



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Serving Our Father in
ZIMBABWE



March 2008

Dear Friends,

In another ninety (or fewer) days, we hope to be leaving for Zimbabwe to start our new ministry there.

During the past two months, the Lord has provided us with amazing opportunities to share with several churches, pastors, missions personnel and others, about His call upon our lives to help the churches in Zimbabwe in developing a missional mindset in their ministries, so that believers are prepared and mobilized for their role in the Great Commission. We also hope to assist families, through the churches, to develop small-scale agricultural projects which would help with their nutrition and their incomes.

We've met with many in Florida, New York and the Caribbean, and communicated with scores of others by e-mail and telephone. The interest and encouragement of the many people the Lord has brought us into contact with have been a tremendous blessing. It is great to see God's people get excited about the things in life that are really important. We are so convinced that we are already witnessing a new wave of missionary activity. There is now a greater scattering of His Church all over the world, even into previously unknown places. And we can be certain that this dispersion is part of His deliberate plan to scatter the seed of His Word as He gathers His people for the great eternal worship service described in Revelation.

At the same time, the situation in many of these countries is deteriorating both economically and socially. This is the case in Zimbabwe where the government has recently set the annual rate of inflation at just under 100,490%. It is too painful to describe what this means. But we are committed. The Lord has called us and we are preparing to leave here on May 26th. There is much, much to be done there and we continue to be extremely excited to have a part in it.

It is now official. Dhan's last day with Ministries In Action is February 29th. He will however be giving some further assistance in an unofficial capacity. A replacement for him was named last November for which we praise God.

Several of you have already indicated your desire to be part of this ministry by supporting us financially and in prayer. Some have also begun to send in monthly support to Harvest International and we thank you so much for responding to the Lord. You are a great blessing. We are required to have two months support in hand before we can leave for the field so we are working hard to ensure that we speak to everyone whom the Lord sends our way to be a part of this ministry.

Thank you for holding hands with us. You are a very vital part of this ministry. The Lord has called us two to this ministry but He will accomplish the work through your partnership with us. As you pray, please remember the remaining \$1,000 of our monthly support needs. The Lord is good. Praise His Name.

Because the Lord is Faithful

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**Dhan with members of
the Missions Committee
from a supporting church**

**Supporting friends from
Pennsylvania visiting
us in Miami**



**Dhan with some staff at
Harvest International, Inc.**

**Meeting in New York
with former Pastor
and supporting friends**





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June 2008

Dear Friends,

For the past six months, we had been planning to leave for Zimbabwe on Memorial Day, May 26th. But this was not to be. First, we were waiting for our residence permit which we understood was granted since March but was sent to the wrong address. Our contacts in Harare collected it on May 23rd and sent it to us. We are now applying to the South African embassy for *transit* visas. There is also the matter of the sale of our home from which we hope to have funds for our travel, shipping and a vehicle in Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, post and pre-election violence continues in Zimbabwe. Recent headlines read, **“Political Violence Continues Despite Police Assurances”**, **“Church Turns to UN Over Zimbabwe”**, **“Police to Take Charge of Poll”**, **“Zimbabwe. Inflation now over 1 Million Percent”**. However, there are apparently moves afoot to work towards a government of national unity. This is possibly the best course. For one thing, it would make the runoff election set for June 27th unnecessary and could bring an end to the violence. It could also set the stage for the economic, political and social turn-around. Praise God, for the people’s patience.

Some of you have expressed concern over our going to Zimbabwe at this time. We can hardly convey how deeply we appreciate this demonstration of your love and concern for us. Yet, we can only resolve this on the basis of what we believe the Lord’s will is. While May 26th was not His date for our departure, it served its purpose as a target (notice how the permits came through before then!). And the response of God’s people has been most encouraging. So our planning has not been in vain and we continue to find confirmation of His call and validation of the mission in many ways. The issues which we can possibly face in life and on this mission are beyond us; they are all in the Lord’s hands. So we are committed to going, just as soon as He gives the green light.

We have covered many miles these past three months – visiting churches and attending missions conferences, meeting with potential supporters; and, finally, saying goodbye to our two daughters and five grandchildren, other family and friends. We’ve had blessed opportunities to preach, address various groups and join others in prayer. These all served to reinforce in us the importance of missions as the primary activity in the life of the church. The Lord is doing some amazing things throughout the world; indeed, His kingdom is coming at an unprecedented rate! We are so blessed to be given a part in this glorious work.

Recently, we were greatly encouraged by the words of Num. 23:19 – *“God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?”* The Lord has spoken to us clearly and decisively and we have seen Him cause things to happen to bring about His will. We must now wait patiently on Him for our departure.

Empowered by the Lord, and with your partnership, we plan to hit the ground running. Thank you, dear friends, for your faithfulness to the Lord and your love for us. You are such an important part of what the Lord will be doing. Please continue to pray for us, for Zimbabwe and our work. God bless you all.

