with the healthy functioning of the immune system. In the Bible God saw the need of rest and adequate refreshing by giving people the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11, Ezekiel 20:12,20)

Faith and Trust in God

Anxiety and fear adversely affect the physiological systems that protect individuals from infection. These have become prevalent in the era of COVID-19. Research has shown that religious involvement is associated with a reduction in pro-inflammatory cytokine levels and an increase in immune functions necessary to resist infection. Positive emotions, though, have the exact opposite effect on the immune system as do fear and anxiety. Among Christians, these positive emotions are known as the "fruit of the spirit" (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; Galatians 5:22-23). Indeed, the first of these is known to cast out fear (1 John 4:18).

In conclusion, our immune system is essential for our survival. Without an immune system, our bodies would be open to attack from bacteria, viruses, parasites, and more. It is our immune system that keeps us healthy as we drift through a sea of pathogens. In the Bible, God gave a promise of good health to those who live a life of obedience to his will, and adherence to healthful principles and practices.

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."-Exodus 15:26 🕊



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The Refiner's Fire

by Peter Mukodzani

The discovery of fire is one of the greatest human discoveries of all time. Fire has many unique characteristics, and one of them is the ability to consume away impurities from a precious ore. Gold, silver and other precious metals, can be made pure by subjecting them to furnace fire. Malachi Chapter 3 points to the coming of One who is represented as the Refiner, purifying the sons of Levi. It is needful for us that when He comes He will find us pure without any impurities in us.

The Gold, the Silver and the Refiner

"Behold, I have refined thee" declares the Lord "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction" Isaiah 48:10. A well-defined furnace with well calculated trials not to destroy but to build us, is the God chosen method for our purification. God is the Refiner, purifying His chosen heritage, those who have enlisted under His banner as His children. "Our heavenly Father sees the hearts of men, and He knows their characters better than they do themselves. He sees that some have capabilities which are not directed in the right way, but that if they could be turned into the right channel, they would bring glory to His name by advancing the cause of truth in the world. He places these persons on trial, and in His wise providence brings them into different positions" RH April 10.1894. par. 10. Only precious metals like gold and silver are placed into the furnace fires to be refined. He who reads the hearts of men and the intents of the minds well knows His chosen ones whom He places into the furnace of affliction to be purified. A refiner does not cast worthless, useless stones into the fire and likewise God, as the refiner of men does not subject to trials those who have not chosen Him as their Master. The Master Refiner knows how much refinement we need and will allow just the right amount of trial for our good and not too much to break us and too little so the purification process will miss its intended mark. It is comforting to know that God is in control and every trial is weighed and measured and will not let temptations that will overcome us to come to us. His intention in allowing trials and temptations in our lives is to "purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin" Isaiah 1:25.

Our Need for Purification

Since the day our first parents Adam and Eve committed the first sin in the Garden of Eden, man inherited the fallen nature, became alienated from God, and righteousness became a strange phenomenon. From that time it has been God's desire to renew the sons of man to holiness, to their former glory in the garden. The purification process is intended to fit us for the company of holy angels and a Holy God. All the imperfection of character needs to be done away

with. The process of refinement, unpleasant as it may be, is God's ordained method of overcoming our shortcomings. *"This world is the workshop of God and everyone who can be employed in His work, as stones in the building of a heavenly temple must be hewed and polished, must be perfected through trials. The sad ending of refusal to be hewn and polished is to be thrown away as useless" - The Youth's Instructor, August 31, 1893.* Those whom God loves and has special work to do for Him, He *"rebukes and chasten"* Revelation 3:19. We desperately need to be purified just as are rocks that need to be hewed, squared, chiselled and rounded into shape before use. God does everything for our greatest good. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God"* Romans 8:28. The Devil may devise situations against us but God will redirect them for our good. Spiritual growth is guaranteed in difficult times. Our salvation is the greater good God intends for us. Our comfort or pleasures of ease should not blind us not to see the greater good intended for us.

