### Gospel News



## The Plan of Redemption

The Second Plan of God to Redeem Mankind Through Christ Brought Victory Over Sin

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH OF PORTLAND OREGON: SOUTHERN AFRICA

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#### **Foreword**



It is my privilege to announce the launch of the Gospel News, our quarterly magazine for Southern Africa. The Gospel News magazine will cover selected sermon excerpts, church events, testimonies, youth activities and other items that the Ministry may wish to publish.

As shall be highlighted in this issue, we thank God for the privilege of welcoming Rev John Musgrave our Director for Africa from our International Headquarters in Portland, who came for the dedication of our headquarters church in Malawi in March this year. We thank God for our brethren in Malawi who under the leadership of Rev Chris Nkhata the District Superintendent, continue to strive to establish the work of God. It is our fervent prayer that the Lord will continue to provide our brethren with strength to work in His vineyard so that many souls may be won for the Kingdom.

Following the dedication of the headquarters church, and a tour of some branch churches in Malawi, we proceeded to Zambia to join Bro Boniface Banda and the saints for the 2022 East Africa Regional Camp Meeting. We are so thankful to God for the wonderful time of blessings shared during Camp Meeting.

After returning from Zambia, we called for a special Sunday in Highfields on the 10th of April, which was Palm Sunday, where we were glad to welcome Rev Mark Mufandarahwa, who earlier this year, was appointed the Regional District Superintendent for the United Kingdom and Europe. It is always a blessing when we see our very own children who received this same gospel here in Zimbabwe being used by God in such a remarkable way. This gives us great joy in our hearts, and we pray that God will incessantly continue to give him grace, wisdom and strength as he labors in the Lord's vineyard.

Finally, we want to thank God for the Passover meetings which ran from the 14th to the 18th of April 2022. We witnessed God's blessings as many souls were saved while others received various blessings across Zimbabwe. The Passover also included two Provincial camp meetings, one in Manicaland and the other in the Midlands, with the latter extending the Passover.

I hope and believe that as you read this first edition of our Gospel News magazine, God will uplift your spirit and encourage you to keep walking on the highway of holiness.

In His Service

**Oniyas Gumbo** 

## From the Word He shore.

The Plan of Redemption



he plan for redemption is for every human being. It is not confined to a particular generation, race, or gender. This is a global and grand plan of God to extricate man from a life of sin and make them righteous.

#### A NEW COVENANT PROMISED

During the Old Testament the Israelites were the only nation that enjoyed the righteousness of God by way of keeping the law. However, they still had their sinful conscience unpurged and for that reason the first covenant failed God. Nevertheless, God's grand plan from the beginning for rescuing all of humanity from the power of sin was fully revealed with the coming, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament or Covenant was necessary because the first one was unable to make humanity perfect, thus it had to be done away with as the scripture confirms in Hebrews 8 vs. 13 'In that he saith. A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old are ready to vanish away.'

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDER TWO COVENANTS

We therefore understand that there is righteousness under two covenants, the first one under the law when man used his natural effort in keeping and living by the law and the second one under faith, being justified by repenting and believing in Jesus.

The difference lies in that, righteousness under the law left man with a sin-ridden conscience, while the gift of righteousness coming through faith in Jesus Christ eradicates the sinful nature and purifies the heart of a believer. The Bible tells us that once a man is saved

all the guilty conscience is gone, 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit' (Romans 8:1)

#### **DUAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Reading from 2 Corinthians 5 vs. 19 we hear that, 'To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.' This scripture shows that on top of forgiving past transgressions, God was also working with and in Jesus reconciling the world to Himself. God was making sure that people would become what he wanted them to be from the beginning, which is having and retaining the image or likeness of God. No man can therefore come to God by any other way except through the call of God by Jesus Christ as given by the scripture in John 6 vs. 44 'No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.' This scripture also confirms the reconciling work done by God the Father through Jesus Christ.

THREE-FOLD WORK

The redemption plan is completed in our lives when we receive the three definite experiences. When we are saved, our past and repented sins are forgiven, and we are given a new mind and a new heart. After salvation we should have our Adamic nature eradicated through entire sanctification, which is the second definite work of grace. We then receive the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This way we become sons of God and heirs together with Jesus.

