



# Dhan and Dolly Lalsee Zimbabwe



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# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe



One of the highlights of this quarter was a 10-day whirlwind visit by a family of four - our longstanding friends and supporters from Grenada who now reside in New York - the Charles. It was a perfectly-timed visit in that we do not normally have classes outside Harare during the months of April, August and December. The weather was also ideal as the rainy season had already ended and the much cooler weather (it was quite cold this year in fact!) was still on its way in.



During those ten days, we drove several hundred kilometers on some less than perfect roads but they got to see the various venues where our groups meet, were introduced to some of the pastors we work with, experienced first-hand some of our challenges, sampled some Shona hospitality, visited two city churches, went on safaris, walked with lions, rode elephants, shopped at the mall and curio markets, and tasted of the residue of the “colonial lifestyle”. All too quickly, it was time to fly back home.



The Charles say they now pray for us more specifically and can now visualize where we speak of when we mention the names of places in our prayer letters. They are also able to identify some of the challenges we face because they experienced some of them first-hand. It would be our joy and privilege if some of you would also consider visiting us.

Another highlight was the “GO Conference” hosted by OM Zimbabwe. This was a first for the Country. The aim was to sensitize and mobilize the Zimbabwean Church for missions. The keynote speaker was Ethiopian, Tariku Fufa, Student Ministry Director of Campus Crusade for Christ for Southern & Eastern Africa. There were workshops by a number of folks from different backgrounds.

Dhan did two workshops on “Developing a Vision for Missions”. The beauty of the conference was that the attendees and speakers were so diverse. There were visiting college students (members of OM’s “Africa Trek” team) from Germany, Ireland, California, Florida, Kansas, Ohio, Cameroon, South Africa and elsewhere; and delegates from neighboring Zambia and various churches and denominations in Zim.

It was good to see God’s people being motivated and equipped to GO and TAKE the Gospel to the unreached peoples of the world. Immediately after the conference, four teams from among the participants left for a week of ministry in remote villages among the Tonga and Doma peoples here in Zim, as well as to Muslim communities in Zambia. The early missionaries sacrificed much and out of the goodness of their hearts gave of their material blessings. So today in the minds of many, both Christian and non-Christian alike, missionaries are white and rich, and missions organizations are NGOs with unlimited resources.



Please pray that the Lord would pull down these, and other, pre-conceived notions, and that individuals as well as churches will begin to see their responsibility before God.

Please also pray that those who become pastors and missionaries would do so out of a sense of call and love for the Lord, and not for prestige or as a form of employment, or otherwise.



Truly, the Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few..... so few!! Please join us in praying to the Lord of Harvest for more laborers.



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# Zimbabwe



April 2014

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With much love and blessings in our Lord and Savior,

*Dhan & Dolly*



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

No doubt many of you will agree with us that this year has flown by!

We returned to Zimbabwe in mid- January at the end of our 7 month furlough – our first in 28 years. It was a long stint but was worth every moment of it.

Memories of our time spent with many of you and family members in London, the US and the Caribbean still fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness to our heavenly Father.

It took us a while to get back into schedule. We embarked on re-establishing contact with group members and Pastors, fellow missionaries and individuals with whom we network. A month later, we were back on the road, still fully convinced that our call to serve here is as real as it was in 2008 when we first arrived.

Because we have a similar vision with OM Zimbabwe, we have been working closely with them and Dhan has been serving on its Board for the past four years. We work mainly with indigenous pastors and leaders outside Harare. As part of their mission sensitization, we introduce them to OM through whom, in due course, they receive specific training and go out on short-term outreaches. As these pastors become more missions-minded, their pulpits become platforms for OM to encourage and mobilize their leadership and congregations into missions.



Meeting with college students

Yesterday, we had the privilege of having four young missionaries-in-training at our home. Over hotdogs and home-made lemonade they shared their testimonies of how God called them into missions, their excitement and fears, as well as their concerns over family members who have difficulty in letting go. Please pray for them. We won't mention their names or send their pictures to protect their identity. There are already a few serving in countries "closed" to the Gospel. OM Zimbabwe's goal is to have 200 of these committed young ones leaving Zimbabwe for the mission field by 2020. The pace of recruitment is picking up, praise God.