The Process and Purposes of Trials

Are you going through trials? Have you been in tribulations? We can all relate to the untold suffering the world is going through right now. With the Covid-19 pandemic taking

"...rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

centre stage, virus variants emerging from every corner of the globe, all of us can relate to these trying times. The trials come to separate the dross from the pure and precious metal. The tribulations worketh well to show us our weak points of character as well as to teach us to learn to trust in omnipotent power. *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:" 1 Peter 4:12.* In every affliction God has a purpose to work out for our good. We must not look at trials as punishment but as the working of eternal love. In trials God is not against us, for our light affliction worketh for us characters that will stand eternity. *"It may be that much work needs to be done ..., that you are a rough stone, which must be squared and polished before it can fill a place in God's temple. You need not be surprised if with hammer and chisel God cuts away the sharp corners of your character until you are prepared to fill the place He has for you. No human being can accomplish this work. Only by God can it be done. And be assured that He will not strike one useless blow. His every blow is struck in love, for your eternal happiness. He knows your infirmities and works to restore, not to destroy". Testimonies*

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Of Job, Paul, Jesus and You

The Holy Writ gives examples of how trials were used as instruments for the purification of sons of man. Now Christ Himself is a perfect example in going through trials and the Bible records in Hebrews 5:8 that *"He learned obedience by the things which he suffered"*. How much more does sinful, erring mortals need the perfection which is through suffering? Of a truth I observe that it would be well for each and every one of us to plead with the Lord for trials for they are amongst the greatest of blessings we can have in this life. And Job commenting on the work of trials said *"when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"* Job 23:10. Of the trials recorded in the Bible, Job went through some of the severest. And in these trials he recognised the working of providence and the object of the trials, which is pure character, pure faith and pure trust in God. Paul writing to the Romans exclaimed *"we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience"* Romans 5:3. Receiving stripes, beaten with rods, stoned, shipwrecked, wearied, in pain, hunger and thirst, in fasting, in cold and nakedness, all these did he suffer. But at the end Paul glories in things concerning his infirmities for he understood they worked to his salvation. Space will fail me to talk of Daniel and the Hebrew boys, of the apostles, of Huss and Jerome and Luther for all these suffered the things which worked to the perfection of their experiences. All of these men of God if they could see the end from the beginning would choose to follow the same path, to go through the same trials for they would discern the glory of the purpose they are fulfilling as co-workers with God. Likewise God never leads us otherwise than you would choose to be led. God is working to fulfil greater purposes in our lives by subjecting us to trials.

How should we respond to trials?

As God is in the business of restoring His children to holiness through placing them in different positions of trials, we should give Him space to work in us. It is in coming in contact with difficulties that will give you spiritual muscle and sinew. James speaking under Inspiration admonishes us to, *"count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience"*. James 1:2. Excellent character traits are produced by going through temptations. You should *"rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy"*. 1 Peter 4:12-13. Some trials indeed are for the glory of God and therefore knowing that they are working for the greater good should lead us to look to sufferings in a positive light. How we respond to trials and tribulations makes the greatest difference in our lives. Paul giving advice as a father said, *"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him"* Hebrews 12:5. In as much as earthly children are rebuked out of love and sometimes out of anger, God deals with us according to His everlasting love. It is the highest privileges of children to receive a father's chastening for it shows the parent desire

for the children's highest good. If we bear the chastening of God it will work out for our highest good. God requires us to attain perfection of character as He is perfect in His sphere and therefore as He bids us so does He enable us. Through the working of trials and tribulations in our lives, is the object of attaining perfection accomplished. We should trust the Refiner knowing that He is working for our greatest good. He is not out to destroy us. Trust Him and He will give you strength even to go through the trials. Indeed as temptations come, it's not a time of rejoicing, but of heaviness but let us remember that *"the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"* 1 Peter 1:6-7. Our strength in Christ will increase if we endure the testing process and the proving of God. All heaven and indeed the universe watch closely how we respond to trials and we are a spectacle to angels and to men. Every time we fail to bear faithfully the proving of the Lord we are lessening our spiritual strength. Complains and murmuring should not come out of our mouths, and we ought to take the burdens to Jesus. Jesus is our confidant and burden-bearer, let us lay all our care at His feet. By doing this help from above is guaranteed, and we will receive according to our needs. Our characters are important to God and we should also see in the same light. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* - Ephesians 2:10

