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The Church at Zwelitsha/Sweetwaters.

In the past two weeks my wife and I have been busy going door to door here in Zwelitsha. We have decided to use her work leave this month to embark on home visits and establishing home Bible classes. A 49-year-old woman was baptized on Sunday as a result of these door to door visits.

Currently, things are going very well. We have managed to establish home Bible classes in the homes of three families. In all three classes both parents and children are participating.

The brethren here are doing well. The church here is very encouraging and brethren are loving and very supportive. We draw much strength and inspiration from the determination of the brethren here. Their prayers and the love they show us and their love for the truth and toward each other is immeasurable.

The Khweleni family (parents and sisters of the young man who fell away because of drugs) are back to church after two months of withdrawal because they felt embarrassed by Ayabonga's action.

The church here in Zwelitsha held Bible classes from Thursday, April the 18th until Sunday, April the 21st. It was so good to have the brethren from Seymour and the newly converted brethren under one roof. My Sunday morning Bible class and my wife's Bible class with young ones are doing very well. Brethren are becoming more and more rooted in the Lord.

We have a number of Bible classes during the week with different families. We are praying that all these classes may bear good results.

The Church at Seymour

From the 8th of March to the 24th, we had a very successful gospel meeting in Seymour in a village called Kwancaza, which is about 40 minutes' drive from Dlovini village where the brethren are meeting for Sunday services.

Five people were baptized and two Bible classes with two different families were established. We also got a number of contacts of people who are interested to know their Bibles.

We are happy to have noted that there are brethren in Seymour who are using their spare time to do personal evangelizing. We have planned to have an evangelizing meeting in Seymour for two weeks in June, during winter holidays.

Our Thanks

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to all the brethren who keep on sending us financial support and all the brethren who send us messages of encouragement. At some stage we felt like being left on our own. Your messages of support kept on giving us much needed strength. We thank you brethren for that.

Financial Support

Our regular monthly support is:

Eshowe Church/Columbus Indiana Church	\$194.96
Port Elizabeth Church of Christ	46.74
Cape Town Church of Christ	38.95
Foreign Help Fund (through Vicki Copeland)	650.00
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King Williams Town

The church meeting in my house garage here is doing very well. The brethren are still meeting on Wednesdays for Bible class and on Fridays for singing classes. We have seen an increase in my wife's Bible class with the little ones.

We have a good number of young people who are visiting us but there are two young men and a young lady who visit regularly. We are hoping that pretty soon, they will make a decision to submit to the Lord.

The four brethren who were baptized recently are still doing very well.

The Church at Seymour

The brethren at Seymour are doing very well. Now there are some brethren from the villages nearby who worship with them every Sundays. It always touches my heart to see them walking such long distances to go to worship with their brethren at Seymour. The commitment that is shown by the brethren there makes me hopeful that the church there will continue growing even if I'm no longer there. But whatever happens, I will always try to be there for them.

The young men there are doing very well. They are evangelizing on their own now, and able to establish study groups with their peers.

Bible Classes

All the Bible classes we have are bearing fruit. This year only, about nine more people were converted through the Bible classes we have here. Surprisingly, this year the winter has not been much of a hindrance for brethren and those who are attending.

Our Thanks

I wish to humbly express my gratitude to all the brethren and churches who are sending us financial support. You brethren have been so good to us! It is because of your financial support and prayers that we have managed to spread the gospel here. We pray for God's blessings on you all.

Financial Support

Brethren, as I indicated in the past, since the passing away of Sister Helen Williams it has been so difficult for us. The last time we received additional support was three years ago. The situation has forced me to look for work. I have found a job that will last me for the next four years. Indeed, it will be a little bit disrupting in terms of preaching, but I will do my best to ensure that the work that I have worked on so much for so many years does not dwindle into insignificance.

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November 2019

SEYMOUR

After coming back from hospital on Saturday, on the 10th my wife drove us to Seymour for a worship service. We had to visit Seymour because the brethren and my grandmother and family members there were very worried about the news that I was not feeling well. But mostly we wanted to be with them and break bread with them. My spirit was cheered up to see the brethren doing well and I was mostly happy to be amongst them once again, was so happy to be part of their beautiful singing and unpretentious smiles. After the service we spent some time chatting and being told about bible classes around Seymour, challenges and how they are trying to convert other of young people in the villages there.

The evangelical meeting is planned for December holidays and I have been asked to speak for 12 days. I could not hide my excitement to see that the young men there are now able to organize evangelical meetings on their own.

KING WILLIAMS TOWN

The brethren here continue to be a great inspiration for us. We are still meeting in my house garage and the brethren are doing a great job on personal evangelizing. We continue to see new faces of people who are invited by brethren for services.

Brother Ayabonga has repented from his sinful life style and is now regularly attending both Sunday services and midweek Bible classes.

We have 5 more young men and three women who were recently baptized into Christ. All of them are doing very well. They are regularly attending all Church activities and are showing good signs of being thirsty to learn a good commitment in obeying the gospel of our Lord.

In the past weekend the Church here had an evangelical bible classes in the village close here (Tshathshu village). It has been good evangelical bible classes with a lot of young people attending and participating.

We presented a continues lesson on the subject "Being A Christian In Present Days". We looked at the challenges and disadvantages young people are faced with as Christians in our days. Participation was very interesting from those who attended. We made a good number of contacts which we are following up on them.

BIBLE CLASSES

Besides our usual classes on Sunday Mornings and afternoons, Wednesdays and singing classes on Fridays, we have a good number of home bible classes which are quite interesting. The Lord has opened so many doors for us to teach his word.

On Sunday we baptized a 45 years old man which we have been having a bible classes at his house since 2017. We are praying that his family may also follow the suit.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We would like to extend our word of gratitude to all of you brethren for your unwavering support. I'm experiencing some health problems and at times it becomes a bit hard. Your support both financially and through the words of encouragement has been such a great motivation and of great help.

We are indebted to all of you for your great sacrifices which keep on enabling us to be able to teach the gospel here without much difficulties.

To sister Nancy Lianga thank you my sister for your gift. May our God keep on blessing you.

We pray for the Lord blessings to you all