

## Greetings

We hope that this ministry update finds you all doing well in the Lord. We also hope that the Lord is keeping you safe amidst the challenges that we are all facing due to the pandemic. We pray that through His faithfulness, the Lord will continue to protect you and give you His grace to pull through any sort of challenge that you may come across.

Our family is doing fine and our ministry is going on as usual. Nathanael is still in Masasi with us. He was meant to have gone back home for school but due to the spike in covid-19 cases in Zimbabwe, school opening was postponed, so he is having to wait for new school dates to be announced. His school has, however, introduced some online classes, so he is doing some school work from here in Masasi.

Over the past two months, our ministry has continued as usual. We will use this update to highlight some of the activities that took place in our work during this period of time.

## Nanyindwa Church

We held a two day teaching seminar in Nanyindwa in an endeavor to equip the congregation towards increased ministry. This congregation has been steadily growing in number and it is still working hard to reach out to more people in the village. Our teachings focused on how best we could improve on the ongoing inward and outward ministry of this church. We believe that this seminar was quite a success because of the number of commitments which took place during the seminar and at the worship service that followed. We also carried out several prayer sessions with people who came with different needs. By God's grace many people were encouraged through all the ministry that we did together during this program. We pray that the ministry in Nanyindwa will continue grow and that the Lord will give strength to the leadership of this church so that they will continue to sense God will and direction for their ministry of this congregation.



Worship service in Nanyindwa at the end of the seminar

## Ministry in Tukaewote

Ministry in Tukaewote went very well. We have seen a marked increase in the number of people coming to the Lord and attending worship services in this congregation. We received about six new converts and one of them has already been baptized. While some of these converts are result of some outreach efforts by the members of this church, others have come to the Lord on their own in search of spiritual answers relating to needs they are facing in their lives. One of these, a lady from a nearby village of Chakama (about 3miles from Tukaewote), came on foot, to Tukaewote seeking help in prayer due to spiritual oppressions she has been having in the recent years. She came through one of our members who lives in that village. The people in Tukaewote prayed with her and the Lord delivered her from the spiritual problems she has been having. She gave her life to the Lord and is currently receiving further discipleship and counseling help. Please be in prayer for her so that she will experience complete

freedom and that she will grow in her knowledge of the Lord. After visiting her at her home in Chakama, we found out that there is the possibility to minister to more people in that village. We pray that as we continue to minister to her and three other church members in that village, the Lord will open a door to reach out to more people in that Chakama.



Children presenting a special song



Worship service with children's participation



Leaders praying for the new lady from Chakama

While we have put in place a weekly ministry tailor-made for the needs of the children, these children have also started playing an active role in some sections of the worship services on Sundays. They work together with the worship leaders in not only leading some of the praise songs but also in presenting some special songs whenever they prepare such. Since this was introduced the kids have been enjoying themselves and have to a great extent been a joy and encouragement during the worship services.

### Men's Fellowship



Towards the end of July we held a combined men's fellowship for Chivirikiti and Tukaewote men. This was done to encourage the Tukaewote men who were launching their first men's Bible study group. Since the Chivirikiti men already have as strong and established men's Bible study group, some of their men came to encourage Tukaewote's endeavors in starting their own men's group. Tukaewote men also used this occasion to reach out to new men in the village and invited them to this launch. There were a few good responses from the local men, some of whom have started attending some weekly Bible studies on a more or less regular basis.

### Projects

We have for a while been working on several building projects on the mission compound, in Lilala and Tukaewote churches. Though the compound project is nearing completion we still have some work to do in Lilala and Tukaewote churches. In Lilala we have been working on a building block which will house an office, storeroom and prayer room. Most of the work has been done in Lilala and we need to put up the roof, doors and all the final work that remains to complete the building. With regards to Tukaewote, we have been working on a new church building. After completing the foundation, we have had to put this project on hold due to lack of financial resources. It is our desire and hope to see this building completed in the near future if the resources permit. So we are praying and hoping for financial

provision to get us to finalize the final building stages in Lilala as well as continue with what needs to be done in Tukaewote. We ask you to remember us in this regard.

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**From Team Expansion President**

Thanking God for our Partners

Every day of our lives, we (the collective "we," meaning all 350 team members of Team Expansion) give thanks for the partners who make our work possible. This past week, I saw a video at <https://www.prayercast.com/resource-partners.html> about people just like you -- people who make it possible for us to cross cultures, learn another language, mobilize and train workers, share Good news, and pay the bills all at the same time. The video is short - but awesome. It helped me understand better how we are all in this together. (I hope you have a moment to watch it?) This is a massive army of senders, goers, trainers, mobilizers, and more. We all depend on one another -- we're all in this together. So today, as I go through the steps of my job, I'm thanking the Lord for you. God bless you, the senders of Team Expansion.

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Have a great month!!!

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**Prayer Items**

1. Pray for Nanyindwa church to continue in the direction of growth and to become more fruitful in what God is leading them to do.
2. Pray for the continued growth of the church in Tukaewote. Pray that the Lord will give us the grace to reach the goals we have set for the ministry in this and the surrounding villages. Please pray for the various ministry programs that we have going on in this church to continue bearing fruit.
3. Pray also that the Lord will help us raise the resources needed for the building projects we need to complete.
4. Pray for our family so that God will give us guidance and wisdom in matters relating to on-going ministry in the villages as well as travel decisions relating to our son.

Thank you

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