Conclusion

"The trials of life, the temptations that we face, and the sufferings that we go through are all God's workmen to purify us, as well as remove infirmities, and imperfections from our characters. RH April 10.1894. par. 11. God in His wisdom cursed the ground for the sake of sinful beings. The ground started producing thorns and thistles, all for benefit of sons of Adam. Sweat was appointed as a safeguard against indolence. As faithful workmen let us allow God the Refiner to work in us a work that will stand all eternity. As fire melts all dross and impurities, let us allow trials, temptations and challenges to purify us. "All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good. All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us".—The Ministry of Healing, 489 In conclusion the prophet Malachi asks "who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth?" Malachi 3:2. And the revelator echoes the same question "who shall be able to stand"? Revelation 6:17 Ultimately those who would have been purified will be able to stand. The gold and silver that would have been subjected to furnace fire will come out pure. When the Refiner's fire is done with its divine work, many will be purged, refined and cleansed and many others will be made pure."



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Mission Review

Moyo Site

by Sibusiso Nkala



The NUST Adventist Society took up the call of the Great Commission and aim of the AY that is *"To spread the Advent Message to all the World"* and in this case to Beitbridge. A group of youths took part in responding to the Master's call with hearts filled with enthusiasm for the mission. Strangers to each other who returned as family because of Christ the cord that binds hearts together. Points of departure were Bulawayo City Hall and NUST Shades.

The team arrived in the evening at the Moyo homestead and got a warm unexpected welcome. We were received by the Moyo family and we truly felt at home. A steamy hot meal was served on the night and the family introduced to the team. Rooms were allocated to us and we called it a night. Prayer band was set at 5:30 the following morning and everyone attended. Introductions were done and it came out that one of the team members was not Adventist. Day 1 was a Friday and the team only went out to introduce themselves to the community and build relationships. Sabbath attendance was fair and there were visitors. A funeral that was in the community was attended by about 8 of the Mission team members and they actively participated in singing.

Four teams were made for covering much ground during the home visits. These teams were also responsible for meals and the cleaning of the sanitary facilities and hygiene maintenance in terms of cleaning the cooking area, managing food storage and washing of the dishes.

The team was divided into 4 balanced groups and allocated areas of work which would be covered during the home visits. At the first reporting all the teams gave good reports, all were welcomed into the homesteads and had built quite good relationships with the families visited, the community members were said to be keen to learn. As the week progressed we experienced team imbalances due to illnesses however that did not have a major impact on the visits, the teams functioned regardless of that. Language barrier was expected to be a challenge as the Madzivhe community uses Venda as a mother tongue, however the majority of the community members could understand Ndebele and Shona so it was a great advantage to the team. Week 1 had drastic weather changes in both extremes of cold and hot. Relationships between the team members also matured from being a team to a family. The week progressed well and some of the community members started making decisions for baptism. Sickness passed from

one team member to the next but through prayer there were speedy recoveries. The team soldiered on into week 2 which dominantly had high temperatures, the scorching heat did not stop team Madzivhe from calling friends to Jesus. Calls were getting intense and the focus was now mainly on the baptism potentials that we had however the other families that were not in a position to get baptised were not forgotten, we still visited and prayed with them. God answered prayers. Evening service attendance was good, there were visitors coming, music was vibrant and people responded fairly well to calls. The theme song hymn number 2 was sang in Venda. Finally came the Sabbath for baptism and 17 people gave their lives to Christ. The baptism included one of the Mission team members who was initially not an Adventist.

Prayerband was conducted daily at 5:30 in the morning and on the 2 Wednesdays within the two weeks the team devoted to prayer and fasting which ended in the evening. Prayer requests were brought about and we prayed for the work, the community members, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and we also prayed for each other.

Equipping lessons were done every day before leaving for the visitations and prayers offered once again for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Departure would then be at around 9am. All team members participated in the lesson discussions.

Reporting was done on a daily, in the evening, so as to assess progress and open up about challenges faced on the visit. Prayer requests would be offered and prayed for. 🙏



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Sibanda Site

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Witnessing programs at our site comprised of activities like door to door Bible study and attending to the wants and needs of the community. These endeavors were carried out during the day from about mid-morning to towards evening. In door-to-door Bible study, IsiNdebele was predominantly used and Tshivenda Bible was read in homesteads where available. It was noticed that reception by the community was more when using the language of the community. Translation in some homes from any language to Tshivenda was a necessity to evade the language barrier.