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Rev Onias Gumbo is Regional District Superintendent for Southern Africa

## Be of Good Courage

od called Joshua to accomplish the task of leading the Israelites into their possession after Moses died. We read from Joshua Chapter 1 as God instructs and encourages Joshua to take courage. In this instance God is calling Joshua to lead the Israelites. Joshua might have perceived such a task as difficult to accomplish and therefore God is encouraging him to be strong. God knew that if Joshua played his part, he would prosper.

#### **WALK BY FAITH**

Similarly, God has plans for our earthly life as well as our eternal life, so He wants us to be strong and of good courage in our Christian walk. You will observe that the moment we are saved, God does not immediately remove us from the world. Rather, he allows us to live in the world with our new identity as his children.

In our Christian walk we will face twists and turns. During such times, we need to be strong and of good courage, walking by faith according to his word remembering that the just shall live by faith.

#### **FOCUS ON THE WORD**

When we look at the account of Joshua, we can see that God's intention was for him to prosper in leading the children of Israel to possess the Promised Land.

However, success was conditional on how Joshua would obey the specific instructions God commanded. God wanted Joshua to focus on his word. Joshua was instructed in Joshua 1; 8 that "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written



therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success".

Giving heed to God's instructions meant that Joshua would stay within the boundaries God wanted him to walk. God did not reveal to Joshua every trial or challenge he was to face along the way.

Instead, he instructed him on how he was to walk and conduct himself.

#### **DOOR OF OPPORTUNITIES**

God will open doors of good opportunities in our lives as young people. We read in 1 Corinthians 16;9 that "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries". This means that God has a great vision and plans for your life.

However, such plans may not be realized without challenges or hindrances from the devil. For example, the enemy knows that you need to graduate, you need to find a job and you need to marry in the gospel, and yet he may throw hurdles in the way. When God called Joshua, God knew that there were Hittites and Jebusites, yet God called Joshua to lead the Israelites.

We need to understand that all the good things God has promised us are true. Heaven that God has promised is true. But there are many adversaries. The Bible tells us in Psalm 34;19 that "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivered him out of them all."

There is a need for us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might by putting on the whole armor of God. This is because the devil is not our friend but our enemy and his intentions are to destroy. What he hates is the light that we have and the salvation we have. And so, we need to be strong in the Lord by taking his promises and putting on the whole armor of God (see Ephesians 6: 10-18). We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. The best that we can do is to pray and stand on the promises of God.

The devil is behind every battle and so we need to fight with the armor God. God will see us through and will take us all the way to victory.

Killian Nyamuona is Regional Youth Pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church of Portland, Southern Africa District



#### Easter Meeting Blessings In Zimbabwe

92

Were saved from their sins

13

Sanctified from the carnal nature 6

Baptized with the Holy Spirit

111

Healed from diseases and illness

54

Baptized by water

1,943

Highest attendance

Many were revived across the country in all the province

Province	Saved	Sanctified	Baptized with the Holy Ghost	Healed	Water Baptized	Highest Attendance
MASH CENTRAL	20	8	1	42	15	231
MASH WEST	10	3	4	45	-	401
MASH EAST	51	-	-	-	-	90
MIDLANDS	2	-	-	-	39	310
HARARE	4	2	-	-	-	366
BULAWAYO	-	-	-	7	-	213
MANICALAND	3	-	-	16		116
MATABELELAND	2	-	1	1		80
MASVINGO	-	-	-	1	-	136
TOTALS	92	13	6	111	54	1,943

### Easter Meeting Letters

The recent 2022 Passover Camp meeting has once again proved of God faithfulness towards all mankind. Brethren who were gathered at Nyahondo in the Mutoko District and at Murambinda in the Buhera District were all witnesses of answered prayers as God supplied all food requirements, transportation, manpower for the great and small work. Brethren came in their numbers with an average attendance of eighty. We witnessed many juniors and young adults being saved and many of them received various blessings and received testimonies from all attendees thanking God for being revived. We continue to thank God for all the prayers and support in our efforts of evangelizing Mashonaland East Province. It is a faithful saying that, "Prayer has no overdose, so we covet more". There is still more work to be done.