Your prayers are really needed, for the safety of those already on the field, and for those getting ready to go out in the next few weeks. Pray for all those involved in their training and mentorship as they prepare to leave.

When we are not on the road, we are here in Harare. Much of our time is spent meeting on a one-on- one with people from a wide spectrum - domestic staff to executives – for prayer, Bible Study, counseling and fellowship. On Friday mornings, we meet with a number of city Pastors for prayer and once monthly we attend a Pastors Prayer Breakfast. We hosted the breakfast in October and we were really encouraged by the turn out and the focus on missions.



Pastors meet for prayer in Harare

Pastors meeting for prayer

Three large and rather high-profile churches have recently invited Dhan to share in their pulpit ministry, which he accepted with fear and trembling. Please pray with us for us

We truly thank God for His sustaining grace and for your faithful partnership with us. Your friendship, and expressions of fellowship over the years have encouraged us throughout the rough times. It is our hope that God will cause us to express this same level of commitment to these young missionaries who are responding to His call.



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

## Zimbabwe



June 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

This past week, we've seen some fairly typical winter weather – cold nights, with fog some mornings like we've never seen here before, followed by practically cloudless days with the sun out in all its brilliance. That's when one gets badly sunburnt without realizing it, until the following day. Last night/this morning was much colder, reminding us that, we can expect much colder until end of August. Dolly tends to fare better in the winter. Dhan gets chilblains - very uncomfortable. Oh well, occupational hazard. But the Lord is good! He grants the necessary grace for this as well as the numerous power cuts! Remember some months ago we said that we expected to be doing the same work this year, but somehow sensed some changes in the air. Well, here we are.

We have ended our Mkoba class but our involvement with the Church in Gweru has become more organized. We travel on to Gweru immediately after our second day (Thursday) class in Chegutu. That evening, we lead a study with joint home cell groups. On the Friday afternoon, we also lead a Bible Study at that Assembly, and Dhan is usually asked to preach at the Sunday morning service, immediately following which we begin our trek back to Harare so we can arrive before nightfall. Another pastor from the Gweru area has asked for our help so we may have a class with his men on the Saturday, and probably on the Monday as well. We hope to be able to 'make a plan' to accommodate him on our next visit to Gweru in couple weeks.

We're also having a change in Rusape. We expect some fourteen pastors to join our group there, so come Monday 2nd, our group will be larger and we'll be meeting at a new venue. The Hwedza and Chegutu groups will continue as before.

In recent months, we've really sensed an increase in spiritual warfare from some unexpected sources. We are asking that you join us in praying more intensely for this work:

1. That the Lord will prepare our hearts for the next month of ministry:
  - June 2 and 3 – Hwedza group
  - June 4 – Bible Study at Retirement Village in Rusape
  - June 5 and 6 – Rusape group (reorganized)
  - June 6 thru 8 – Participate at OM Team Retreat, Marondera.
  - June 11 and 12 – Chegutu group
  - June 12 thru 15 – Gweru ministry.
2. That the changes in Rusape will take place seamlessly; that the Lord will prepare participants' hearts for the changes and that we'll be off to a great start with what will be an almost new group.
3. That the Lord will nullify and render futile the efforts of the evil one to reduce the impact of the classes, and would create a greater hunger and zeal for Him as never before.
4. For safety in our travels.
5. For our family.

Thanks so much for joining with us in this. Your prayer support is crucial.

In Christ alone, *Dhan & Dolly*



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## Zimbabwe



September 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

How encouraging and reassuring it was to be reminded by the Lord this week that, as His children, we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade and is secured in heaven for us; that in this, we can greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while we may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials (1 Pet. 1:3-6).

Yes, it's been a long time since many of you have heard from us, and this letter is overdue. But, in the meantime, we are assured that many of you have continued, all the more, to uphold us in prayer and we are ever so thankful to you and our Lord. The Lord's presence has been very real to us and we praise and honor Him.

