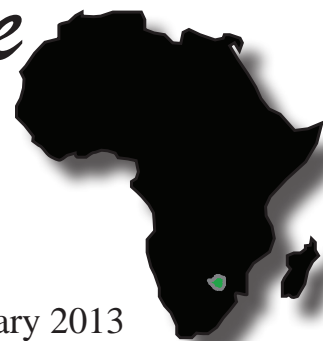




Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Zimbabwe



January 2013

Dear Precious Friends,

We hope 2013 has started well for you and that it would be a really memorable year as you get to know the Lord more intimately. In this regard, we have found the prayers of Paul in Ephesians 1:17-19 especially instructive and helpful. Truly, our daily walk with Him is a growing experience of yielding to and trusting Him. Although the way is often strewn with difficulties and heart-breaks, knowing Him, that He is in us, and we are in Him, brings not only comfort but encouragement, assurance and strength for the journey as well.

Today, we are in Gweru having had a preaching engagement here yesterday. We travel to Chegutu on Wednesday for a 3-day seminar, then back to Harare. On Sunday we leave for a full week in Hwedza and Rusape. Then we will be in Harare for a week before resuming two similar rounds of classes in February and March.

Here are some Prayer Requests as we begin this year. We ask that you keep us and this work in your constant prayers:

1. It has been increasingly clear to us that this ministry takes us well into enemy territory. Last year, we shared with you how intense the spiritual battles were. We can expect them to be no less severe this year as we seek, by the grace of God and the power of His Spirit, to share His Word with those whom He sends us. We pray that as He breaks up the fallow ground, the seed of His Word would germinate, grow and bring forth much fruit. This is Spiritual Warfare and we don't want to be casual about it or to take things for granted. We are assured that the Lord will honor your prayers and restrain the forces of evil so that His Word would accomplish the purpose for which He sends it (Is. 55:8-13). Please pray.
2. In February, we must submit our application for the annual renewal of our work permit. Although we believe the Lord will ensure we get the permit for as long as He wants us here, we take nothing for granted and actively entrust to Him the entire process that His sovereign will be done. Please pray.
3. In all probability, this is an election year for all levels of government. Please pray for the peace of the Country during the process, and that the Lord's will be done so that His eternal purposes would be served mightily.
4. In our last letter we shared our desire to take a furlough during the latter half of the year. Please pray for all the arrangements and resources this would involve.

Your prayers count; we absolutely depend on them. Thanks for standing with us.

Because of Christ alone,

Dhan & Dolly



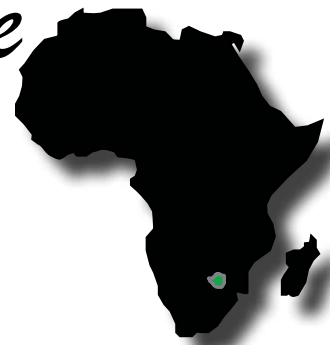
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February 2012

Dear Friends,

We are writing from the home of a Pastor whom we met only two weeks ago when we started with a new group of pastors/leaders here in the south-eastern town of Rusape (about 3 hours drive from Mozambique). That we are being accommodated at this home in the absence of our hosts is, in itself, an interesting story which serves to remind us that the Lord is always light years ahead of us.

You probably remember that, before our arrival almost four years ago, the Lord had given us the task of “equipping the Church’s leadership for mobilizing the Church for intentional participation in world missions”. From the inception, we were certain that we had not been called to provide a program of “theological education”; rather, we were to stand alongside pastors in a discipling relationship. We have always reminded ourselves and our groups of this and, for many reasons, have strenuously resisted their many requests for certificates. (Folks here are greatly preoccupied with certificates, titles, etc). Yet, towards the end of last year, we were greatly troubled by the thought that, perhaps unwittingly and despite our efforts to prevent this, our classes still had more of an academic than a practical, hands-on, flavor. So, we sought the Lord!

