



### Mission report by Rev. Pardon Chingovo

Dear friends of the Miners Mission

„Praise be to the Lord, who made heaven and earth.“ The Faith and Revival conference in Rutendo exceeded our expectations!

*It was a remarkable to note how many people from the churches of the various mining areas made their way in order to take part in the **Faith Conference in Rutendo**.* Quite a number of them had only recently started a new life with Jesus. Now they were streaming into the big tent, that we were able to hire from the army, in order to listen to God's Word and joyously praise the Lord in song.



Joyful participants in front of the conference tent.

*Rev. Zunga* from Harare spoke powerfully from the Word in Amos 4,12: „Prepare to meet your God!“ He gave 3 addresses of a very practical nature about the greatness of God and made reference to the many problems of the visitors, which so adversely affect these people in their daily lives.

*Rev. Beckett*, Missionary in Harare, who worked for many years with the IMM, encouraged the believers in his messages that they should remain strong in the faith and persevere in following Jesus. *Rev. Matsatswa* preached in the streets and open places effectively. 14 people made the decision to start a new life with Jesus Christ. We even had entry to the military barracks and were able to proclaim the Good News. They were very open to the Gospel. That was a wonderful time.

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A miner, who accepted Jesus during the Conference is being baptised.

A little while after the conference we held a service of baptism. This *Baptism service* was a witness to the greatness of God's love, in bringing the people out of the slavery of their old lives and calling them to serve Him.



The little girl with a growing tongue

*This little girl is suffering from a growing tongue, which is growing even larger.* Already she is unable to close her mouth any more. The mother of the little girl came to faith in Jesus during the Faith and Revival conference. The father had abandoned the family because of the little girl's condition. As there is a specialist consultant for this illness in Harare, I helped the mother to go to Harare in order to visit the specialist. In order to treat this condition the little girl needs at least 6 injections, which in spite of social assistance cost US-\$155 each. I was able to pay for one injection. *Do please pray for this little girl, who urgently needs help.*



The children are enthusiastic in learning more from the Bible

*The children's work in the Mine communities continues to be a very important task.* We began this children's club here in Rutendo, every Saturday afternoon, meeting on the grounds outside the mission house. Local children from Rutendo come along, as well as children from the local church. Local Christian volunteers and my wife, prepare the afternoon activities and also lead the teaching from the Bible stories. Please pray for this ministry. *We believe it is right that the children are taught from the Word of God.*

I have permission to visit the **Schools** in Rutendo, Redcliff and Torwood. It is a joy to preach the Gospel message to the school children and explain to them who God, who Jesus Christ and who the Holy Spirit is. Of particular importance to me is explaining the way of Salvation in Jesus Christ to them. I also talk about subjects that concern the children and their families. A particularly important subject is that of protection against AIDS. The school children listen very attentively to all I have to say and have open hearts to receive the Gospel message. Even the teachers willingly take part in these discussions.

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**The Faith Conference, which took place from 23. – 25. September, was underpinned by days of prayer that took place from 3 – 6am every morning.** This was a wonderful time of blessing and renewal for the evangelists in the team. We praised God, prayed for each other, prayed for the Conference and the missionary outreach to the mining communities. The various teams started with house to house visits, particularly going round in Rutendo and the area round about. We had good spiritual discussions with people, so much so that 39 people were ready during these house visits to begin a new life with Jesus Christ. Indeed, during the whole Conference people of various backgrounds were coming to the foot of the Cross and putting their faith in Jesus Christ. Among them we had medicine men and prostitutes. That was a great joy for us.

*Mr. Makore*, a member of a cult church, said: „The Lord has been good to me. Here I found the Word of God in all its truth and fullness. I will never again return to the cult church.“ He gave his life to Jesus Christ and now attends the Church in Rutendo.

*Mrs. Phiri*, a member of our church, said: „God be praised. I felt the hand of God on me. I was suffering from terrible burning pains in my stomach. But from the day that people prayed for me during the Faith Conference, I have been healed.“ She used to be unable to eat any Sadza (maize dish), now she eats it without any problems. God has healed her. *In praising God she asks that IMM also continues to help fund such conferences in future.*

**We are, dear friends of the Mission, so thankful to you, that you continue to enable us to buy Bibles.** Now many people in our Churches own a Bible, which they cherish greatly and which gives them regular spiritual food. However new people are constantly responding to our missionary outreach and are beginning a new life with Jesus Christ, so we seek to place the Word of God into their hands so that they can receive instruction on their daily walk with God. It gives us much pain that we cannot provide everyone wanting to receive a Bible. Please pray with us, that God will be graceful to us, so that we can give our brothers and sisters each a Bible to read.

We thank you all so much for your faithful support of this ministry by your prayer and gifts, in particular for the financial help with the Faith Conference. May the Lord bless you richly.

*Pardon Chingovo*

Dear Friends of the Mission

**We are sure that you wish to know the current news about the economic situation in Zimbabwe.**

I recently received a letter from our good friend, Howard Beckett in Harare. He writes, that the economic recovery in Zimbabwe is only making very slow progress, and this principally in the urban areas, such as Harare. However there is a huge problem in the mining areas, because many mine workers have not been paid for their work. They can work for months at a time and then only receive a small sum of money, mainly because the mines are not working, as 51% of the shares of a mine belong to the state. Foreign firms are no longer investing in development and production. In many cases it is only a case of maintaining the machinery and the safety of a mine.

**When I saw the picture of the little girl with the growing tongue and read the email from Rev. Chingovo, I knew that we must help the little one.**

Rev. Chingovo paid for the first injection with his October salary. But the little girl needs at least 6 injections in order that the illness can be treated. We have received one gift already, but there are funds missing to pay for all the injections. We would be more than willing to help. Whoever would like to contribute further to the treatment of this little girl in her need can do this by sending funds to your own IMM Committee (ear-marked Little girl with growing tongue). Please help us have pity on this little girl. Thank you for your support!

Our hearts are deeply moved when we read of how God is opening the hearts and minds of people, often suffering from many trials, to the Good News of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Him for His great Salvation, that so many people are experiencing in their lives.

Thank you so much for your valuable help, that is bringing everlasting fruit into God's Kingdom!

I wish you a happy and blessed Christmas and the Lord's grace and safe keeping for 2012.

With best wishes

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