Yours In His Field

#### **REV CHINHARA-PROV OVERSEER**

For the first time ever, Matabeleland South Easter Camp meeting was successfully held from the 15th-17th of April 2022 in Plumtree at the church stand. We give glory to God for the blessed and the thrilling time we had during the three-day Passover celebrations.

We witnessed brethren visiting us from places like Kwekwe, Harare, Beitbridge, Gwanda, Bulawayo and Gokwe. Visitors from nearby places kept coming to the services despite the heavy rain we were experiencing during the entire Passover.

Our beloved Pastor, J. Moyo and Brother Mkonto graced the occasion which was such a spiritually refreshing moment for us.

The following revival week which took place soon after the Easter celebrations witnessed two people who had been possessed with demons their entire lives being set free, a clear testimony that our God is not confined to a specific time period or nationality. One had been troubled with a snake for years, but God delivered.

Throughout the entire revival, God provided all things necessary for the week to be a success. We remain grateful to the support we always receive from the headquarters.

Yours In His Vineyard

**REV T. BOSHA (Plumtree)** 

We thank God for the successful Easter Meetings which brethren have been praying for a month prior the scheduled dates. God honored those prayers.

Mashonaland Central Province had two Passover venues, one in Bindura and the other in Kamutsenzere. God worked miracles throughout the meeting. The devil tried his best to deter and disturb the meeting but at last God's victory always wins. At Kamutsenzere the Passover began on Friday instead of Thursday due to some transport challenges. However, in Bindura, service began on Thursday with the few people who made a resolute to attend the first service come what may. Good Friday was well attended with Bindura having the highest number of attendants of 175 approximately and Kamutsenzere with 56 in attendance. We continue to thank God for the visitors who came as far as Harare and three visitors who came from Mozambique and attended at Kamutsenzere.

A couple visited the Easter services who declared their desire to fellowship with us, however, their one request was for God to give them (as a family) the understanding of salvation as they begin to fellowship with us. Throughout the camp, through the blood of Christ, people were revived, restored, and healed.

During Easter, 20 people were saved, 8 were sanctified,1 was baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit and 42 were healed. On the 18th of April there was a water Baptism service at Kamutsenzera river with all new converts getting baptized. A total of 15 brethren were baptized:10 sisters and 5 brothers respectively. May God continue to do mighty works amongst us.

Yours In His Field

**BROTHER S. KUSAKADZA** 



#### Regional News

Thank God the quarter was full of activity and the next section will share some highlights of the church dedication held in Malawi, the Zambia and Namibian camp meetings in addition to Rev Mark Mfandarahwa's visit, the Regional Superintendent of Eastern Europe.

#### Malawi Trip









On the 25th of March, a team of ten left Zimbabwe headed to Malawi for a church dedication weekend. The brethren from Zimbabwe arrived the same day although it was very late and were received with impeccable hospitality from the Malawian brethren. The following event was a worker's meeting on the 26th of March which was led by Rev John Musgrave, the Director for Africa Work. The theme of the meeting was entitled "Our Call to Be Ambassadors for Christ". Present in the meeting was Rev Confidence Nemahungani, the D.S for South Africa, several board members from Zimbabwe, ministers, youth leaders and choristers from around Malawi. The whole weekend was packed with youth and revival services. powerful testimonies and wonderful singing done in Chichewa, the local language.

On Sunday, the 27th of March, the church dedication began with a Sunday school lesson which was grouped in various sections according to age and language. The next service began with choruses outside the church building, a word of exhortation from Rev Musgrave followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony also led by Rev Musgrave. The service proceeded on with music from the choir and the word of dedication from Rev Musgrave and a dedication prayer from the

Regional District Superintendent of Southern Africa, Rev Gumbo. God poured his Holy Spirit on all flesh and Sister Rebecca Kagura who had longed for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit received it right during the dedication prayer. In the afternoon, there was a youth service which was filled with testimonies and beautiful music followed by an evening revival service which saw many people being saved.

