

Temcat Mission Update February 2024:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters;

Just a few days now and the first month of 2024 is history. This month has been very busy and exciting. Again, our deep gratitude to all who remember the Mission in your prayers and share your gifts of love. We pray the Lord will send showers of all kinds of blessings to you all! Keep your courage and hope always centered in the Lord! We have a hope that the world does not have. Amen!

The Strange Saga of the Mission Truck!

The Person that said, "The Lord works in mysterious ways His Wonders to perform" was certainly correct. In the last update we told how the Lord had provided a more suitable vehicle for His Mission work and we were showing it off to you. Well it seems, as always, God knew something we did not, and He wanted something different for His Mission. This account is hard to believe even for us who saw it happen! We had the strangest thing happen in January, really a person could not imagine such a series of 'seeming coincidences' taking place if they tried! To me it shows that the Lord certainly works in mysterious ways to bring good to His people. Now you may have seen the picture of the Toyota mission truck we had been able to acquire, and it did not have a topper for the back of it. So we were arranging to get one put on. Right after that time, there was flash flooding and storms that hit some of our groups. One of our elders lost everything and did not even have blankets for his family. On Jan. 2. We arranged to get a bale of clothing and one of blankets, and our MMVs were at the company sorting and making up 2 bales mixed, one to go to his group and the other, another group also badly hit. At the same time word came from our sister at the garage that the topper had come in. SO Pastor took the truck over to the garage, thinking to pop that on and come back. But, they had a problem that it did not fit, because of a bar that had been installed and they needed to do some fixing to fit it. As they were doing that, suddenly all the power went off! Pastor decided to leave the truck at the garage, get the team, go home by bus and come back the next day to finish both tasks. There is a car sales place next to the garage and it was being renovated by a contractor. They went home and on January 3rd Pastor returned in the AM, to learn that at midnight [notice it was a time no one was working that could get hurt!] two floors of the car sales company collapsed onto the garage, totally demolishing the Mission truck and the topper! No other vehicles in the garage were hurt! So the car selling manager and the contractor were frantic, and did not want a police report sent in because the contractor would lose his license and who knows what all would happen! So they told Pastor to look around at all the vehicles on their lot and choose whatever one he wanted, and they would have it inspected and transferred immediately to him, very legally and done right! By now I knew about what had happened and we all were praying for guidance. The strangest thing is, none of us felt upset! We all felt this was the Lord's doing and for a reason and He would deal with it! Too many coincidences had brought it about. Later we felt that somehow the other truck was dangerous or something was going to happen as Pastor drove to deliver the clothing and blankets to the most needy group. Pastor was impressed to take the vehicle in the photo, it already had a topper and turns out almost 100,000 less kms! And it is a better brand and much newer! Notice we were not delayed hardly at all in getting the bales to the needy folk, who wept for joy! Pastor was on his way in the new truck later the same day! If a fiction writer tried to tell a story like that, they would be laughed at! I told it to the man here who drives me for shopping and his eyes bugged out, even he saw it was the Lord's hand in it! Praise the Lord! See it here: <https://www.pathlightsjr.com/TemcatMission/Latest-News.html>

Chishawasha Report:

We told you about how the Chief there had been converted and was preparing for Baptism. Do to certain of his circumstances as a district chief, he had much to deal with to be ready to be baptized. But he was determined to let nothing stand in his way! We left Ps Maxwell and the team there longer to help and encourage him and although he has had to part with most of his wealth and belongings, he was joyful when he was finally ready to go forward and Pastor Maxwell rejoiced to baptize him Last week! Ps T went in the New Mission truck to pick up Ps Maxwell and the MMV team and spent Sabbath with them thus getting a chance to encourage the Chief and rejoice with him. He reported. "The Chief was okay, although he complained that he lost so much, but his only

hope is to see Jesus coming soon. He actually was contemplating handing over the chieftom to the next brother inline but I taught him that it is no sin to be chief, but rather to use the position of influence to change evil cultures. I gave him an example of our Rocklands chief, how he stopped the killing of the second twin and albino babies and how he helped the church to grow. Actually, I told him rightly employed that position can accomplish more. I told him how our Murehwa chief banned the village shrine from operating there, after he realized the [witch doctor] was a fraud, and how he liberated the people from living under fear. I encouraged him not to relinquish and ask God for wisdom and strength each and every step of the way." There is ongoing need of prayers for that chief and the group there, as the devil is not asleep these days, and challenges continue to happen.

Chegututu: New Group; New Area; New MV!

Ps T. travelled to this new area to hold a short seminar mainly for Missionary Masimba and his helpers there. We had managed to get a laptop for him, and loaded it with courses and materials, so he can have much to learn from and teach the others. Ps found a thriving group there and a room full of eager learners, hungry for the Gospel! Before leaving he reported: "17 got baptized today. We had an encounter with a crocodile; soon after baptism as we marched out, we saw it floating raising its head close to where we had been baptizing. The area has never been known to have crocodile and its closer to homes than it became safe. So I alerted the National Parks and they are on their way to rescue it lest it be killed or it kills people and their flocks. However all are safe. We praised God for the protection. I also anointed Mr Mack right after the baptism ceremony when I was giving closing remarks, and appointed some wise men, four of them, to work with him as acting leaders, and chose two women who showed extra ordinary commitment to the church. Have left printed materials and ten Bibles to be a church library. There is a room at the house which is empty, they will have to make wooden shelves and create a library I advises them to do so."

Two New Boarding School interests in Nyanga District.

Due to the faithful work of the School-master in the Nyanga school, where many have been baptized and the whole atmosphere of the school has been improved though the teachings of the Word, 2 other Boarding School headmasters requested a while back for seminars at their schools. We had been unable so far to get to them, but now on Feb. 1, Ps T plans to launch for 2 seminars of 10 days each for these schools. He will be picking up young Deacon Emmanuel on the way to be his assistant there. Ps Maxwell has to tend to the Main Mission agricultural work as the recent storms have caused much flooding and damage there as well as to many groups. Later we will certainly have a need for books and Bibles to form school libraries for these new ones! We ask your prayers for all these projects as the Lord's work only goes forward under His care and enabling power! May the Lord Bless!

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Something to think about:

"I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Be cheerful, and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness. That which you cannot understand, commit to Him. He loves you and pities your every weakness. He "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son." TM 518.

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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." John Wesley.

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