Over the past few months, we have been wrestling with our various groups. This has led us to re-examine our ministry objective. Before we arrived here in 2008, the Lord showed us that this was, "Equipping the Church for intentional participation in world missions". Once on the field, however, we felt that we ought to target groups of pastors/leaders so they could return to their churches to equip and mobilize believers. In this way, we believed we could reach many more. Last July, OM (with whom we have a great working relationship), held a first-ever three-day Missions Mobilization conference, for which we were able to secure partial scholarships for five representative pastors from our groups. We were not a little disturbed to find that only one of them actually attended.

We have therefore been through a process of reorganizing and, to date, have discontinued meeting with our Hwedza and Rusape groups. We now have a new group at Rusape whom, we hope, will evidence a greater commitment to the Lord and His agenda. Learning from OM's and our own experiences, we have also decided to reach out to the Church at large and not limit participation in our groups to leadership.

A Bible school in Gweru has just invited us to 'teach discipleship' to the students, which we are still prayerfully considering. We are always wary of a classroom-type environment which, in our experience, only tends to feed pastors' overriding desire for 'pieces of paper' aka certificates. The impact of Christ on the believer's life hardly ever seems to matter to them, and we are therefore extremely hesitant to be a part of this. So, please join us in seeking the Lord's leading in this. It's really up to Him!

Upon returning from Rusape on August 4, we learned that our daughter Anna in Texas had been scheduled for surgery two days later. With a special needs son about to start high school, we knew she would need help so we quickly made arrangements for Dolly to spend three weeks with Anna. The surgery went well, but during the next two weeks, she twice had to be readmitted to hospital with complications. A few times, her condition was 'touch-and-go' but, praise the Lord, He saw her through. Anna is back home and

is steadily recovering. Dolly's return was delayed for another three weeks and she's been back for five days now. Thanks to all of you who prayed.

And then, there's the story of our one year old Lenovo laptop. Just after the warranty expired, it began to misbehave. It slowed down considerably and would turn itself off after using it for thirty minutes or so. It took us several days to finalize a presentation for a partnering church. The problem seems to be a faulty motherboard, likely from a factory fault; not worth repairing.

One Sunday while Dolly was away, the car wouldn't start. This was most unusual. Our mechanic friend had a look then had the tow-truck take it away to the garage. After three days of tests etc, it did eventually start, but no reason for the problem was ever found. Thank God, this happened at home in Harare and not on the road.

So, you see, we've had a most eventful period. But, through it all, the Lord's abiding presence and encouragement to our hearts made all the difference. So, we praise Him for these experiences, and trust Him that our faith will prove genuine.

## *Please join us in Thanksgiving to the Lord*

- For seeing us through these past few months, for the trials and difficulties and for showing His grace, mercy and power; indeed, the Lord reigns!
- That Dolly was able to be with Anna during her medical difficulties and for safety in her travels.
- For the Lord's protection in travelling, especially when Dhan travelled alone to and from Rusape, Chegutu and Gweru.
- For the Lord's provision for us during this time.

## *Prayer Requests*

- For October meetings with groups in Rusape, Chegutu and Gweru. We are having another look at the Chegutu group which we may also terminate, but we have an invitation to work with another group there. Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's leading in this.
- For the Lord's leading regarding our involvement with the Bible School in Gweru.
- For wisdom regarding accommodation in Gweru. Our hosts there for four years are going abroad for a while.
- For continued good health – physical, spiritual, emotional
- For safety in travel

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November 2014

## Thanksgiving 2014

Dear Friends,

One of the most frequently used words in the Bible, with all its various formulations, is the word “thanks”. And, not surprisingly, most of the references are in connection with our relationship to the Lord.

Repeatedly, the Psalmists encourage and call on us to give thanks to the Lord, to have a heart of thanksgiving and to express our thankfulness to Him. At the dedication of Jerusalem’s rebuilt wall, Nehemiah assigned two large choirs to give thanks. Every so often, the apostles punctuate their writings with an exhortation to readers to give thanks; sometimes, they themselves burst into their own spontaneous, jubilant expressions of gratitude to the Lord. Thanksgiving was a central feature of the tabernacle and temple gatherings, and an essential ingredient whenever and wherever God’s people met together. It should also be characteristic of the believer’s life, whether individually or as part of a group.

