



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

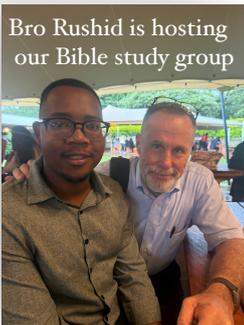
*“And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees....Matthew 3:10*

We are already two months into the new year, and we thank the Lord for His continued faithfulness. Cindy and I have now been in the capital city of Harare for six months. During this time, we have been ministering in the parks and meeting individuals in various places to share the gospel. It has been both a blessing and a burden to meet many who have attended church for years, yet have little understanding of the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and clarity as we seek to present the gospel faithfully and plainly.



December was a difficult month for Cindy. She underwent a hysterectomy along with other necessary procedures, which resulted in an eight-day hospital stay. Her recovery took about six weeks. During that time, much of my focus was caring for her, and our Bible study efforts were necessarily limited. We praise the Lord that she has now recovered well and is steadily regaining her strength.

December is also the holiday season here, not only for schools but for businesses as well, so much tends to slow down. Even so, we are grateful for good reports from the churches in Chipinge District. Solid Rock Baptist Church held a missions conference, and the other churches conducted Holiday Bible Schools and a teachers' training class for Sunday school programs in a village setting.



Bro Rushid is hosting our Bible study group

While friends of ours were on furlough, we cared for their home in Harare, which was a great blessing and gave us time to explore different areas of the city. We have recently moved and found a small two-bedroom home to rent, complete with a beautiful garden, something Cindy especially enjoys. The Bible study in the Waterfalls area is going well. We had visitors this past week, which was a great encouragement. Tashinga, a young man from our church in Chipinge who is attending a near by college will be joining us on weekends to assist with Bible study and outreach. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we seek to expand our outreach efforts in this area, with the goal of establishing a church and beginning additional Bible studies in surrounding communities. We are deeply thankful for your faithful prayers and support. The Lord is working, and we are trusting Him to continue to do so as we labor here in Zimbabwe.



Love Jeff & Cindy  
James 1:5

**Prayer needed:**

1. **The Spirit of God to clearly work with those who are coming.**
2. **Visitors who will be coming into Zimbabwe in March.**
3. **\*For Wisdom in dealing with people about their need for Christ.**

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