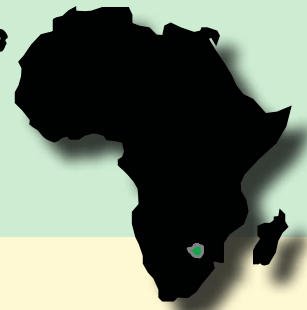




Dhan & Dolly Lalsee



Zimbabwe

February 2011

Dear Friends,

Until a few weeks ago, we thought our next letter would be an update on our classes including three new ones. Well, to date, it's a different story. Our Redcliff coordinator buried his wife two days before that seminar and one of the pastors there died a few hours before our opening class. Consequently, the seminar is now postponed to later this month. The proposed new group in Gweru (City Life), which was also scheduled for January, has now been deferred to sometime after Easter, if at all. Suddenly, our contact seems to have lost his enthusiasm. Then, another new group slated for Harare last week has been postponed due to a problem with the venue. None of the other groups have yet resumed.

But we praise God nonetheless. He led us to the book of Acts where we saw the church growing by leaps and bounds despite severe demonic and human opposition. In fact, it certainly appears that this opposition served to authenticate and validate the work of the apostles. But, isn't this one of the characteristics of true Christian ministry? Was there ever anything worthwhile in God's kingdom which was wrought without suffering, hardship or opposition? The Lord reminded us of His promise in Matt. 16:18 that the gates of hell will not prevail against His building of the Church. This tells us that hell's gates do try to prevail – they just do not succeed. Why? Because our Savior is in sovereign control of everyone and everything. This is not merely comforting; it is also deeply reassuring. Thank you Lord!

During the past three months, we have experienced unprecedented spiritual warfare in many different forms. What is worse, it came at a time when we were mentally and physically tired so that we felt battered on all fronts. But, praise God, we're over this tiredness now, and the Lord continues to refresh us so that we keep our eyes on Him and not others or the circumstances which we face. We are reminded that the battle is His, not ours. All of this has helped to encourage us. Thank you, Friend, for your relentless prayers on our behalf.

There's been another interesting development in our ministry. During our initial application process for the Work/Residence permit, the Government required a local ministry to vouch for us. A family friend who heads CTRM, willingly did that and the permit was actually issued on behalf of CTRM. He has now asked us to work more closely with his group in the area of leadership development. Although discipleship is never mentioned (as with most other churches here), this is what we see as the real need. We are now at the point where we must agree on dates to commence regular training, but we are also thinking of first meeting with the Pastor.

Also, we are expecting a team of ten from Jamaica, March 16-31. They will be helping to pour the floor of the Evangelical Church building at Dz. on the outskirts of Harare and will also be involved in other ministry.

Please join us as we praise God for the measure of health we enjoy, and for His faithful provision for us, through you. And please pray with us that:

- a. We would rest in the Lord alone in the midst of the warfare, remembering that our weapons are not carnal;
- b. We would completely depend on the Lord and His wisdom as we interact with the pastor of CTRM and as we work with the leadership;
- c. All would go well in preparing and hosting the Jamaican team; that it would be a great experience for all.

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The Lalsees Zimbabwe



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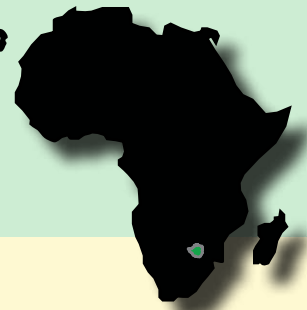
Pam and I had the privilege of leading a team of 6 to visit the children in early April. Upon our arrival, we met some of the new residents... Victor, Vela, Moses, Raiton, Paul, Florence and a precious set of twins Charity and Peter. Others are coming, and we trust the Lord to provide the support to care for all of them. There is a great need for additional sponsorship of the children and the home in general to meet the needs. Drought in the Rift Valley and fuel price increases are driving the cost of food up significantly.

Our team members took large collections of shoes for preschool children, ladies' scarves, and men's neckties. With the help of the caregivers, we personally fitted about 75 kids from Jua Kali with shoes. We then sent shoes to our ministry partners in Kitale, Nakuru, and Kambiri to share with little kids in those places. Scarves were shared with the girls and women of the home, the village, and even some ladies in the town of Eldoret. Neckties were shared with the men of the home and young men of the church. While Martha, Miriam, Karen, and Pam and I ministered to the pre-school kids of Jua Kali, Randy was training Beforn to do electrical maintenance and repairs at the home. What a blessing each one was to the children, caregivers, and neighbors of the Haven.





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April 2011

Dear Friends,

We thank God for this holiday break after a hectic period of ministry since our last letter in February. During this period, we met three times with our Discipleship groups at Chegutu, Gweru Baptists and Mkoba, and also began new classes with CTRM in Harare, and the Pastors Fraternal in Redcliff, although the future of the latter is now uncertain. These classes continue to be very encouraging. Remember, NT discipleship is quite foreign in these parts; so it is very heartening to see participants excited about a personal relationship with the Lord. Please pray, however, that the Lord would wean them of their preoccupation with titles and certificates.