He reminded us that His gift to the repentant sinner is His Son, Jesus Christ, who is before all things and in whom the Father was pleased to have all His fullness dwell. He showed us too that, in Christ, the believer receives all he needs for life and for godliness; and that Christ in the believer, the hope of glory, is the mystery that God has now disclosed to His people. He therefore requires us to point people to Christ and to focus our teaching on Christ alone - not doctrines, principles or things about Christ. We knew some changes in our methodology had to be made.

Since January, therefore, we have implemented the necessary changes with significant results among our classes. We praise God for bringing us to this liberating place. However, we continue to be challenged by the groups’ lack of punctuality, consistency in attendance, faithfulness in studying the materials provided and demonstration of a clear commitment to a discipleship ministry. Please pray that we will soon see a change in these areas.

The exception to this has been the Rusape group. They invited us to work with them and their hunger for God’s Word and desire to learn are absolutely amazing. Most of them are on time for our sessions (which, at their request, are longer than usual), their participation is very encouraging and they even provide a meal for everyone – a first among all the indigenous groups we have worked with! Yet, some of them do not even have a Bible and their understanding of the Word is very limited. The task is great, but God be praised for this wonderful group!

This coming week, we travel to Chegutu, then to Mkoba, for our monthly three-day classes, before returning to Harare. We resume in Rusape on April 25th after a break of five weeks for rest, study and further preparation.

Whenever we think of your love for the Lord and your faithfulness to this ministry, we never cease to give thanks for you, dear Friend. You are such an encouragement to us. May our heavenly Father continue to bless you and to make you a blessing to many, as He is surely doing through our ministry here. We pray that, through Christ, you will daily enjoy a growing relationship with Him. Thank you so much for your ministry to us and to those we are privileged to work with.

Praise be to our Lord Christ,

Dhan & Dolly

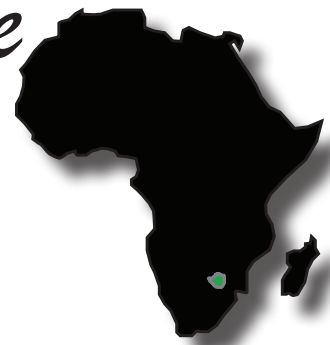
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Dear Friends,

April 2012

In our letters to you, we usually share about our monthly classes with pastors/leaders in Gweru, Mkoba, Chegutu and, more recently, Rusape. But perhaps you sometimes wonder how and where we are being accommodated.

Well, for the first eighteen or so months, we stayed at local guest houses but, although the facilities were mostly agreeable, this was proving to be more expensive than we had hoped. In Gweru, we were hosted at one of the pastors on a few occasions, until we met a couple who invited us to stay with them (right in the city) whenever we were there. Early last year, it appeared that we would be in the Gweru area for two weeks each month which would be too long to impose on friends, so we found a thatched cottage and paid the month's rent. During our first stay there, however, we discovered that some small, four-legged critters had already established prior right of occupancy so we yielded to them and surrendered the cottage. The extra classes in the area which we had anticipated did not materialize so we reverted to staying with the couple. Last year, they went to India for a month where the wife had brain surgery for the removal of a benign tumor. They left their keys with us so we could use their place as we pleased. [Praise the Lord, the more-complicated-than-expected surgery was a miraculous success and she has been doing very well since then].



Members of the Rusape Group

Soon after their return, we met a missionary couple who also opened their home to us, so we alternated between them and our other friends. Since October, our missionary friends have been out of this Country and they too left us the keys to their home which is where we are writing to you from. Since then, we have been staying here whenever we are in Gweru and will do so until their return in June.

When the Lord opened up an opportunity in Rusape in February this year, suitable accommodation presented a problem as it is on the other side of the Country and we knew no one there. A friend put us in touch with her friend who put us in touch with another, a Pastor and his wife. They too told us we were welcome to stay with them which we did. We were meeting them for the first time. Two days before we finished our seminar, they flew to a neighboring Country to the funeral of a loved one, leaving us at their home. They even invited us back to their home for the follow-up seminar two weeks later while they were still away.