vOn the 28th of March, there was only one service, which the R.D.S of Southern Africa preached on "The Spiritual Cycles of a Christian". The weekend concluded with people posing for photographs and video recording. On Tuesday, the 29th of March, an entourage left Blantyre and went to Nsanje, a province approximately 400km outside Blantyre. The aim of the journey was to visit the previous church headquarters where the wife of late Rev Valeria stays. Before a guided tour around the property was done, Brother Musgrave and Brother Gumbo spoke some words of comfort to the mourning and emotional widow. A group prayer was done, and the entourage was shown around the property which concluded the day. The Zimbabwean team left for Zambia the following day, took a sleeping break in Lilongwe and proceeded to Zambia on Thursday.

#### **Zambia Campmeeting**



Bro John Musgrave in the middle with Bro Bro Gumbo is receiving a bouquet of flowers by Nemaungane and Bro Bonface Banda with their Bro Bonface Banda wives respectively



The team arrived in Zambia around midnight on Thursday the 31st of March,2022 just in time to attend both the Friday and Saturday worker's meetings. The first worker's meeting in Zambia reflected on how each servant is bound to the Master who is Jesus Christ through the sealing of the Holy Ghost. Rev Musgrave elaborated how vital it is for every worker to continually align themselves to the will of God. During the meeting, there was extra emphasis on how all who have been called by Christ are servants of Christ, slaves; bound to God alone.

The following day, another workers' meeting was held which was themed 'Ambassadors for Christ' which was once again led by Rev Musgrave. He explained the three aspects of being Ambassadors under what qualifies us, the commission in the Ministry of Reconciliation and how workers are ambassadors of Christ today.

Though still under construction, brethren in Zambia have worked extra hard at the campground and other churches around the city. The services were held at the new campground and Zambian nationals flocked in their numbers which prompted the R.D.S, Bro Gumbo to compliment such unity by reminiscing of the late Rev Soyinka and the late Rev Kaibula. He specifically touched on the aspect of how leadership transitioned peacefully without divisions up to the point that R.D.S of East Africa Brother Boniface Banda took over with such peace.

R.D.S of East Africa Brother Boniface Banda led the tour around the churches in Lusaka showing the brethren present, the newly acquired land for church construction. These were eye-opening tours which illustrated what unity of brethren can achieve. The Zimbabwean team left on the 7th of April.2022 and embarked on a journey back home. The Lord was faithful throughout the pilgrimage.

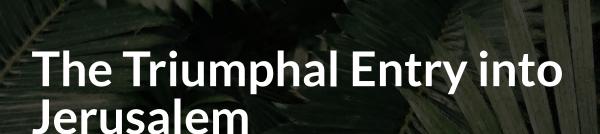
The link to videos and images of the entire pilgrimage can be found here https://fb.watch/ cW90XZdtCc/



## A Visit From Rev. Mark Mfandarahwa

Reverend Mark Mfandarahwa, the Regional District Superintendent of the United Kingdom and Western Europe visited Zimbabwe on the 10th of April 2022.He arrived with his wife Sister Marble and their two daughters Naome and Ruth. Bro. Mfandarahwa was welcomed by Rev O.Z. Gumbo in the prayer room in Highfields before scores of workers who had gathered to welcome him. Bro. Gumbo expressed his gratitude to the workers for their presence and introduced Bro Mfandarahwa. Indeed the atmosphere was filled with joy as Bro. Gumbo expressed how joyful he was to see Bro Mfandarahwa, who was saved here in Zimbabwe, become Western Europe Regional District Superintendent.

The workers welcomed Bro Mfandarahwa with a resounding 'Amen!' as he stood to them. In his remarks, Mfandarahwa said that he was glad to be home in Zimbabwe and humbled to be appointed RDS for Western Europe. He therefore requested prayers from the saints to help him in his new role and wished that all the workers and saints present would be found worthy to meet the Lord in the air for the Marriage Supper. In the main service, Rev Gumbo repeated the same remarks he had given in the prayer room concerning Bro Mark and proceeded to introduce him to the almost fully packed church. The congregants resoundingly welcomed him.