Evening services were conducted every-day from 1830 to 1930hrs. In some days they would start around 1900 and end around 2000hrs. Each evening service comprised of a song service, health talk, opening and closing prayers as well as a sermon. After the service, people would greet and get to know each other. Throughout the two weeks the preacher was Adolph Mlamuli Chitaya. There was a maximum of 12 visitors and a minimum of one. A low number of visitors was experienced on days when the weather was not conducive. There was one baptism in the first week whereas in the second week there were five baptisms. Some people who had accepted Christ and showed an interest in being baptized did not manage to come on the day of baptism. Some seemingly needed more time for study and therefore it is our prayer that the Holy Spirit continues to enlighten them.

A Venda speaking lady called Cindy Ndou led the children class with the following activities:



Beitbridge, Madzivhe:
Mr & Mrs Sibanda
at their homestead.
In the background
is Thubelihle, an
MG Global Pioneer
Missionary.

- Singing – They sang songs that define GOD’s love, and how much he loves them no matter the situation they are in. They showed interest in learning more songs about God’s love and at the end of the lesson they could recall the songs perfectly.
- Short Story-Telling - These stories were lesson based Bible stories. They could recite the stories learnt at the end of each lesson.
- Bible Reading and Memorising Verses - They learnt and memorized verses mainly focusing on creation and God’s

love.

- Praying – They were taught how to tell it to the Lord in prayer.

Mr and Mrs Sibanda are an old couple who stay by themselves. They both have health problems which include sugar diabetes and sore legs. This renders them ineffective in physical labour. It is for this reason that they decided to install a more efficient water source. We therefore managed to help them install a tank with a pump which made sourcing water very easy for the couple. They were very happy to get such help as it was going to be difficult for them to do it on their own. On the other hand there was gogo maNyathi who had a field that was supposed to be prepared for planting by digging holes. Unfortunately the labour needed surpassed the available labour. It is for this reason that we came in and offered a helping hand. Several of our members went to maNyathi’s place and helped her to dig the holes for planting in her field. This left her happy beyond measure. We would like to thank God who used us to fulfil people’s physical needs even as He used us to share the good news with them.

Health talks were conducted every day during the evening service. Lessons on health laws were taught and natural remedies to various diseases and conditions were given. Lessons on hydro therapy were conducted, 2 patients were attended using this healing method and they gave testimonies of how they had been helped by the treatments. Several patients who had flue and other respiratory infections were attended using natural herbs and remedies. A "drink a lot of water drive" was ran through-out the week. At the end of the evangelistic campaign the audience was given an opportunity to share what they learnt and the feedback was overwhelming, it showed that they indeed have learnt. A few books were given out as gifts to the ones who participated most.

We recommend that we use a PA system in the next Mission Campaign in order to send the word even to those who may not be willing to attend services physically. We also recommend the carrying out of a training seminar for the witnessing team so as to minimize the time required for equipping the team members. 🍌



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Dube Site

by Addeline Banda



It started as a small group of 6 people who were transferred from Site 2(Sibanda) which we named 'Second Corinthians', and the 6 names were transferred to this third site which we named 'Macedonia'. Being part of the 6, we went out for witnessing inviting people for evening services, and we found a receptive welcome and good turnout. Amazing turnout of more than 30 visitors invited in less than 5 hours was a reality. Powerful service from our Global Pioneer missionary Thubelihle Mkhothamo helped us resuscitate our spirituality. Few as we were bonding was a bit easier although with the pain of leaving our fellows in second Corinthians.

Mission was our focus so with powerful prayer and uplifting song services we were strengthened for home visits which were promising and interesting. At day end we were joined by our fellow Alumni and Society members who increased the team to 12 and more groups formed and spread out. For the success of the mission, the site adopted times for praying, 12 midnight was one of the times and people would indeed wake up to pray. Prayer band was at 5:30am and almost everyone managed to wake up and chapter of the day was read in the morning. The equipping section was done prior to departure time before people went for witnessing. Reporting was also done prior to equipping and we would derive prayer points and witnessing strategies from there.

The site had good and zealous singers and the music was uplifting. The messages were powerful and preachers tried to scale down and address the needs of the community. The preachers included Mfundisi Tigere and Global Pioneer missionary Thubelihle Mkhothamo. We also had an interpreter by the name Brian, a primary young man from the Madzivhe family and he helped and we witnessed God working through His people.

