



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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Firstly, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in partnering with us in the ministry to which the Lord has called us here in Zimbabwe since June 2008. In fact, several of you have been supporting us since the 1980's when we first became missionaries. To you all we express our deep and heartfelt appreciation, far beyond what our words can convey.

You will no doubt recall an oft-quoted cliché, that the Church here is a mile long but only an inch deep. Often, this seems to us to be an understatement. Reaching 'churched' people, helping them to grow in Christlikeness so that they can realize God's purposes for them, and be equipped to serve as He directs them, was the burden that our Lord laid on our hearts in 2007 as He prepared us to come here. Since our arrival, the validity of this objective has been reinforced to us time and again. Over the years, the Lord has brought us into contact with hundreds whom He has enabled us to help in their desire to know Him more fully. Outside of Harare, we would usually meet with them in groups in a variety of mostly very humble venues at dozens of different locations.

When the Covid pandemic first appeared in these parts in March 2020, we had to put a halt to travelling to our groups outside Harare and, since then, we have not been able to resume these trips mainly due to the deterioration of the roads, the rising cost of fuel, and inflation. But their spiritual needs have weighed heavily on our hearts, and we longed to meet them again in person. Once before, we met in Harare with several of them at a four-day retreat organized by us. About a month ago, Dhan woke up one morning having just dreamt of meeting with several of them at another such retreat. Later that morning, we received a phone message from the people who operated the venue where we had last met, saying that they had not heard from us for a while. Sensing that this was of the Lord, we began to pray about it and were convinced that it was indeed Him, and that we should host another retreat.

Consequently, we will be hosting a retreat from Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>-two of these days being national holidays. The theme is "*we will in all things grow up into Him who is the head, that is, Christ*" (Eph. 4:15). Already, we have some fourteen 'sleep-ins' from the rural areas and ten 'walk-in' participants from Harare and are now in the process of finalizing our preparations.

We are really excited about this event as are many of those who have already signed up. Our purpose in writing is not merely to give you an update but also to ask for your fervent prayers for the event. Obviously, the object is not merely meeting together but in meeting with the Lord. Here are some of the specific needs:

- Thanksgiving for this event and for each person who has already signed up; for the venue and the help we have received thus far;
- For prepared hearts – the speaker, each participant and each helper;
- For the material and content to be shared, for certainty regarding the Lord's will in this.
- For good weather
- For safety and timely arrival for those travelling
- For a great move of the Spirit during the Retreat and for changed lives
- Any other matter that the Lord might bring to your mind as needing His provision/blessing.

Thanks so much for your continued partnership. May the Lord also meet your every need in Christ Jesus.

Because our Lord cares

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