Now, we have invitations from two other groups of pastors in the Rusape area which would require us to stay there for an entire week. We would have to review our arrangements for sleeping over.

We share all of this with you to testify of our Lord's goodness and how graciously He is providing for us. Added to this, a friend gives us 120 liters petrol every month. This covers most of our monthly requirements. Yes, His love surpasses everything we ever expected. We never cease to praise Him for His favor upon us.

And, of course, that is not to minimize your own efforts in supporting us and this ministry. Your faithfulness always gives us fresh cause to praise our Lord. He renews us each day and uses you and our friends here to remind us that we are on His - not our - mission. So, although the going gets tough at times, we are greatly encouraged particularly as we see Him at work in our own lives.

As we ponder our heavenly Father's provision of salvation through His Son, Our Lord, may the reality of His and our death on the Cross, His and our resurrection with Him, be more meaningful and powerful to us, as He reveals to us in greater measure the reality of Christ in us, our Hope of glory.

Praise to be our God and Father for the gift of His Son - our life, our all! To Him be glory and praise forever!!

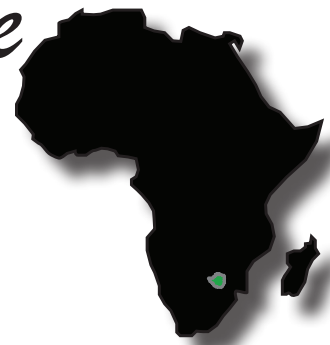
Happy Resurrection!

Swimming in His Love,
Dhan & Dolly



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Dear Friends,

July 2012

We're in Harare for literally a couple days after a rather hectic period of ministry – May 9-11, Chegutu Discipleship Training (DT); May 12, Missions Conference at RCZ, Mkoba; May 13, preach RCZ, Mkoba; May 14-16, Mkoba DT; May 20, preach CTRM Harare; May 20-30, Hwedza DT; May 31-June 2, Rusape DT.

The Chegutu class continues to be very encouraging with an enthusiastic core of pastors who attend regularly and on time. However, we are troubled by how little they, and other groups too, remember what we've previously discussed. The RCZ Conference went very well. The pastor (who attends the Mkoba DT class), is young and has a heart for missions. The fifty-five persons who attended received us well and were very attentive. We invited OM staff to participate in the Conference and this has opened the door for a long-term relationship between them. Although five of the RCZ ladies attended this month's DTC, the attendance and faithfulness of the older members continue to be disappointing. We are inclined to continue meeting with this group only quarterly after July. Our initial class at Hwedza was off to a really great start and Rusape continues to be very encouraging, praise God!



Hitching a ride with the cabbages



Cooking Sadza for lunch



Plucking chickens for lunch



Fried Chicken



Hwedz Group

In our December letter, we mentioned our OM friend Vickie from Siabuwa, whose vision for the area is truly holistic. In addition to being the local nurse (and doctor, dentist, etc), God has been using her to arrange ministry to many of the pastors of this remote and undeveloped area. Last year, a delegation of two braved the stormy waters of Lake Kariba, then walked for two days to attend "Love Africa", an OM-sponsored Missions Conference held annually in Zambia. After almost ten years of sacrificial ministry to them, these pastors have now requested help in planning and holding their own Missions conference. Their objectives are to challenge pastors from neighboring areas to get a vision of the unity of the Body of Christ, and to radically commit themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples, and to send out and support a missionary. They have asked Dhan to be one of the presenters at their conference.

We are so encouraged! Although this fruit has taken long to appear, that the Lord has chosen Siabuwa of all places is confirmation that God does choose the lowly things of this world to confound the wise. Some of you probably remember that this was part of the incredible vision the Lord gave us before we arrived here. How we pray we will see an equally striking response among our groups.