Because of Christ

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*Dhan
one-on-one with
Granddaughter Dhanique*

*Dhan
getting a makeover from
Flora-Ann*



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September 2008

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Zimbabwe! As we said in recent letters to those of you on email, Zimbabwe is still a very beautiful country with much to offer. Her people are survivors - intelligent, ingenious, and resilient. There is much one can learn from them. We admire their faith, their worship and quiet strength, and are thankful to God for the way they have received us. We remain convinced that this is where God wants us to be. Thank you for believing that too.

While we await the arrival (hopefully, this week) of our personal effects shipped before we left Miami, we have been meeting with pastors, leaders and para-church organizations in an effort to determine their missions focus and whether we can work together in mobilizing and equipping the Zimbabwean church for world missions. All those with whom we have met seem keen on developing a missions mindset in their churches and focusing their discipleship work to this end.

Dhan has preached several times in Harare. Out of this, one church has asked us to help in the area of leadership training and the revamping of their small groups. The pastor of a multi-racial church is excited about us working with a group of his young men.

Two weeks ago, we met with a young pastor and his wife whose small membership would like to start a farming project. His aim is to help members of his Church provide for their families. He also hopes that this project would be a catalyst for other projects. It was exciting to talk with this young, simple but very intelligent couple. Please pray with us as we help them work through this process. Last week, we were contacted by a young man who for a number of years has been working on a vision of sending out missionaries from Zimbabwe as artisans! Indeed, the Lord is in this place!

We also look forward to working with two other denominations in a farming community almost two hours away. Yes, there is much work to be done here and the people are very open. Please pray with us for laborers for this harvest field.

Everyone we have met, has extended a warm welcome to us for which we thank God. Some have gone the extra mile and have hosted teas, invited us to pastors fellowships, taken us to lunch and made contacts on our behalf, all in an effort to introduce us to other pastors and leaders from other denominations/organizations.

You are often in our thoughts and prayers and are so grateful to you and the Lord for your partnership in this ministry.

Blessings
In His love

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Dhan preaching at the Renewal Centre



Dhan and Pastor Ricky Decker



Intercession time at the Renewal Centre



Dhan and Dolly with Joel Loveness YWAM Staffers in Bulawayo



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December 2008

Dear Friends,

After four months of picture-perfect blue skies with hardly a wisp of cloud, the rainy season is here, on schedule to the day. Normally, much activity would be centered on the vast expanses of land already prepared, and the planting of maize (the staple), soya, potatoes, sunflower, tobacco etc. The cattle would be looking forward to the fresh supply of grass. This year, however, there is a shortage of seeds and fertilizer so the harvest does not look very promising.

In the midst of all of this, though, we see the faithfulness of God. Surely, He has neither forsaken nor forgotten this beautiful country and her people. Last Sunday, we attended a simple but moving commissioning ceremony for the four persons who completed this year's training program with OM. Three others had dropped out along the way. We first met these four two months ago when they 'dropped in' on an introductory session we were having with a group of pastors in another part of their building. They stayed for the duration and we praise God for the way He used our presentation to further impact them.

That the Lord would raise up four ordinary people (one of whom met Jesus for the first time early in the program) and send them out to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the lost around the world, brought tears to our eyes. Given the needs here, this does not sound like a good strategy, does it? But Paul declared in 1 Cor. 1:20 - "Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world?" For despite the advances in learning, science, technology, our modern gadgetry, discoveries and sophistication, man still does not have a solution to our greatest problem - our need for God. So, He 'chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise....the weak things of the world to shame the strong....the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are.' Indeed, our boast is in the Lord!

Earlier this month, Dhan accompanied a pastor friend in a light aircraft to Binga where they met with forty local pastors of the Tonga people. Despite their very humble conditions, their zeal for the Lord was simply amazing. Last week, we started a weekly training with about fifty members of CTR Ministries. This is likely to run for the rest of the year. We continue to meet with about twelve very keen, open, young men from Renewal Center.

At a recent pastors breakfast, we were amazed at the number and scope of ministries in which the church is involved. We praise God for this work of the Gospel through which the worthy Name of Jesus is being made known.

You are often in our thoughts and prayers. We know that you too have needs and we ask our Father to be gracious to you and to meet them. But we especially give thanks for you. Your commitment and faithfulness enable us the privilege of serving in this work. Your partnership never fails to stir us to praise God.

Mailing from here is problematical but your letters to us will get here in 4 - 6 weeks. Because of the unreliability of our electricity and internet services, we are unable to keep in touch with you individually as we would like to. Nevertheless, if you have never received e-mail correspondence from us, please send us your e-mail address, and copy it to cassie@harvestinternational.org.

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