Bro Mark gave the Devotional Service for Palm Sunday titled 'Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem'. Reading from Luke 19: 30, the message pointed out that Jesus wants to use us for his purpose in the same manner he had requested for the colt on which he rode upon on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The sermon also revealed that Jesus is the owner of all things and that whatever possession we may have, God would have entrusted us with such for his purpose. Thus we should not withhold tithes, but rather render to God what is due to him.

On the triumphal entry, the Pharisees were pricked in their hearts and intended to silence the joy and praise Jesus was receiving from the multitude. The message warned that we should not be found among those who may hinder worship and fellowship among the brethren. Nonetheless, we know that Nicodemus out-stood the rest of the Pharisees in that he approached Jesus by night and was told that man must be born again as recorded in John 3:6. In the same way, the sermon challenged whoever is bound by sins to come to Jesus to be free from sin. A wonderful time of prayer followed the altar call.

Brother Mark Mufandarahwa is the R.D.S of The United Kingdom And Western Europe.

#### **Namibia Campmeeting**











To God be the glory for the great things He continues to do. After the Covid-19 lockdown and its impact on face-to-face meetings, the annual camp meeting had been put on hold for the past two years. The church decided to launch out in faith this year, after the lockdown regulations were relaxed. God honored and supported our step of faith beautifully with giant and tremendous blessings.

National and international delegates began to arrive on Friday, 29 April. From Botswana, there were 6 delegates including the DS, Bro.Lordick Motshidisi. From South Africa, the DS Bro. Confidence Nemaungani and his wife came. Zimbabwe sent a delegation of three Board members and three Senior Ministers. Angola sent a delegation of twenty-three visitors, led by Bro. Chiquito Pessela, the pastor for the Lubango branch church.

The first devotional service was the official opening service. It started with the choir music prelude and this was followed by a welcome address by the District Superintendent. Congregational singing and announcements Camp meeting goodwill messages from the Superintendent General, the Regional District Superintendent and other districts within the region were delivered. The service was centered on the camp meeting theme "I Will Restore". Excerpts from the sermon: "When God speaks, lives are renewed and restored..." This is a standing promise given to mankind by God that, "I will restore" Joel 2:25.

The second and final devotional service was held on the 8th of May. The fathers, mainly from the ministers and choir members, sang "Faith of our Mothers" to a great round of applause by all the women and children. The music tradition has always been part of the Apostolic Faith Church organization. Due to the Covid 19 lockdown and restrictions, it was difficult to observe the regular choir practice and rehearsal but in order to keep up with the camp meeting concert tradition, the camp meeting concert was staged on the 7th of May. The concert was titled "I Will Restore the Voice of Singing". Our choir rendered some beautiful selections. It was so sweet to listen to such orchestral and vocal renditions.

During the last devotional and closing service, the Namibia District Superintendent, Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun announced that some ministers would be ordained for God's service. He encouraged the congregation to pray for them. Seven ministers were called and ordained through the laying on of hands by the elders.

#### **Testimonies - Namibia**

#### And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony - Revelation 12:11

"I want to thank God for saving my soul back in 2019. We were having our Bible study on "The way of escape". How Noah and his family escaped the flood. My dad told me the only way to escape from sin is Jesus. Praise God I got saved that night. I thank God that ever since I got saved, God has opened many doors of grace for me. I prayed to God that He will give me a good school and He gave me the best. I thank God for healing me. I have been suffering from a syndrome called scoliosis and the doctors said the only cure is through surgery. By God's grace, the surgery lasted for eleven hours and it went well and I recovered. Children of God please pray for me that I may make heaven my home." – Rosie Yofina (Namibia)

"I want to thank God for bringing me into the gospel. I was born into a nominal church but thank God I was invited to attend an Apostolic Faith Church camp meeting. The person that invited me to the camp meeting kept asking me if I had been saved. During the last week of the camp meeting, I decided that when I get to the altar, I will not leave without getting saved. Salvation entered my heart and I could feel it immediately. Before I got saved, I was very good at lying but salvation changed that. Please pray that God will keep me till the end" – Sis. Dupe Adesina. (Namibia)