The weather conditions there were a bit challenge, though God gave us strength to soldier on. It was extremely hot in Madzivhe and left a lot of people dehydrated, and with less energy and water was milky and salty. It is a miracle how we adapted to Madzivhe Village. We were also exposed to a cold and humid weather which also affected our evening attendance as some people were afraid of the cold. It also affected a few of our team members who ended up not feeling well. Illnesses were prone to be there but because of prayer we had high recovery turnouts in a short space of time.

In terms of site 3's location, the site could cover a

reasonable number of homesteads with a good number of people able to attend the evening services. We found brothers, sisters and for some life partners. We were thoroughly molded and trained in leadership techniques and ideologies. As mission demands souls to Christ for eternity, we by God's grace managed to bring into the fold 11 individuals, with more interested potentials.

We had distinct cases which the Lord helped us try to address. There was a mentally ill lady who loved and professed great trust and love for church and she was taken to the hospital where she was given medication and is still under observation. One of our brothers from the community who had mistakenly cut himself with an axe was also taken to the hospital and medication was given to him. Karen our form 3 sister was helped by getting a place at the nearest secondary school and her fees were paid and she is now back at school. Many were also helped through their chores with utmost dedication and food was also given to them.

I would like to thank God for everything that He has done for us. Secondly, I would like to thank Mission Go and its governance for all its support. Food was more than enough for our site and meals tried to address the needs of the vegans, vegetarians and others. All thanks to the NUST Adventist Society and its governance. Not forgetting Elders and Pastors who were with us; Ps Msimanga, Mfundisi Tigere, Elder Mpeta, Elder Chirikumarara thank you for the counselling and all that I cannot mention.

I recommend that in times like these, we need to pray more and to be dedicated in prayer. Punctuality and more bonding and understanding each other's needs, strengths and weaknesses. Madzivhe is now home, we need to visit back the family that we left in Christ. 🙏



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Chapman, Elliot Colby

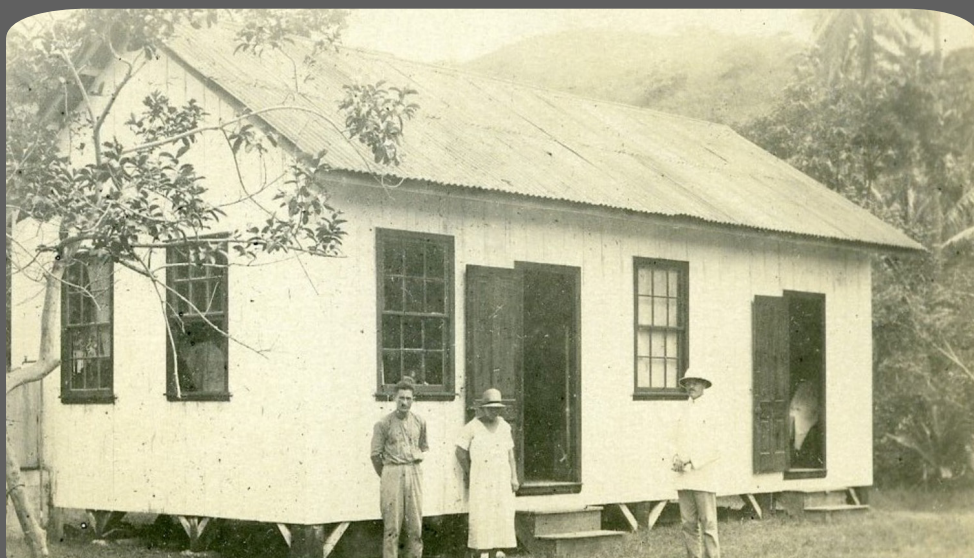
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Elliott Colby Chapman (otherwise known as Elliot) was born on September 16, 1866, at Vallejo in California to Thomas Matthias Chapman and Mary Sophronia (Colby) Chapman. His father was a farmer at nearby Sonoma employing two young laborers and a Chinese cook.

Cora Mary Peoples at Sonoma. The ceremony was conducted by Elder Milton Wilcox.

Overseas Mission Service

Twelve months after their marriage, Elliott and Cora were appointed to assist in pioneering some



Mission print shop, Pape'ete. The original photo does not have names attached but the individuals are possibly (L-R): Paul Deane, an early convert who assisted Chapman in the press, Cora Chapman, Elliott Chapman.

