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THE ZIMBABWE MISSION REPORT

Greetings!!! - *“See I am doing a new thing! Isaiah 43:19*



Reverend Jacob and Virginia Maforo

INTRODUCTION

Greetings to you my brothers and sisters. We are delighted to share another edition of our newsletter, coming following attendance of the General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa and a mission trip to the Rift Valley in Kenya. With our work here in Zimbabwe, we continue to witness God's faithfulness. As your Heartland Conference Missionary in Zimbabwe, I completed my first year of ministry here on June 30th. As we look back in time, we reflect on the work that God has led us through, and His amazing deeds that we have witnessed. At the same time we anticipate a new season of grace, growth and greater impact.

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SUPPORT

With my heart, and hearts of many filled with joy, we are thankful for your commitment and support. Thank you Heartland Conference (individuals, families, churches) and organizations including ONE CHILD and TMS. Thank you for supporting and walking together with us; building hope and transforming lives. To you our sponsors, we once again thank you for your financial, material, emotional, and spiritual support for the year that ended June 30th. The second year on the mission started July 1st. I had hoped to attend the Annual Conference in Wichita (KS), and had scheduled to visit several churches but due to unforeseen circumstances, unfortunately, could not make the trip back to USA. God is GOOD – ALL the Time - I however was able to attend the General Conference in South Africa. This gave me a face-to-face opportunity with the Heartland Conference Delegates and shared with them about my mission work, celebrations, challenges, and needs.



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MY PERSONAL INVITATION TO YOU



In this edition of our Newsletter, I am inviting you to continue to supporting my work in Zimbabwe. To others who may be wishing to join us in this journey for the first time, please find information at the bottom of the Newsletter. Friends, I invite you to consider supporting from our various options weekly, monthly, and annual support – through TMS.

HOW YOU CAN DO THIS



From among other opportunities, there are opportunities for Mission Trips; to help at our Youth Camp (August), Women's Conference (June), and Men's Encounter (July). You will see pictures from events held in the past year. Our opportunities to walk alongside us in this Mission include; those who GO on a Mission Trip (GOERS), those who financially support the Mission in Zimbabwe (SENDERS), and those who continue to lift me and my church planting work (PRAYERS). So yes, there is a way possible for you to come and walk alongside me in this journey. Remember, beyond helping me to work in this mission - together, we are building hope, transforming lives, and reaching communities with the love of Christ. Every prayer, every generosity, every partnership and every life touched is part of the greater story that God is writing through this ministry.

The journey continues, the vision is growing, and we believe the best is yet to come!

ZIMBABWE MISSION: SEPTEMBER 2025-SEPTEMBER 2026

A HIGHLIGHT OF MAJOR EVENTS HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 2025-2026

CELEBRATING YOUTH THROUGH SUPPORT

We were delighted to host a successful Award Ceremony for the New West local community football club. By God's grace, the event was a great success and became a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the dedication, talent and achievements of our young people. For some of them, it was their first time in their lives to hold a medal and an award, making the moment an unforgettable one.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Those receiving special recognition were awarded with trophies, medals and certificates. This event was well received by the Lobengula because of the positive impact it made on the young people and the way through which the Gospel touches the young people.



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HOPE CENTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

In December 2025, we had the joy of hosting a wonderful Christmas celebration with the Hope Centre (OneChild) children. It was a beautiful time of fellowship, celebration and sharing the love and joy of Christ with the children and the wider community.

We were especially grateful to welcome Pastor John Scott and his daughter Anika who joined us for this special occasion. Their presence made the celebration even more meaningful and memorable for the children.

By God's grace, the event was a great success, bringing joy to the children and making a meaningful impact in the community. It also helped strengthen the school's relationship and reputation within the community.

We thank God for this beautiful opportunity to share his love, joy and hope with the children.