"As a young boy, I was very stubborn. One day, at a gospel meeting, I prayed and God saved me. There was a time I became sick and with so much pain, but God healed me. Please pray for me, my desire is to make heaven." – Bro. L. Mpaso (Zimbabwe)

#### Youth Diary Bulletin



We give glory to God who, after two long years of facing Covid-19 restrictions, has restored live youth meetings. We have seen youth from the various provinces of Zimbabwe traveling across the nation to attend these revivals and we continue to witness the glory of God during the meetings. Between the 18th and the 21st of February this year, there was a special youth weekend at the Highfields headquarters church. The meeting was broadcast on different media platforms and one of the youth, who is based in China, was baptized by the Holy Ghost and fire while attending services online. During the last weekend of March, a wonderful youth revival was held in Masvingo, Gutu Mupandawana. The theme of the youth meeting was "Restoration."

The Spirit of God graced the occasion; three souls were saved, two testified of being healed and many souls were revived. The peak of attendance was 180. A brief of each of the services is featured in this publication. Our prayer is that God continues to guide and build the youth into acceptable vessels, fit for the master's use. In this publication, we feature testimonies from our former youth leader for Harare South, Sister Mirirai Kamutando and her husband, Bro Kudakwashe Mazarura, who got married in February this year and relocated to the United Kingdom. We are grateful to God for their service, and we pray that God continues to bless them in this new chapter of life.

Bro Killian Nyamuona Youth Pastor (Southern Africa)

## Gutu Youth Revival Highlights

#### RESTORATION PROMISE

#### - Friday Evening

Bro Ishmael Dongo opened the Gutu youth revival with a burning message titled 'Restoration Promise'. Reading from Hosea 6:1, the message entreated the youth to return to the Lord for restoration and salvation. The message clearly articulated that Jesus Christ was ordained by God to bring salvation to mankind. The duty of mankind to genuinely repent and to seek God's face for salvation was conveyed. A wonderful time of prayer followed after the service as the Lord poured his blessings.

#### GREATER THAN ELISHA IS HERE

#### - Saturday Morning

The morning service was well attended with 108 people in attendance. Bro George Mateyu referenced 2 Kings 13:20-21, which reads, "20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet."

The message centered on Jesus as a giver of life, greater than Elisha, who raised a dead man as stated in the reference scripture. Jesus is able to raise back to life those that are dead spiritually. A great altar call followed the service.

#### DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY

#### - Saturday Afternoon

On Saturday afternoon, Bro Talmud Msindazi, the Southern Africa District Youth Leader, led a group discussion on Opportunity. 136 people attended this session. The discussion brought out that God had availed an opportunity to everyone in attendance to get saved. Reference was made to the final hours that Elijah had with Elisha and to the last moments that Jesus had with his disciples before the crucifixion. The discussion revealed that Elisha could not afford to miss the opportunity of getting the double portion that he had asked for. The audience learned that an opportunity missed is an opportunity lost that may never avail itself again. The discussion concluded on the note that the Gutu youth revival was a golden opportunity that God had provided for seekers to receive blessings. After the session, a band of youth marched through the streets to invite residents to the evening service. The orchestra played their instruments during the march and the youth distributed fliers while singing choruses. The band passed through a beer hall where Bro Zimbwa testified to a group of people and took the opportunity to invite them to the evening service. A good attendance ensued reaching up to 180 people for the evening service.

#### **DANGERS OF SIN**

#### - Saturday Evening Service

Bro Kaseke preached during the evening service. He read about the account of Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah (See Genesis 19). The message emphasized that God hates sin and that mankind should repent. Congregants flocked to the altar after the service and one person was saved.

#### RESTORATION OF LIFE

#### - Sunday Morning

Bro Moyo from Gweru closed the revival meeting with a devotional teaching on the restoration of life. He quoted Proverbs 8: 35-36, which reads, "For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." The message focused on the need for a sinner to repent and to be saved, as this is the only way one can be made spiritually alive. Reference was also made to the account in the bible, when Jesus told one who wanted to follow him to let the dead bury their dead (See Mathew 8:22). This showed that before receiving salvation, one will be spiritually dead.

