



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Gal 6:9

As you may be aware, for almost nine years, we have been working here in Zimbabwe in a Discipleship Ministry with a focus on Missions. Our ministry is inter-denominational and we work mainly with indigenous churches in cities, towns, villages, rural areas - wherever the Lord creates an opening.

Through Pastors' fraternals we are able to engage with groups of local pastors and leaders from different denominations at a time. Additionally, we meet with a number of individuals on a one-on-one, lead home bible studies and help to mentor young missionaries leaving for the mission field. Dhan also has preaching engagements in Harare and Gweru and serves on the Board of OM Zimbabwe.

Our ministry requires a lot of road travel, lots of preparation for our trips and some hospitality. Since we do not have an office, we meet with individuals at our home, coffee shops or available Church premises.

Even the shortest trips can be challenging and so it can be very discouraging when we travel for several miles over bad roads only to wait for an hour or more for people to arrive for a class. As the saying goes, “there is no hurry in Africa”.



A little frustrated about this and a few other related struggles, we began to seek the Lord as to whether we should continue with one of our groups. We had been meeting for the past 15 months and wondered about their level of commitment. Since we had not received a definite answer, we kept going. And God kept encouraging our hearts and giving us reason to return.

At the end of last Saturday's class, the senior Pastor stood up and gave a testimony of how beneficial our group meetings were to him and his ministry. He also encouraged others to faithfully attend. He said he had just returned from neighboring Malawi, where he had preached using what he had learned from our times together and two Moslems came to know Christ.

It was a poignant reminder to us to be faithful and trust the Lord to bring in the Harvest. What is the inconvenience of a one or two-hour wait compared with the joy of knowing that two previously lost souls have embraced Christ as their Savior?

Please pray for these two baby Christians that God would give them the grace and strength to withstand the pressure from their communities. When a Moslem comes to know Christ, he truly places his life and livelihood on the line.

Please also pray that the members of the group would be encouraged through this testimony and that the Father would give them a growing desire to know Him.



In May Dhan and Dolly Lalsee visited Harvest International. The staff were blessed to have a few hours with them and were able to hear many updates on their ministry in Zimbabwe. Please continue to pray for the Lalsees as they continue to travel during their furlough.



Dhan, Danny, Pam, Cassie, Dolly and Ethel

Their remaining itinerary:

June 28 – July 2 Trinidad

July 2 – 10 Grenada

July 11 – 31 Dominica

August 1 – 21 Grenada

August 22 Begin their return journey via New York



Dear Friends,

March 2017

Our hearts are stirred by what the Apostle Paul calls “God’s eternal purposes” (e.g. Eph. 1:11, 3:11; Rom. 8:28, 29). It is no mean encouragement that our earthly existence is not all that our heavenly Father has purposed for us; neither is His salvation, as great and wonderful as that is. So, amid all the questions, challenges and gloom of life, we do not strive to create meaning and purpose. Our Father has already provided that, and in this we greatly rejoice. So, then, we live each day with confidence in Him. But, we may ask, how do those who do not have a personal relationship with the Lord cope?

This motivates us to continue to encourage and equip believers here in the work of “making disciples of all nations”. Surely, this is an imperative we just cannot afford to ignore. So we continue to be grateful to you who, in response to the Lord, have been faithfully partnering with us over the years. Thank you for praying, giving, and encouraging. As you have blessed us, we are being used of the Lord to bless those to whom He has sent us; as we are encouraged by your faithfulness, we are able to pass it on to others also. Regardless of your personal circumstances, you have responded to God’s grace and we are deeply grateful.

After the torrential rains of the past weeks, the road into rural Goromonzi has now been sufficiently repaired that we were able to meet with our group there last week. On Thursday, we travel to Gweru with a five-hour stopover at Chegutu where we meet with a group. In Gweru, we have Bible Studies with OIC Church on Thursday and Friday evenings, a four-hour Discipleship session on Saturday morning, Dhan preaches on Sunday morning before our four-hour drive back to Harare. On Friday and Saturday, we also meet individually with three ladies from the area.

Our Residence Permit has just been extended for a further two years and our Head Office has approved our taking a furlough in this our ninth year here. It will give us the opportunity to visit some of the Churches and individuals who partner with us. We are also slotting in much-needed time with our two daughters and five grands, as well as our siblings in the UK, USA and Caribbean.