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On May 1st, we travel to Gweru to resume our classes. This term promises to be as hectic as the last and extends to the end of July when we break for the month of August. Driving here can be very tedious most of the time and we avoid using the roads after 6 pm. The approaching winter also presents its own challenges and we pray that we are better prepared than we were last year. We thank the Lord for continued good health and strength. We look to Him from whom all our resources come. Indeed, He is our Life! But we are equally certain that He uses you to encourage and support us. Granted, we may be the ones on the frontlines but never a day goes by without our praise to Him for your vital, even though, behind-the-scene, role in this ministry. Thank you, our Friend, for your unwavering partnership and your sacrificial giving.

This month is our 25th anniversary of entering fulltime ministry in response to our Lord's call. Today, we understand God's grace better than we did in 1986. The task before us is vast and challenging, but we are greatly encouraged to know that its scale is matched only by the greatness of our God!! We thank Him for the high privilege of being a part of His work on earth. Thanks for accompanying us on this journey.

Because He lives

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Dear Friend

July 2011

June 25th marked the third anniversary of our arrival here. This year, we had minimal difficulty getting our Work Permit renewed. Although we applied for a 3-year extension (each application costs US \$500 and this year we were told we could apply for 1, 2 or 3 years), we were granted only one. But praise the Lord for His favor!

We continue to work with four groups of pastors/leaders. We meet with three of them regularly over three days every month. We praise God for the relationships we have formed with these folks and for their desire to be taught by the Lord. These are the groups:

- Mkoba (near Gweru) with whom we have been meeting for the past two years. Please pray for Pastors Gono, Bhasa, Robert, Kennedy and Alois.
- Gweru Baptists – We have been meeting with them for eighteen months. When you pray, please remember Pastors Albie, Ish and Ruth, and leaders Jason and Theresa.
- Chegutu – This group has been in operation for the past year. Please pray for Pastors Notah, Isaac and George, and elders Innocent and Dube. Four young men, Frank, Archford, Givemore and Moses walk three hours each way to attend these classes. Please remember them in your prayers.
- CTRM Int. in Harare. This group began last March and is attended mostly by a group of young, enthusiastic pastors (bankers, stockbrokers, accountants etc). The difficulty is in having regular sessions with them as their schedule is usually very packed. Please join us in praying for Pastors Terrence, Joseph, Courage, Walter and their wives, and elder Shoko and his wife; pray also that the senior pastor would agree to our meeting monthly with this group.

You probably remember our sharing that discipleship is not at all popular here. In fact, it was unheard of among most of those we have been working with. You can imagine, therefore, that the evil one would not be happy about church leaders being equipped so they could disciple believers for intentional participation in world missions. Make no mistake about it, this work places us in the midst of spiritual warfare. We mention this so you can be better informed as you pray for us and this ministry. Please pray that the Lord will grant to participants *“the spirit of wisdom and revelation that they might know Him better”, and that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened so that they may know the hope to which they have been called,*” (Eph. 1:17-19). Unless the Lord does that, these leaders will forever be bound to their traditional, cultural and religious belief system that will ensure they and the believers they shepherd remain in darkness.

These frequent, long journeys over some of the worst ‘roads’ have been taking their toll on our 16 year old Honda CRV. Our mechanic friend has advised us to get a sturdier vehicle. Please pray for the Lord’s leading in this and for the necessary additional funds (about \$6,000) for a suitable replacement.

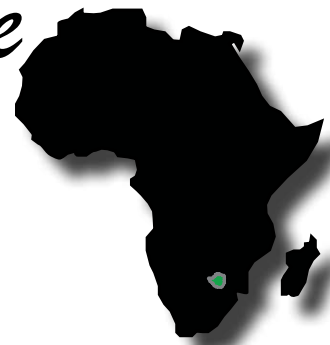
We are both keeping reasonably well, praise God. The Lord is surely answering your prayers on our behalf for health and the supply of our needs. Thanks so much for standing in the gap and for your faithfulness in your financial support. We know that these are difficult times. The Lord will not forget your sacrifices for His work. We give God thanks for you and often pray for you. Feel free to share your prayer requests with us. Blessings.

Because of Christ,
Dhan & Dolly



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September 2011

Dear Friend

After about four false alarms, our winter is giving way to spring. This year's winter was long and the frost spells more frequent and colder. Because we run our seminars around the school terms, August was intended to be for R & R, catching up on some "honey do" jobs, and study. We found out that we were busier than if we had a schedule. Nevertheless, we did get some rest and enjoyed the chores we were involved in. And we are glad we did not have to go to cold and windy Gweru in August! But the most exciting of all - we began meeting with two couples, one a pastor and his wife, the other, former church leaders. Please pray.

