

Zimbabwe Mission Report – February 2025

Introduction

Location: Zimbabwe, Africa

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Duration: February 8 – 20, 2025

Mutare School of Preaching Visit

Our team spent a day at the Mutare School of Preaching in Mutare, where we met with Nhamo Marunga, the school director, along with the dedicated teachers and staff. We observed notable improvements to the facilities since our previous visit:



- Kiefer Library Enhancements:

- Installation of Starlink Internet, providing reliable connectivity.
- Addition of six new computers, enhancing students' access to study materials and online resources.



- Agricultural Development:

- Tilapia farming has proven successful. This initiative is providing a sustainable source of food for the school and a means to generate income through fish sales.



- The school continues to cultivate a variety of vegetables, both for consumption and for sale.



- Chicken farming also contributes to the food supply for the students and staff.



- Student Body Growth:

- First-Year Students: 13 (up from 8 the previous year)
- Second-Year Students: 8
- Third-Year Students: 8 (off-campus, receiving mentorship while working with local congregations)



Distribution of French World Bible School Materials

We delivered French World Bible School Bibles and lessons, which will be distributed to Congo refugees at a nearby refugee camp. The camp hosts approximately 15,000 refugees, with around 7,500 from the Congo. These materials will support spiritual growth and provide hope to those displaced.



Encouragement Visit to Dave and Irene Meikle

A day was dedicated to visiting Dave and Irene Meikle, offering them spiritual encouragement. Their isolated location provides limited communication and fellowship opportunities with other Christians, making visits like this especially meaningful.



Nhedziwa Starfish Ministry Feeding Center

We traveled to Nhedziwa, one of three Starfish Ministry Feeding Centers, located about 45 miles from the Mozambique border. During our visit:

- We observed the spiritual teaching and physical feeding of 112 impoverished children.



- A young lady responded to the gospel and was baptized, a joyous and inspiring moment.



Starfish Ministry Feeding Centers Impact

The three Starfish Ministry Feeding Centers collectively serve approximately 225 impoverished children, providing spiritual guidance and nourishment four to five days a week. This ministry is a powerful example of holistic care for the body and soul.



Sunday Worship at Chiware Church of Christ

On Sunday, we worshipped and fellowshiped with the Chiware Church of Christ, which also serves as one of the Starfish Feeding Centers. Highlights of the day include:





- Attendance: Approximately 220 people, with half being children.
- Baptisms: 14 individuals responded to the gospel and were baptized.
- Fellowship Meal: We shared a meal together, deepening our connection with the local congregation.



Conclusion

This mission trip was a time of encouragement, growth, and outreach. We witnessed progress in education, agriculture, and spiritual development. The dedication of local leaders and the response of individuals to the gospel were truly uplifting. We thank God for the opportunities provided and pray for continued growth and impact in Zimbabwe.