Most of our itinerary is now completed and here are some of the highlights. Please contact us if you need further information:

- Friday, May 5 to Friday, May 12 - New York
- Saturday, May 13 to Sunday, May 21 – Florida (Fort Lauderdale, Ocala, Gainesville, Miami)
- Monday, May 22 to Monday June 12 – Texas
- Tuesday, June 13 to Sunday, June 18 – New York
- Monday, June 19 to Sunday, July 9 – Grenada/Trinidad
- Wednesday, July 10 to Monday, July 31 – Dominica
- Tuesday, August 1 to Monday, August 21 – Grenada
- Tuesday, August 22 to Thursday, August 24 – New York
- Friday, August 25 - Return to Zimbabwe

Please join with us in giving thanks for the extension of our Residence Permit; pray that the next two years would be the most fulfilling and meaningful period of our ministry here. Praise God for those who are coming to know Christ (not merely becoming Church members) and are being discipled, through this ministry; pray that more of them would share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Pray for great grace and wisdom for us during our furlough, and that our goals would be realized.

Dhan & Dolly



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“Though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging....” (Psalm 46).

Greetings from Zimbabwe! The last time we wrote, we were in preparation mode for a quick furlough or Home Ministry Assignment “HMA” as we were recently reminded by some of our friends in the US.

Our Trip: The departure date finally arrived and we began the first leg of the trip that would take us to London, New York, Connecticut, Florida, Texas and the Caribbean. We met with individual supporters and supporting churches, family, friends and our Missions organization, Harvest International. Praise God, we were able to accomplish all our goals for that trip.

As always these trips are a mixed bag of blessings. We basked in the demonstrations of love, literally rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept as we shared, prayed and fellowshiped. Our hearts were encouraged as we saw little children leading in spontaneous worship at a Church in Trinidad.



*Little Joshua
A Prayer Warrior in Trinidad*



*Welcomed by the
Church in Grenada*

It was such a joy to hug our kids and grandkids! We stayed up a lot longer than people of our age group should but those times together were worth it. And we are back with great memories.

We left the Caribbean on August 22 after Dolly received the all-clear from the Docs of shingles which she had come down with during the final three weeks. She soon discovered along the way that, though externally she was healed, she was far from being over the hump and the travel (in the air and even on the roads) did not help. Thank God, she is much better. No pain now; just soreness.



Roseau Capital of Dominica



*Angelican Church
in Roseau, Dominica*

The Hurricanes: The soreness that we just mentioned pales in comparison to the soreness of heart that we have been experiencing these past couple of weeks as the islands of the Caribbean were being ravaged by hurricanes. We had lived and worked in some of them; Dhan made monthly ministry trips to others, and to others we took hurricane relief work teams.

This week, the soreness of heart increased as Dolly’s home island of Dominica (NOT the DR) was ravaged by Hurricane Maria. All communications have been wiped out, roads are impassable, air and sea ports out of commission, even the main hospital and some shelters lost their roofs. The Prime Minister, whose official residence had also lost its roof, was rescued and later said on facebook said that all that money could buy had been destroyed.

Our Children: Our daughter Paula and her family are safe and well in Dominica, after that monster hurricane, Maria, devastated the Island just over a week ago. Our hearts are full of praise to God for His bountiful blessings. A little before midnight last night, we heard from her by whatsapp for the first time since Hurricane Maria. The connection was far from perfect but we thank God that we were able to communicate. Prior to this, we had received word that she was alive and well but there was no phone service in her area.

Belief and Trust: Earlier this week, the two of us were discussing this matter of intellectual and experiential beliefs. One of our fellow missionaries serving in a closed country had just shared the news of God’s intervention in a life and death situation involving one of her teammates. She initially rejoiced, and then it suddenly hit her: “What if God had not answered our desperate prayers for her life, would my faith in Him still stand?”

God in His graciousness had given us a chance to ponder on these things in preparation for Hurricane Maria and our hearts are at peace. Indeed, He alone is our Rest! Thanks for praying for the Caribbean Islands and the recovery effort. Please also remember Dominica, our family, relatives and friends. And thanks for being true partners in the work here.



Dear Partnering Friends,

April 2017

Greetings from Harare where winter is threatening an early arrival. We are told that when the rains have been good – and this year's has been exceptional - we can expect a cold winter. This year is already showing every sign of living up to that prediction. So, it looks like it will be a winter to miss! Praise the Lord!

Two days ago, we went to minister at a Youth Camp hosted by OM. They expected 32 people but we met 47. Imagine our excitement when we saw this group of mostly young men. This has been one of our greatest blessings here. Please pray that God would sustain their desire for Him and for great fruit. We have one more preaching engagement, the day before we fly out - in less than a week - to begin our furlough trek.

Here is a summary of our itinerary:

May 1	Begin our outward journey via London
May 6 – 12	New York
May 13 – 22	Florida
May 23 – June 12	Texas
June 13 – 19	New York
June 20 – 27	Grenada
June 28 – July 2	Trinidad
July 2 – 10	Grenada
July 11 – 31	Dominica
August 1 – 21	Grenada
August 22	Begin our return journey via New York

Our itinerary includes visiting partnering individuals, families and churches, as well as our families. We are really looking forward to seeing and fellowshiping with those of you whose cities we would be visiting. Unfortunately, there are some of you whom we would likely not see as it has not been possible to include your area on this occasion. But whether we see you or not, please be assured of our love for you. We are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father and to you for the privilege of our fellowship in the Gospel.