We resume our monthly missions-oriented discipleship classes on Monday 5th September at Mkoba and Gweru Baptist. The following week we travel to Chegutu. During the second half of the month, we will be in Harare where we hope to meet with the difficult-to-schedule CTRM leadership. We recently met another City pastor who wants us to start working with his church soon. One of our students (Robert) from the Mkoba group has moved to the eastern highlands town of Rusape where he is hoping to start a new church. He is also trying to organize the pastors/leaders there so we can initiate the program with them. We visited him and his family in Rusape and have agreed to help him start the program there but that he must be willing to continue it on his own.

This is the biggest challenge for us. There is no shortage of groups to work with; the problem is getting them to take the training with them as they go. We truly praise God and are excited that He has moved Robert to a different location. In starting a new work, he can model a discipleship ministry from the outset rather than try to get members (some of whom are likely unsaved) to change their paradigm. Robert and others like him must see this move as being of the Lord who is giving them an opportunity to start afresh. Remember the old adage about not being able to teach an old dog new tricks?

Our goal is to work with each group for about three years as we do not see meeting with them as an end in itself. It is vital that they begin to implement what the Lord teaches them so the believers are equipped for involvement in missions wherever He leads them. All of this is completely new to them so it is a constant struggle.

We feel a great sense of urgency in this work. World events are moving along at a frantic pace and there is no time to waste. This seems to be the age of protest and unrest where people are discontented with life. Seems like they do not know what they want. Let us pray that out of this mood many, many would find meaning and purpose in the Lord Jesus. Please pray with us that our pastors/leaders will catch the vision and be committed to it. The harvest is plentiful but suffers from a woeful lack of workers. At the same time, we can give thanks that all over the Muslim and Hindu world, tens of thousands are turning to the Lord daily. And despite the fact that our brothers and sisters in many parts of this 'developed, progressive, civilized' world are being killed for their faith at the alarming rate of one every three minutes!

We never fail to give thanks to our heavenly Father for your labor of love in your financial and prayer support to this ministry. We are greatly blessed by your partnership with us. Thanks, dear Friend. God bless you.

Abiding in Christ,

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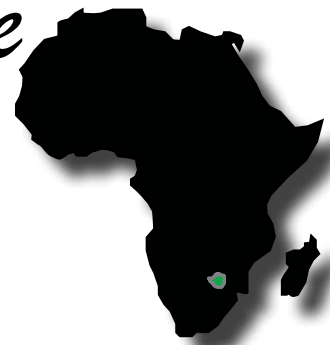
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November 2011

Dear Friends,

The Psalmist declares, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name...." (Ps. 105:1-3a). First and foremost, we give thanks to our heavenly Father for His salvation. Scripture repeatedly reminds us that He who chose us in Christ to be His, has undertaken our wellbeing throughout this life and beyond. Indeed, "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 Jn. 3:1). This never ceases to amaze us and to fill us with anthems of praise to His wonderful name.

We praise Him, too, for the privilege of being called into His service as His friends. Although many times during the past twenty-five years as missionaries we have tottered, limped, struggled, even questioned Him, He has been ever faithful. How greatly encouraging to be reassured that this is His work, not ours! So instead of asking for His blessing on what we are doing, we earnestly seek His will and favor and rely on His power to accomplish His purpose through us as His instruments. Oh, the joy of resting in Him through self-surrender and self-sacrifice! It is liberating too.

Many of you have partnered us on this journey for most (some, all) of these years, through prayer and giving; others of you more recently. Know that you are not merely names on a list. You are all equally important to our Father on whose mission we are, and to us who are beneficiaries of your ministry. You are a constant subject of our thanksgiving and prayers to our Father. We believe several of you, on occasion, have whispered prayers on our behalf as the Lord laid us on your hearts. Thank you all so much. You are a gift of God to us.

We have been privileged these past three years to work with several pastors/leaders in this country. New opportunities in Harare and elsewhere continue to open up and we want to be wise in which ones we accept so as not to spread ourselves too thin. Our goal is to work intensely with each group for about thirty months, believing the Lord will fan them out into a much wider area (within and outside Zimbabwe) than we alone could do. We resist their appeals for certificates by telling them that these discipleship classes are not for diplomas but must be seen as a journey involving both them and us. Our hope is that the life of our Lord Jesus Christ might become increasingly manifest in us all. Yes, we give thanks to our Father for each of them.

The past three years have had their peculiar difficulties. At times, the spiritual warfare rages. Although we do not lack the love and support of those of Dolly's relatives who are here, we often miss loved ones whom we left behind in the Caribbean and those of you elsewhere. But we know why we are here. The love of our heavenly Father continues to sustain and energize us. And we praise God that we have each other. So, with meaning and purpose, we can face each day knowing that we can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Phil. 4:13). Yes, thanks be to God for His manifold blessings.

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