From now till the end of July promises to be no less busy:

- June 6-13 - Chegutu & Mkoba DTC
- June 18-23 - Hwedza & Rusape DTC
- June 27-July 4 - Chegutu & Mkoba DTC
- July 9-14 - Hwedza & Rusape DTC
- July 18-23 - Siabuwa Missions Conference
- June 10, 17 - Preaching engagements, Harare and Gweru, respectively

Seems like we'll be in Harare only long enough to get our laundry done (electricity permitting), and to exchange boxes of materials. Yes, we have a tight schedule, and drive no fewer than 1,500 miles monthly, but the Lord daily energizes and refreshes us. Of course, we are looking forward to some rest and therapeutic activity during August.

Please join us in giving thanks to our heavenly Father for the one-year extension of our work permit, for journeying mercies, the measure of health we enjoy, the privilege of having a part in His work and the opportunity to minister among those to whom He has sent us. We always give thanks to God for you and for your faithfulness to the Lord. We know many of you give, not out of your abundance, but very sacrificially. And thank you so much for praying. You are such a vital part of this work. Let us pray also for His continued blessing upon this and His work and workers all over the world, in the knowledge that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord". Please pray for the fruitfulness of our DT classes, for the Lord's wisdom regarding the Mkoba class, for lasting fruit from the RCZ church in Mkoba, for the Siabuwa Missions Conference and preaching engagements, and for favor as we travel.

And let us remember that, in all things, the glory belongs to the Lord, for He alone is worthy. May His Name be praised among all of the peoples of the world.

Because He is worthy,

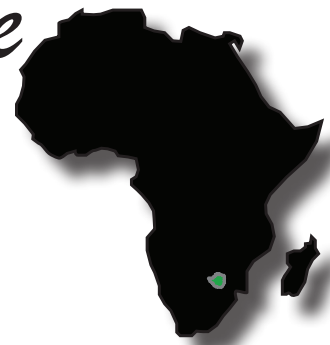
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August 2012

Dear Partnering Friend

Our hearts overflow with gratitude to our heavenly father for having you partner us in this work; to you for your faithfulness in praying for and with us, and in meeting our financial needs. You are such a blessing. Although we would like to write to you individually to express this, we find ourselves unable to do so and we hope you understand. May our father bless you and provide for your own needs.

Two weeks ago, we completed a rather hectic period of ministry during which we were in Harare for no more than three days at any one time. It was essentially being here long enough to do our laundry before leaving again. This time, we plan to be in Harare until early September when we resume our schedule of classes. Until then, our goal is to rest in Him - for He indeed is our Rest, have some fun times, as well as prepare for future classes.

Our group at Hwedza comprises about twenty, mostly women. Many do not have a Bible and do not know where to find even the more popular books of the Bible. We teach through an interpreter, himself a member, who graciously tries his best to find the right words and expressions with which to convey the truths. So we must depend on the Lord to cause him to grasp the subject and to faithfully translate. Although they are very enthusiastic, in these rural areas a funeral (lasting three or so days), or some other community event, can be a serious distraction.



At Rusape, we are now down to a core group of about nine, mostly, pastors. While we are better able to communicate with them – although we occasionally use an interpreter – we discovered on our last visit that there are some issues that may be hindering greater progress.



Chegutu's class continues to be very encouraging. Earlier this month, we had to move to another venue. As we write, several members of this group and their contacts are attending "Love Africa", an annual missions conference in Zambia. We are not attending as we felt that it was wiser to remain at home to rest rather than do the seven-hour drive to the venue.

We plan to continue our monthly Mkoba class until the end of the year, after which we will probably have a three-day class every term. One member of this group is also attending the Zambia conference.

Both of us attended the missions conference in Siabuwa on July 19 and 20. Dhan was one of the presenters. The over seventy pastors present were very attentive, and committed themselves to follow through with their conclusions.

That this event took place at all, and in Siabuwa at that, is no small wonder. When we consider the composition of the groups the Lord has sent us, we sometimes wonder what kind of participation in world missions can be expected from them. Then, we remember Acts 4:13, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." This statement echoes Paul's words in 1 Cor. 1:27-29 – "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are so that no one may boast before him". So, we are learning "to regard no one from a worldly point of view"; the Lord is our confidence.