YOUTH OUTREACH CAMP

The year 2026 began with a great spark at Asbury GMC as we hosted a youth outreach camp in Matopos, Bulawayo. It was inspiring to see our young people boldly sharing the word and preaching about the Most High God.

The camp gave the youths an opportunity to grow in faith, draw closer to God, and make more room in their hearts for his presence. We thank God for a powerful and meaningful time of fellowship, outreach, and spiritual growth.

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12



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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

We were blessed to host our first Women's Conference at Asbury GMC in June 2026, bringing women together for a time of fellowship, worship and encouragement and spiritual growth. It was a beautiful opportunity to have Reverend Dr Wendy Mohler-Seib and Reverend Rachell Epperson travel all the way from Kansas USA to share with us what the Lord's word. We thank God for everyone who took part and for the powerful moments of prayer, teaching and unity. *"She is clothed with strength and dignity, she can laugh at the days to come" Proverbs 31:25*



MEN'S CONFERENCE

In July the Asbury GMC hosted another heated event that is the Men's Conference. We were so blessed to host Doug and Allen Hisken who flew all the way from Kansas USA to share with us the gospel. It was an opportunity to encourage one another to grow in faith and become stronger leaders in their families, church and community. We thank God for this meaningful gathering and for the lives that were strengthened and encouraged. *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" 1 Corinthians 16:13*



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REVEREND JACOB'S TMS TRAINING IN SPAIN



Reverend Jacob had the privilege of travelling to Spain for TMS training, an important opportunity for learning, growth and ministry development. The training equipped and strengthened him with valuable knowledge and new insights to continue serving God and advancing his work in Zimbabwe and beyond.

"And what you have heard from me.....entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also"
2 Timothy 2:2

(Reverend Jacob is seen in this picture with Bishop Eduard Khegay of the Russian and Eurasia region.)

ONE CHILD WEEK WITH AFRICA REVIVAL

We were truly blessed to host an amazing team from Texas, USA led by Pastor Rusty Freeman here in Zimbabwe. It was a wonderful opportunity to share in ministry and spend meaningful time with the children we serve.

During their visit, we had the privilege of taking Pastor Rusty and his team to our two Hope Centers- Josiah Chinamano Hope Center and Inkanyezi Hope Centre. We also visited several children in their homes, bringing encouragement, love and hope directly into their families. We thank God for the wonderful time we shared with Pastor Rusty and his amazing team, and for their dedication to the children. Their time was filled with teaching the word of God, praying with the children, encouraging them and reminding them that they are loved and valued.



Reverend Dr Dusty Freeman from George W Truett Theological Seminary (Baylor University. Texas)



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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Reverend Jacob had a great opportunity to attend the General Conference in Sandton Johannesburg, South Africa, as an observer. It was a valuable opportunity to witness, learn and connect with others from across the world. We thank God for opening this door and for the experience and knowledge gained, which will continue to strengthen Reverend Jacob in his ministry and service to God. For we hear it in Proverbs 27:17 that "Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another". Reverend Jacob joined in the picture below with the Heartland Conference delegation.



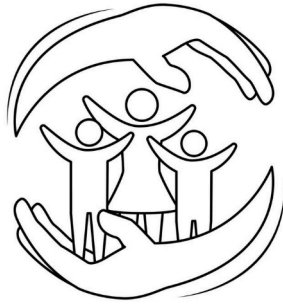
EVANGELISM IN KENYA

Following the General Conference, Reverend Jacob travelled to Kenya with Tyson Heins for evangelism, sharing the word of God and spreading the message of hope and salvation. It was a blessed opportunity to reach different communities and continue advancing God's work beyond Zimbabwe.



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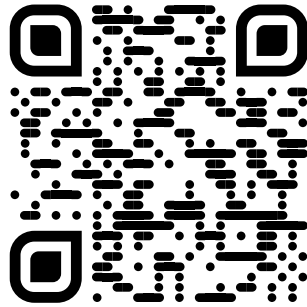
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