Were saved

from their sins

Healed from their infirmities

180

Peak Attendance

## Salvation Brings Victory to Newly Weds...



#### Mirirai Kamutando

I am thankful to God for He has been good all my life. I was blessed to be born in a christian family, and both my parents were saved. We were taught to fear God from a very young age and my parents exemplified a true christian walk in the home. God gave me wonderful siblings who all dedicated their lives to God.

Growing up I remember waking up in the middle of the night and I could hear my parents praying for us in the living room. I thank God for that because it created a good foundation for our faith as children. At the age of 12, I asked God to save my soul. I did not understand a lot of things at that time but my experience with God was real. I had peace and joy in my heart. I have prayed for anything big, small and God answers my prayers.

God secured placements for my secondary and tertiary education in miraculous ways. He healed my father diabetes. As I grew older my experiences became challenging and I knew that I needed deeper experiences with God. In 2018 God renewed me, sanctified my soul and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. As a young person I am truly thankful that I have witnessed God safely keeping me from the snares and dangers that the youth face. Later, God called me to his work and with each step I take in his field, He has been faithfully guiding me. Early this year, God gave me a wonderful husband in the gospel who is more than what I asked for. He gave me God- fearing, loving and supportive inlaws. In addition to that, He also opened a way to develop my career abroad. My prayer is that I remain faithful to his word and that at the end of this journey, I may meet this loving God.

#### Kudakwashe J Mazarura



My journey started when my mother Elizabeth Karombo Mazarura went home to be with the Lord. In 2007 she traveled to Zambia where she gave her life to God and the change in her life was undeniable. She grew stronger spiritually and drew closer to God until God decided to take her home in 2008. For a long time I could not understand salvation because I was focused on the wrong things instead of noticing the hand of the Lord in my mother's life.

After she passed away, I was filled with fear because I realized that I was going to die alone and that I was going to give an account before God as an individual and not as a group or family. I did not want to admit this to anyone but it weighed me down so much that I could not take it anymore. One weekend, in 2008, I traveled to Mapfeni with the youth for a youth revival. This was the first youth meeting I attended, but this particular revival was different. I had a mission and I was not going to live a life of guilt any longer. I knew I was going to find redemption in the Lord and this was my time. By the time the revival ended, my life had been changed. Jesus, just as he did to my mother, had saved my soul and all things had become new. I could live in peace, knowing that I had the hope of seeing Jesus.

The Lord has kept me ever since then, during my 20s, my college life and my work life. He has been faithfully answering my prayers. In 2022 the Lord was faithful in giving me a wonderful wife, Mirirai Kindness Kamutando. When I speak to her, it feels as if we have known each other for years. God has already shown his hand from the Lobola day to the wedding where he abundantly provided. I thank God for the wonderful in- laws that I had always prayed for. He has created opportunities which we did not even imagine. I pray that our journey does not only end here on earth but that one day I may be reunited with my mother and meet all the saints in the loving arms of the Lord. Praise his name always.

## Campus Fellowship Begins at UZ



Good news to all our youth at the University of Zimbabwe! We now have Campus Fellowship Services taking place at the UZ Chapel every Friday from 1pm to 2pm. Sister Faith Siyacheta, the campus fellowship Youth Leader and the student committee coordinate the services with the help of Bro Marume and Bro Talmud Msindazi.

A 'UZ AFC Students' WhatsApp group has been created to cater for all students enrolled at UZ.

The students together with UZ alumni that worship in the church, were invited to a luncheon on Saturday the 2nd April. Bro Nyamuona and Rev Panganayi encouraged the students to work as a family of believers and to reach out to other students with the gospel. Bro Bwakura shared his testimony on how God delivered him from drugs during college years and how God enabled him to finally graduate after he received salvation.

#### Gallery

#### **Gutu Youth Camp in Pictures**









#### **OUR MISSION**

PRAY: We make prayer the basis of every ministry and encourage communion with God as the way we grow to spiritual maturity in Him.