August is usually the final month of winter. This year's has been long (since April); the last few months have been quite cold, especially at night. There has been much frost which has destroyed thousands of trees and flowering shrubs as well as some crops. Although the buildings are not heated, we are having some really beautiful daytime weather with the sun in full blast, giving one's body the opportunity to warm up a bit before nightfall. Yes, God is good!

Praise God and Pray with us for:

- (1) Safety in our travels (3,000 miles in the last 5 weeks alone!).
- (2) This period of r & r, and that our goals would be realized.
- (3) Our four groups, that they would be faithful in reading the material, and in their personal walk with the Lord that they would deal with issues in their lives that may be hindrances; and that the Lord would remove the darkness which often prevents them from understanding His Word. Many times, we must stop teaching to pray specifically for this and we are amazed how God faithfully answers.
- (4) Our loved ones.
- (5) The measure of health we enjoy.

To God be the glory!

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October 2012

Dear Friends,

After our August 'break', we are back on the road meeting with our groups. As we write, we have already run a full cycle of classes and we are into our second, which began at Hwedza and ends at Rusape today.

We need your help in praying, especially for our groups. In two of them, in particular, we have never before encountered the kind of blindness of heart we are meeting. Many times, we must stop teaching and pray that the Lord would remove the scales from their eyes and grant them understanding. One moment they seem to understand; five minutes later, they have no idea what we are talking about! While there may be more than one cause of the problem, it definitely seems to be of a spiritual nature. Please pray for the breaking of this stranglehold, and that everyone would surrender himself/herself completely to the Lord. Please pray too that they would love Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, above everything and everyone else.

A high point for us last month was the commissioning service for a young, single lady whom we have been mentoring since 2009. She left a few weeks ago to serve in Kenya as a missionary to the Somali refugees there. It has been a privilege and pleasure to see her grow into a serious, responsible and deeply committed servant of the Lord, ready and passionate to serve Him amongst the lost. Another young lady whom we mentored is now on break from the horn of Africa where it gets too hot to keep their offices open during the summer months. Please pray for her and for three young men with whom we have also been working for a while. We call them our 'prodigal sons' for we often do not hear from them for quite a while in between our times together. But we have been greatly encouraged recently by a new level of seriousness in Tafadzwa, the youngest of the three. Please pray that this would be a sustained period of growth in his life.

After a long and (to us) harsh winter, we now seem to be well into summer; there was no spring this year. So please also join us in praying for a good rainy season. Drought in these parts means a lack of food (maize is the staple) both for man and livestock. It would also have a negative effect on the economy. Furthermore, general elections under a new constitution (yet to be determined at a referendum) will be held next year. Please pray for the peace of this country.

We are very grateful to you, dear Friend, for the demonstration of your partnership by holding hands with us as we pray together. This is a great blessing and we praise our heavenly father for your fellowship in the Gospel. In many parts of the world today, He is honoring the prayers of His Church as He redeems people of all walks of life, from the tyrannical rule of the evil one, and claims them as His own. May we together experience the joy of seeing our prayers answered as He glorifies Himself daily.

You are a blessing to us, and through us, to many others. Our Hope is in the Lord. Thanks be to God!

In Christ alone
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November 2012

Thanksgiving 2012

Dear Friends,

“O, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!” Yes, He is good; and how well He has demonstrated this towards us, these last few weeks! Many of you will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving. For all of us, however, it is a good time to reflect afresh on God’s goodness, especially during the past year.

On our part, we thank God for the opportunity to be working among His people in this part of the world. Despite the challenges, we feel very privileged to be among those whom He has placed us. We acknowledge also how blessed we are to be partnered by you. God’s faithfulness, through you, has been amazing. We know these are difficult times and marvel at how He continues to provide for us through your commitment to His work in redeeming sons and daughters among all the tribes and nations of the world. We want to say again, that your part in this ministry is crucially important and we deeply esteem you.

