



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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Dear Partnering Friends,

Greetings from a much warmer Harare, where the fury of a very cold winter seems to have passed. Hopefully, the ensuing summer would not be as extreme as some other parts of the world.

### **RETREAT UPDATE**

Last month, we wrote to you regarding the upcoming Discipleship Retreat. You prayed and the Lord blessed in so many ways. Some of you sent us brief emails and WhatsApp messages of encouragement and prayer support. For this and your other expressions of love, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father and to you our dear "fellows in the same ship".

One of our prayers was that the Lord would send only those whom He wanted to attend. Of the twelve confirmed "sleep-ins", only seven turned up. Two of them were not able to attend due to illness and death of family members. The ten "walk-ins" became only two. But we concluded that those who presented themselves were those whom the Lord had sent. Of course, the smaller number also facilitated more intimate communication and discussion which we considered a bonus.

Four years ago, we had set up a "What's App" chat group intending that Retreat participants would thereby have a platform from which they could share insights from their further meditation of the retreat material, or what the Holy Spirit had been saying to them by way of encouragement, rebuke, correction, etc. but it never really served its purpose.



*Some of the attendees*



*A ride into the City*

However, following this recent retreat, and totally against cultural norms, there has been very insightful and fruitful discussions. So, we are extremely excited to report that the Holy Spirit is at work and that the 'retreat' is not over yet! Oh, how we praise the Lord for what is happening and pray for quality, lasting and abundant fruit from this event.

We thank God, too, for gifts of dressed chicken, freshly baked almond and cranberry biscotti, oat pecan and raisin crunchies, transportation to take the attendees to the venue from the city and vice versa at the end of the Retreat. Most of all, we thank God that you did not take lightly our requests for prayer. He certainly has answered and continues to honor your requests.

## **HEALTH**

Sometime ago, we mentioned to you that Dhan had been experiencing pains in his thighs. An MRI showed a problem in his lower spine. Despite fortnightly physiotherapy, and other interventions the pains have become more intense and almost incessant. Last week, he saw an orthopedic surgeon (a renowned spine specialist) who sent him to do an evaluation of his health with a view to possible mildly invasive intervention in the spine. We are presently awaiting the results of the Physician's evaluation which can be any day now.

We have not yet decided on what course to take and dare not rely on common-sense or worldly wisdom. So, we are kindly asking that you for join us again in seeking the Lord's favor and His will in this.

Thank you so much, dear Friends. We deeply appreciate your devotion to the Lord and your faithfulness to us and His work.

### **Praise & Thanksgiving:**

- We thank God for carrying us through the Retreat
- For all those who prayed us through this event
- For the attendees and the great times of sharing and interaction
- For the continued interaction on the WhatsApp group
- For those who gave their time, transportation and donated food items.

### **Please pray for:**

- clarity and for the Lord's leading regarding the way forward for Dhan's spinal issue and provision of every need
- Joy, our missionary friend, now at medical school who is facing a monthly shortfall because of
- Covid and inflation
- Consistency for the individuals and groups that we are working with in their walk with the Lord.

Because our Lord cares

*Dhan & Dolly*

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