Thanksgiving is to characterize our worship to God, not only because of His works (and we do have much to thank Him for), but even more importantly, because of who He is. And, chiefly, for His Son our Lord Jesus Christ who is made unto us, wisdom and righteousness and justification and sanctification. Truly, He is worthy!

As God’s people, we are very privileged to be able to address our triune God and be able to commune with Him. Yet, we do not worship Him in ignorance. While it is true that our knowledge of Him is incomplete at this time, thank God, it is growing as we reach for His daily supply of fresh grace.

Indeed, ‘in everything, give thanks’; and as we make ‘prayer and supplication’ to the Lord, instead of being anxious, let us do so with a heart of thanksgiving. These words are not intended to be repeated as a mantra; rather, they are to be genuine and powerful expressions of hearts that have been set free indeed, even as Jesus, our Redeemer, promised.

We join you as you celebrate your time of national thanksgiving, for God is good. What a pity that, in many places today, it seems to have degenerated into a time of mere feasting and merry-making. May there truly be a chorus of praise and gratitude from His people to our great God and Father ‘who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the knowledge of Him.’

What a privilege to know Him and to be a part of what He is doing, against all the odds, throughout the world today. And how greatly blessed we are to be partnered by people like you, who know Jesus Christ and are concerned to make Him known. To Him be all the glory and honor.

Simply put, thanks!!

In Christ,

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## **DHAN & DOLLY LALSEE ZIMBABWE**



**DECEMBER 2014**

*Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

Dear Friends,

Another year is almost gone and, if the Lord tarries, 2015 will soon be upon us. In our part of the world, long gone are the days of empty store shelves. There is a lot of activity in our cities which are becoming increasingly commercialized and competitive despite our share of the world economic situation.

We thank God for using the city churches to help the nation remember Whom it is we celebrate through the good old "Christmas Carol Service", Christmas programs, dramas and lighting up of Christmas trees in some main shopping areas. Christmas Carols are also played in many stores, including a foreign-owned one whose nation is opposed to the Gospel! Handel has put such beautiful music to the poetic words of Isaiah 9:6 which speak of the Incarnation – the coming into the world of Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, as a human being. The "Word made flesh".

In our classes, we have been stressing the necessity of a personal relationship with Christ, and His centrality in the life of the believer; that Christ did not come only to be our friend, or stand alongside us, or to die for our sins, but to be our very life! (Col. 3:4, Col 1:27). It was such a blessing to see the transformation in the life of one of the attendees, an "elder" at his church who confessed that on hearing these truths, he had "invited Christ into his heart". Without Christ in our hearts, He amounts to a mere figurehead. Yet, He is the Father's only solution to every human problem. So, this Christmas, let us celebrate, with the deepest meaning, Jesus Christ who has been given to us. Yes, to us a Son is given!!

This year, we have been meeting monthly with three groups – Rusape, Chegutu and One in Christ (OIC), Gweru. They are all mixed groups from different churches and denominations. The class at Rusape is virtually new, comprising a small, but committed, group of pastors. (Father, please keep them). In Chegutu, we have much the same group of pastors as last year. The New Year may be our last with them. OIC is always a joy to teach. These are not perfect people, but they read, even study, their Bible and are very keen. In addition, we meet with couples and individuals when we are in Harare. These past two months, four high-profile Harare churches have invited Dhan to preach and we thank God for these opportunities to share Christ. So these are the people the Lord has given to us at this time and we know it is a privilege to work with them.

You have stood alongside us in this ministry during 2014. It's been a mixture of challenges and opportunities. Many times, we sensed that someone, somewhere was praying for us. How we thank God for you. Thank you for sharing our high and low moments, our concerns and frustrations, our joys and sorrows. This is as much your ministry as it is ours. We are deeply grateful.

Please join us as we give our Father in heaven thanks for this year's ministry. We look forward to 2015 and to His continued grace and strength as He works in and through us to accomplish His purposes.

May He who is worthy continue to draw you close to Him this New Year and cause you to abound in every good work. Have a blessed Christmas season and a wonderful New Year.

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