We would also greatly appreciate your prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for making this furlough possible – our second in our thirty-second year in ministry! As pray, would you please ask that He would grant us favor in our travels, our several appointments with partners like you, and our family time. Already, there are those of you who have offered us accommodation for which we are truly grateful. This furlough would not be possible without your love and hospitality.

Please also remember in prayer those in groups – churches, families and individuals – with whom we work, that God would grant them a continued desire for Him as well as faithfulness in their walk with Him.

May He who is faithful continue to bless you and meet your every need.

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“And the Word (the Eternal Life) became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14; 1 John 5:20)

Christmas greetings from Zimbabwe! There are no hopes of a white Christmas here. Most people are rooting for sunny days as they travel back to their rural homes to spend Christmas with their families. Some will go abroad to join family members while yet others to the houseboats on the lakes or to the many lodges, hotels, safari parks and national parks in this Country.

There is very little last minute Christmas shopping here. Many stores close a week or two before Christmas so owners and staff can get to their families to celebrate the season. Zim is very family oriented. Christmas celebrations in the churches begin early. We saw a powerful rendition of Handel's Messiah in mid-November!

In the Lalsee household, we will just spend time with some individuals and families as well as get some much needed rest; after which we hope to reflect on this past year and plan for 2018.

2017

As we reflect on 2017, we cannot help but be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His unconditional love for us manifested in so many ways. We are especially thankful to Him for all those whom He used to send relief supplies to the Caribbean Islands ravaged by Hurricane Irma and Maria. And in particular for the shipment of the 40' container of relief supplies to Dominica, followed by much needed generators. Above all, we thank Him for your prayers on our behalf. Power, telephone and internet services are still a challenge so we have not been able to talk with our children yet, but we are in regular What's App contact.

Our praise to Him for the peacefulness of the coup here in Zim on Nov 14. The day of the coup people were a bit tentative but within 48 hours, the Nation was mostly back to its normal schedule. And the added bonus was the professionalism and courtesy of the soldiers towards the people. They have no doubt won the hearts of the Nation. God has certainly answered the cries of His people.

Fun things

A couple of weeks ago, we were privileged to help two young Zim missionary friends organize a fundraising Caribbean Dinner. They had been serving on the m.v. Logos Hope, for the previous two years which ended while in the Caribbean; hence the theme of the Dinner. They will be joining OM's River Boat ministry in Europe shortly.

We also had the joy of joining One in Christ in Gweru for their Christmas dinner last Sunday. It was a nice touch at the end of our December's and 2017 ministry there.



Christmas & New Year

As we celebrate God's Son, His special gift to us, may He give us a growing desire to know Him, a new appreciation of who He is and His love for us all. May He also grant us grace to keep our eyes fastened on Him in 2018. We doubt it would be any less challenging than 2017 but, whatever happens, those who know Him and are growing in that knowledge would doubtless find rest and contentment in Him alone. With faith rooted and grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ, we can face the New Year with the hope that only He can give.



September 25, 2017

Category 5, Hurricane Maria

Dear Family & Friends,

Our daughter Paula and her family are safe and well in Dominica, after that monster hurricane, Maria, devastated the Island just over a week ago. Our hearts are full of praise to God for His bountiful blessings.

A little before midnight last night, we heard from her by whatsapp for the first time since Hurricane Maria. The connection was far from perfect but we thank God that we were able to communicate. Prior to this, we had received word that she was alive and well but there was no phone service in her area (as in most of the Island).

Paula said they did not evacuate because only part of their roof was damaged. The house gets flooded when it rains and sometimes they have to take shelter in the apartment below, but overall they were doing well. Their most urgent need is for water and a tarpaulin.

We marvel at God and His grace and the spirit of contentment He has blessed Paula and her family with in the midst of the shortages of basics like water, food, power and phone service.

We had asked Him to protect them from the storm and this is how He did it. Not by sending the storm away but by keeping them safe. Their area, St Joseph, though damaged, was one of the least hit in the entire Island. He is truly a good Father.

Thanks again to you all for standing with us in prayer; for your concern and empathy. Now we ask that you rejoice with us, with the sound of praise and thanksgiving. The road ahead is quite challenging but we are counting on Him to be there for them. Paula said she tries to take one day at a time and not think about tomorrow as the thought is too overwhelming. Please continue to pray that coming out of this would be a pure and unshakeable faith, not just for her, but for all of us as well as the people of Dominica. Perhaps this is what Maria and her 'siblings' are about – knowing the Lord, not only as Provider, but as our All in all. Our own journey first, in trying to make contact with our daughter and her family and, now, trying to get water and basic supplies to her has been quite a walk of faith.