PREACH: We emphasize the original Pentecostal doctrines of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, continually striving to develop fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

PUBLISH: We publish the Gospel through the written word, the spoken word, and through our personal lives, daily looking for opportunities to spread the message, "Ye must be born again."

#### THE TRINITY

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are separate and distinct Persons, possessing recognizable personalities and qualities, perfectly united in One. They are not to be thought of in any sense, as merely three names for one Person. The doctrine of the Trinity begins to develop in the first chapter of the Bible: "And God said, let us make man in our image" (Genesis 1:26). The plural forms "us" and "our" indicate that the Godhead consists of more than one individual. Almost invariably throughout the Bible, the Hebrew word translated as "God" is Elohim, and this is the plural form. With the coming of Jesus Christ to earth, mankind was able to observe the mysterious reality of the Triune God as never before. In Matthew 3:16-17, we read of the cooperation of the three Persons of the Godhead at the baptism of Jesus in what is perhaps the clearest picture of the Trinity presented in Scripture. Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### **REPENTANCE**

Repentance is a deep, heartfelt sorrow for sin with a renunciation of sin. When one comes to the Lord to be saved, he is desperately in need of forgiveness for the sins he has committed. If these sins are not forgiven, they will take that person into a lost eternity. Knowing this moves a person to a feeling of dread and a desire to be completely forgiven, at any cost. The radical change which tru salvation brings means that one cannot mix the old life withe the new. If one is hanging on to the past, he is not ready for entrance into the Kingdom of God. Repentance is the sinner's key to Heaven—the only way he can approach God and receive divine favor. But when one turns to God with all of his heart, true repentance brings the abundant joy and peace of salvation into the life. 2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:2-3; Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 7:10.

#### **SALVATION**

Salvation is the act of God's grace by which we receive remission of sins and stand before God as though we had never sinned. This experience is necessary to inherit eternal life in Heaven. In order to receive it, we must repent (have godly sorrow for the sins we have committed) and turn away from all sin. Then by faith we must reach out to God for mercy and forgiveness, and claim His promise of pardon. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden, the entire human family became sinful in nature. From that day on, every person born on earth is a sinner by birth and needs to repent of the sins he or she has committed. The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23), but God provided the plan so that we can be saved. Jesus, God's Son, died in man's place that we might have forgiveness for sins through His Blood (Colossians 1:14). Man is a free agent, even though sinful in nature. By exercising that free will, we can reach out to God and be saved from sin by faith in God's redemptive plan. We can have the assurance that we are saved (also referred to as being born again). When the work of salvation has been done in the heart, God's Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16). John 1:1-13; 3:3; Acts 2:21; 10:43; 13:38-39; Romans 3:25-26; 5:1; Galatians 3:11,24.

#### **SANCTIFICATION**

The word sanctify means "to make holy, purify, consecrate, dedicate, cleanse, and separate." In order to be sanctified, the born-again Christian must consecrate, dedicate, and separate himself to God and His will. Then God will do His part by purifying the heart and making it holy. After being sanctified, the Christian has a heart that is perfect toward

God, though he is still subject to the limitations due to his humanity and thus not immune to the possibility of errors in judgment or imperfections due to human frailty. Spiritual growth occurs as the sanctified person continues to apply God's Word to his heart, and strives to walk daily in God's will.Luke 1:74-75; John 17:15-17; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 5:25-27; Hebrews 2:11; 12:14; 13:12; 1 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:7.

#### **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the experience of the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, coming into a person's life to give power for God's service. In order to be filled with the Holy Ghost, a person must first be born again through the experience of salvation. A second step, sanctification, occurs when the saved person goes deeper in consecration and God purges the heart from the inward nature of sin. Then, the heart is ready for the gift of the Holy Spirit.When one receives the gift of the Holy Ghost, He comes to live in the sanctified heart. When this infilling occurs, it is accompanied by the same sign as the disciples had on the Day of Pentecost—the speaking with "other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). The "other tongues" are a previously unlearned, recognizable language. Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Luke 24:49; John 7:38-39; Acts 1:5-8; 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Botswana Camp Meeting 17 - 24 July

Southern Africa Annual Youth Camp Meeting 21-28 August

Southern Africa Annual Camp Meeting 4-18 December

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