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"Under Elder John Loughborough's ministry, Thomas and Mary Chapman were among the first in California to join the Seventh-day Adventist faith. "

Elliott's siblings were Edwin Arnold (b. 1859), Archie Thomas (b. 1861), Harry Eugene (b. 1862), Alice Mary (b. 1868), Phebe Miller (b. 1870), and Lucy Mary (b. 1878).

Under Elder John Loughborough's ministry, Thomas and Mary Chapman were among the first in California to join the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Elliott himself, as a teenager, was the first student to enter dormitory living at Healdsburg Academy. In those halls, he spent four years furthering his education and then began a printing apprenticeship at Pacific Press Publishing Company in Oakland. Six years later, on October 28, 1891, he married

mission work in the South Pacific. Originally it was thought best to locate in Fiji and use Elliott's printing skills there. However, plans were changed, and they established themselves in Tahiti. They sailed on the second voyage of the "Pitcairn," leaving San Francisco on January 17, 1893, and arriving in Tahiti via Pitcairn Island on April 6 after an uneventful trip.

A printing press was shipped by a larger vessel from America, arriving in September. In the meantime, language study was undertaken, and locals were engaged to do translation work in readiness for when the press was operational. First, Elliott printed a small primer for use in their school. Two

eight-page tracts were printed together with a forty-page booklet titled *Truth Found*, translated from one brochure authored by Elder Joseph Waggoner. Ten selections from *Hymns and Tunes* were also translated and issued as the Tahitian mission's first song book. Elliott lamented the quality of his helpers, writing "those who come the nearest to being scholars in the Tahitian are, as a rule, better versed in catching fish than in catching the mistakes in our proof sheets." And he had no praise for what he called the "wilting climate." Having accumulated a large quantity of printed literature in the Tahitian language, Elliott and Cora made a journey by horse and cart from their home in Pape'ete in the northwest of the island to Tautira in the far east, following the narrow coastal road and distributing their printed message as they travelled through the villages. They also took with them a book titled *Portfolio of Life* that contained a small manikin of the human internal organs and pictures of a diseased lung and stomach caused by smoking and alcohol drinking. Crowds gathered around to see the graphic lesson and were fascinated by it. When a group gathered, Cora would sing hymns to them. They were well received wherever they visited. When in Pape'ete, Cora taught a few youngsters in her home.

When the "Pitcairn" called at Tahiti in mid-1895 during its fourth voyage, Elliott and Cora boarded to return to California because of Cora's poor health. The round trip took them via the Cook Islands, Niue Island, Tonga, Fiji and Samoa, and they arrived back at the Oakland docks in December 1895.

Elliott and Cora settled back into Oakland, California. It was there that their only child, Marjorie Bernice, was born in 1897. Their health revived sufficiently to accept a second mission appointment. In 1900, they sailed to Australia to take charge of the printing work being done on the campus of the Avondale School for Christian Workers at Cooranbong, New South Wales. When they arrived, Elliott found the enterprise was a small-scale printing works in a section of the carpenter's shop. He labored in these cramped quarters for seven years, printing church periodicals and books in eight different languages. Finally, in 1907, a large

separate building was erected for what was known as Avondale Press, and it was equipped with better machinery and training up to 12 students each year in the trade. Some students eventually served on little printing presses in Southeast Asia and South Pacific Island missions.

Amid the excellent reports of the printing enterprise, there was disturbing news about Cora's health. She had contracted tuberculosis. In 1906, some treatment was sought in the Sydney Sanitarium and the following year, in desperation, Elliott and Cora camped for periods in the fresh air of the nearby Wattagan hills. In mid-1908, they opted to return to California for further treatment, boarding the S. S. "Manuka" on August 3.