Our Missions organization, Harvest International Inc., has a couple of 40ft containers of relief supplies for Dominica. However, they cannot be sent until funds for the shipping costs are available; hence this appeal. The shipping company has quoted \$10,000 for each container, although negotiations are underway to have them reduce it. If the Lord lays it on your heart to give, kindly send in your donations to harvestInternational.org or by whatever means you have been sending in your donations. Please state that it is for "Shipping to Dominica" or "Lalsee/Dominica".

Kindly also pray for the staff at Harvest who are handling relief to many disaster areas both in the US and in the Caribbean.

We end with the words of a hymn by William Cowper sent to us by one of the churches here who have been standing with us in prayer: God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform, He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take: The clouds ye so much dread, Are big with mercy, and shall break, In blessings on your head.

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December 2017

Dear Friends,

Greetings. We hope you had a very memorable Thanksgiving with great family times and much to recall, in praise of our God and Father and His dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful to you for your continued prayer and financial support for us and our ministry here.

All praise to our God and all of you whom He used to fund the shipping of the container of relief supplies to Dominica. Thanks also from Pastor Serrant and his team in Dominica who received and cleared the container and distributed the supplies.

Through the instrumentality of our Missions organization, Harvest International Inc., two shipments of over two dozen generators of varying sizes have also been sent to Dominica via the Red Cross. These will be of tremendous help to the residents as power has only been restored in a few areas and it will be some months yet before service to the entire Island is resumed.

Our daughter Paula and her family continue to soldier on by God's grace. It has been tough. But we thank God for keeping them and supplying their needs. We are deeply grateful to those of you from Grenada who shipped much needed supplies to her during those crucial weeks. Many of you will be happy to know that she now has running water at home. The challenges continue at school where she is preparing her students for June 2018 exams in very less than ideal circumstances.

In October, we had the privilege of hosting three friends from Grenada who were here on vacation; they brought much needed laughter into our home. They experienced some of Zim that we have not; so it was good to see the delight on their faces as they shared these experiences. We believe they would make good candidates for the Zim Board of Tourism!

Meanwhile, our work among God's people here continues. Here in Harare, we disciple individuals and families at our home, in coffee shops or at Church premises. Dhan continues to serve on the Board of OM, and also has some preaching engagements. Dolly works with a number of young wives and some single ladies. She recently spoke at an Anglican Ladies' Breakfast. Ministry in Goromonzi is challenging, but rewarding. It's always a joy to work with the Church in Gweru. God is blessing that group with fresh desire for Him and appreciation for His Word. We are greatly encouraged by Chegutu's new zeal to know God.

Last weekend, we had the privilege of helping two young missionaries organize a fund-raising dinner here in Harare. The theme was Caribbean and one of the meats on the menu was Jamaican jerk chicken cooked by a Zimbabwean chef! We thank God for the turn out, for the funds that were raised towards one-time expenses, as well as those who were exposed to the Gospel.

On Friday 1st, we leave for Chegutu and Gweru and would appreciate your continued prayers for these ministries.

No doubt, you have been following the news about Zimbabwe. On Wednesday 15th, we woke to the news that there had been a coup, the President was under house arrest, and that the army was in control. Most people stayed at home that day but it was not long before we realized that something was very different (remember we had one in Grenada in 1979). A pastor friend with whom Dhan was having coffee the following day said, "Dhan, we're experiencing a miracle

here. We had a coup yesterday and look, there are people shopping, going about their business as usual,” etc. While we knew that the army was in charge (although they kept a low profile), we felt perfectly safe throughout. We never had any reason to feel threatened or afraid. In fact, the following Saturday, we kept our appointment and went to a rural area two hours drive away to meet with our group there. On that same day there was a massive, peaceful demonstration in the city and suburbs where approximately one million people demonstrated against the incumbent President. On Tuesday 21st, he resigned after 37 years in office and his successor was sworn in on Friday 24th. Hope is at an all-time high. Truly, we can say, “All is calm, all is bright”.

PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Dolly’s much-improved health;
- the improving situation in Dominica;
- that we were able to assist in the logistics of shipping the container;
- the provision of the shipping costs thru His people;
- the people whom the Lord has sent us to that we might share with them the inexhaustible riches of Christ.

Please PRAY:

- that we would have a strong and unmistakable sense of the Lord’s leading as we reflect on 2017 and plan for 2018;
- for good health; and for wisdom for the immunologist/allergist as he continues to work with Dolly on her health challenges;
- for sustained growth among those we work with,
- and for much wisdom for the new President of Zim as he seeks to deal with the many issues crying out for attention.

***In Christ alone,
Dhan & Dolly***