



But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.
Luke 8:15

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Dear prayerful partners,

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The good news is, that Mshadza Independent Baptist Church is having her first service this coming Sunday January 18th. This Saturday we are dividing our evangelism group to send some to the Mshadza area. The neighbors have been anticipating this start and there is no reason to delay longer. Sunday School will meet in the strong room and the worship services will meet under the mango tree. Abednego will be preaching and Srey Yan Yon will be holding children's services and providing the music program. Would you please pray that the Lord will bless His Word as it is preached and taught. Please pray for those that have been saved in the area that they will make their way to this new neighborhood church. Please pray for the fellowship of the Spirit of God to be realized, and for God to be glorified as Christ is lifted up in the hearts of the people. And most importantly, please pray for souls to be saved as a new church family is born in Mshadza.

The New Hope Children Center Dormitory and House Mother House are progressing. We just finished putting the roof on the dormitory. That means the next phase is finishes, electrical and furnishings. As quickly as we can we want to finish the dormitory before proceeding with the House Mother House. With three dormitories we can begin the center ministry with the house mother in one dorm and two others for the children. With the completion of the roof, our resources are depleted for needed materials to finish, but our folks are giving and we trust the Lord will continue to provide in His time. Thank you to those that have given towards this much needed ministry.

We have been praying for our attendance at Life-Line Baptist Church in town. Well, we've been inviting some ladies to attend services from the business next door. These ladies, as many as 15-20, work making grass and reed mats of all sizes, shapes and designs for distribution around the country. They stand at a long, tall saw horse with notches cut in the top and weave thick grass with what looks like sisal tied to pieces of solid brick, throwing them back and forth across the sawhorse as they place the thicker pieces in the matt. They are next door to the church and diligent and faithful in their work, and it is a joy to pop in and observe them and give an invitation. A bunch came on a Sunday and the next Sunday, November 2, five of them trusted Christ as their Saviour. Please pray for Goodness, Rose, Christina, Noktula, and Thembani to continue strong in faith and grace.

It has been raining a lot here lately, though it is the rainy season. On the fourteenth of December it was a very rainy Sunday. As Laura and I made out way to Life-Line for our early services, there were three of our ladies and Abednego huddled under a portico across the street waiting for me to open the gate. After services had started, three other ladies came in one by one, all of these were invited by the others. That morning Sibongile, Cloudy, and Dumisile trusted Christ as their Saviour. New life has come into the Life-Line Baptist Church. These ladies are excited about their church and what they are learning. They come on taxis from other towns, some live close to our other churches but they love the fellowship at Life-Line.

We are thankful, our hearts are full, and we are encouraged by your genuine care for us and this ministry. Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and faithful prayers and support.

Your servants to South Africa for Jesus' sake,
Richard and Laura Badgett