

Hodzi Family News

Harare, Zimbabwe



Family

Some months it kind of feels like there is nothing exciting to share – like there is no lions crossing our backyards, our children have had no encounter with poisonous snakes (not that they ever did, thank God; we did have a chameleon as a pet for a few days though), the food is normal, we are used to life here...and it feels like we are just living...there are dishes, there is laundry, there is homeschool, the kids go play with friends, Thomas goes to 'work' and comes back home for dinner, we go to church on Sunday...just living on a different continent in a different country. Though then there are the many times when you realize that family is not a short distance away, that many friends are far away, that I miss something familiar (there is nothing like a pregnancy craving for something from a different country that only a plane ride could get...). Yet it all feels strangely normal...or not normal depending on how I look at it (haha 😊). But we are thankful for the life God has given our family here.

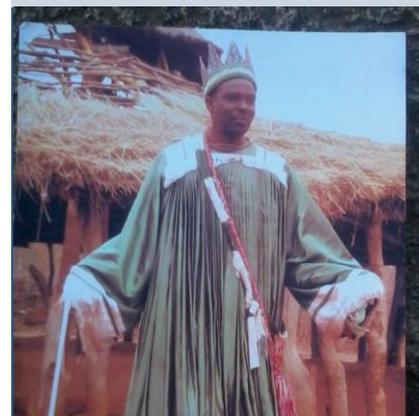
Ministry in Bhuhera/ Zaka

The last couple of months God has allowed us to be training in the rural area of Zaka. There are about 50 pastors and ministry leaders being trained there in how to faithfully handle God's Word. One of the people being trained there is 'Bishop' Mutambi (see picture on the side). He is the leader of a cult church in Zimbabwe that has many eclectic beliefs. He oversees over 30 churches. What an opportunity to train him and share the gospel so that many under him may also come to Christ. At our last training he made some comments that argued for him being sinless. I came hard on him with the gospel, something I thought was appropriate at the time since he did that in a public forum. I am praying that he comes back again as he withdrew from the discussions after my sharing. There have been times we have seen pastors come to Christ through the training we do. May you join me in asking our Lord that Bishop Mutambi may be one of them?



Prayer & Praise

- ✚ Pray for 'Week of Transformation' (WOT) – a youth conference running from August 14-18, with the theme "The Word of God"
- ✚ Pray for our family, for balance in time in ministry and at home, for our marriage to be strong, for the salvation of our children, for the pregnancy to progress well...and above all for us to keep trusting in and growing in God
- ✚ Pray for Thomas as he finishes off the term at HTC in terms of grading; school has stopped for the month of August
- ✚ Pray for a smooth transition of our church Covenanters Christian Church to the new location on August 27
- ✚ Praise God for a successful surgery for Pastor Joseph. Pray for his recovery and strength for his family during this time.
- ✚ Pray for the ministry in Zaka and Bhuhera – for people to continue to keep growing in their understanding of God's Word.



Covenanters Christian Church

God has been so faithful to us during the last month. We finished going through the book 9 Marks of a Healthy Church by Mark Dever in our 1st hour Adult Bible Study and we have started on a survey of the New Testament. In our main service we have just finished 1 Corinthians 5 and will be starting on chapter 6 this week. We have been so blessed by God's Word and I have been getting good feedback from God's people on how God has been convicting them. I am so humbled. It has also been good to see the church start to grow in numbers a little. In the last two months we have had ten new people and we are looking to baptize 2 people in the next couple of weeks.

We have resolved as a church to move our location to start worshipping at the college I teach at, Harare Theological College (HTC) because of its strategic location and in light of us growing in numbers. Please pray for this move on 27 August. People are really excited about it and a bit fearful at the same time because they have been at the current church location for the last 50 years. I think this is the right move for the church and trusting that the Lord will help us have a greater witness in Harare from HTC.

Thank you so much for praying for my co-pastor Joseph (see picture with his wife). He had surgery in South Africa and is back. He is still recovering so would continue to covet your prayers. I have definitely felt the work load increase with him being gone. This has made me much more thankful for him. Please pray for a speedy recovery.



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Thank you for being a part of the work God is doing in Zimbabwe and Ghana. Please continue to pray for us and the people here.

We love and miss you all,

Thomas & Dany, Joel, Aletheia,
Charis

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying for us and supporting us financially. May our Lord who is always near be bless you.

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