In our last letter, we shared a special request for prayer in the midst of what we sensed was increased spiritual warfare in our ministry. Thank you for praying! The past few weeks have been most difficult. We saw the evil one rear his head as never before. But our heavenly Father continues to strengthen and encourage us. Praise God for the weapons of our warfare. So our boast is in our Lord as we continue to look to Him. Through your prayers, He is building a bulwark around us and our work here. So, please don’t stop praying for the battle continues and we must be ever watchful!!

Daily, we experience how sick and really confused this world is – how good is called bad and vice versa, evil is rewarded and righteousness punished. Even in His Church, Christ is reduced to the status of figurehead, logo, Head emeritus and patron saint. But in the midst of all of this, He remains constant. So we join in celebrating our Father’s faithfulness to us and, indeed, the world. Make no mistake, He has not dealt with mankind as we deserve. He continues to display great longsuffering and to show mercy instead of judgment. May we all remember that even when circumstances are not what we hope for, our Lord is still on the throne; that through adversity, He is bringing to pass every one of His eternal plans; and that for every human situation, He has only one solution, His Son Jesus Christ!

Last week, we started meeting with a new group in Gweru, One in Christ. What a very encouraging time that was. It was probably our best class ever – everyone participated fully. The Lord certainly did a great work among us by revealing Himself in a new and powerful way. For the time being, we will continue to meet with them one evening per month during our regular visits there, and we are really looking forward to that.

We still have one more month of classes before we break off for the year. Please continue to pray for each group and for ourselves. We thank God for the opportunity to lift you up in prayer too.

To God be all the glory for what He is doing. Thanks, dear Friend, for your ministry to us and those we work with. Thanks be to God for His manifold blessings!

With deep gratitude, Dhan & Dolly



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December 2012

Dear Precious Friends,

After a month of horrendous internet problems, we are extremely happy to be back online. While we never want to be become dependent upon these modern conveniences, we do praise God for them.

We have now completed another year of ministry and we are truly grateful for the break. You'll remember in October we mentioned the spiritual warfare we encountered at one of our groups. All praise to our Lord for the way He turned around that situation. Last month, the disruptive person was the most attentive and cooperative - a model student. Indeed, it was a real joy to teach. Yet, while the battle has been won, the war is not over; so we must constantly be on the alert, fully armed with our spiritual weapons. Thank you so much for praying.

Our host family in Rusape has moved to Harare but not before they arranged for us to occupy a one-bedroom apartment at a retirement village at a fraction of the cost of spending a week at any of the guest houses there. But, don't think for a moment we're retired. Far from it!! This is just the way the Lord has chosen to provide for us at this time. He also continues to give us the choice between three homes in Gweru when visiting there.

We have maintained our original objective – “Equipping Church leadership for mobilizing believers for intentional participation in world missions” – and do not foresee our changing it. There are four groups that we regularly meet with for three days each month. Our relationship with a fifth group is still in the formative stage but we pray that it will be more formalized early in 2013.

Our earnest hope and desire is to be able to take a furlough next year so we can report to all our supporting churches and see many of our partnering friends. Of course, we also dearly long to spend quality time with our grands during their summer break. We'll share our plans in greater detail later.

This has been a challenging year with its share of frustrations. But it has been a good year. The Lord is faithful. All praise and honor to Him alone. We have seen growth in the lives of a number of the leaders we work with, and have experienced His ability to cross boundaries and overcome obstacles. He has shown His gracious provision for us and this ministry; reminded us that we are engaged in His work, fuelled by His energy and motivated by His compelling glory. It is simply amazing how He reveals Himself to His people who are open to it. Perhaps this is also your testimony, and we are delighted to be on the same journey with you.

Your prayers have sustained and encouraged us, and your financial support has reminded us of God's faithfulness. Time and again, we are made aware that we cannot do this work alone. We are now reading over Exodus and see there how convinced Moses was that the children of Israel could not journey to the promised land unless the Lord was with them. So it is with us. And, oftentimes, He makes His presence known through the dedication and loyalty of partnering friends like you. How much we appreciate and esteem you!

This Christmas, may you and yours be touched afresh by the amazing love of our unfathomable God, and may you experience a growing freedom in Christ as you make greater strides in your walk with Him. God bless you.

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