Back in California

The Chapman family once again settled in Oakland, California, where Elliott developed his own printing establishment that proved to be successful. In 1927, he generously transferred the business to the Golden Gate Academy, Berkeley, in order to teach those who wished to learn his trade. For a decade he served on the faculty in the Industrial Department as the instructor in the skills of printing, retiring in 1937. 🍃

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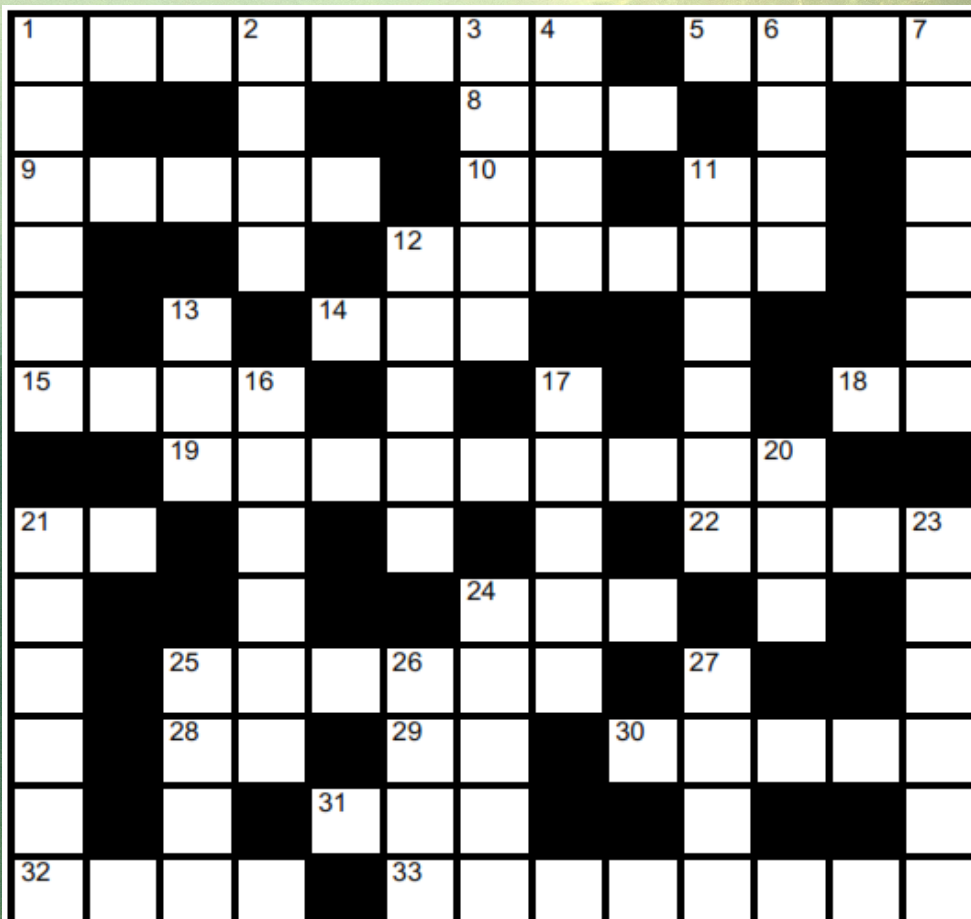
CREATION

ACROSS

- 1 The origin of life (8)
5 The gathering together of the waters were called these (4)
8 Made by a spider (3)
9 The trees were created on this day (5)
10 New Testament (abbreviated) (2)
11 To exist or occur (2)
12 This light was made to rule the night (6)
14 Atmosphere (3)
15 The first garden (4)
18 An undefined action or object (2)
19 One of the rivers originating in Eden (9)
21 Thus (2)
22 These were created on the fifth day (4)
24 The apostle John wrote with this (3)
25 The name of the firmament which God created (6)
28 In the year of our Lord (abbreviated) (2)
29 Alternatively (2)
30 The whales were created on this day (5)
31 Adam and Eve sewed leaves from this tree to make aprons (3)
32 Darkness was on the face of this before light was created (4)
33 God divided this from the light (8)

DOWN

- 1 These were created on the sixth day (6)
2 An area of land (4)
3 One who possesses (5)
4 Used to catch fish (4)
6 Always (4)
7 This moved on the face of the waters (6)
11 Faith (6)
12 God created this on the first day (5)
13 To observe (3)
16 Cared for babies or children (6)
17 Removed (5)
20 To scatter seed (3)
21 The firmament was created on this day (6)
23 Two of these appeared on the fourth day (6)
24 Paul visited here on his first journey (5)
25 To possess (4)
26 The earth was this in the beginning (4)
27 The sun was to be this in the sky (4)



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