



Providence and Planning

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans” (Proverbs 16:3). It is amazing to see how God sovereignly works by His mighty Hand to bring glory to His Name. Many ministry opportunities for our most recent Zimbabwe mission were cancelled at the last minute. This was rather unsettling as we tried to be diligent in our preparation. Little did our team know that some of the best ministry yet to be done in Zimbabwe would take place.

Police and Protection

The Zimbabwe border always presents a challenge when trying to enter the country. The corruption, confusion, and busyness of the crossing make the task frustrating and intimidating. In many cases, the trouble continues even beyond the border. Multiple police stops between major cities are to be expected, and one never knows when an official will try his hand at bribery. By God’s grace, we were able to cross the border as well as pass over 50 police stops without any serious harassment!

Cross-cultural Accommodation

It may take some adjustment for one to find rest when sleeping in a church with rats and mice, or hearing cow-bells outside your window in the middle of the night, yet our hosts were warm, friendly, and sacrificial in serving us. During one of our visits to a rural area, a goat was prepared for us to eat. No doubt this was done at a great sacrifice to the owner of the animal.

Service for the Seasoned



A highlight of our Zimbabwe mission was to deliver Boxes with Love to pensioners who have lost their life savings due to the collapse of the economy. Many elderly people in Zimbabwe had reasonable wealth before the Zimbabwe dollar was abandoned. Some estimates claim that the Zimbabwe Dollar reached inflation rates of about 80 billion percent, but it is difficult to tell because the government stopped filing inflation records during the height of inflation in 2008. Those who had any wealth lost everything. Anyone on pension or anyone with a retirement plan became broke. One woman we spoke to invested in property and sold her investment so that she could retire. After the collapse of the economy all her money became worthless. Part of our ministry is to bring relief aid to these people in need. In each donated package, we distribute food, cream, literature, and other treats. The elderly are always so grateful, and it is a privilege to spend time with them and pray for them.

Slippery Salvation

Preaching and teaching about the doctrines of grace has been a major focus of the Zimbabwe mission team for years. Until now, our labour has not ended. One pastor said that if we come to

his church three more times the whole village will come to Repentance. He continued, *“If they see you coming here, they will know that this church is serious”*

. This type of thinking is the result of a low view of God’s saving grace. What men neglect to realise is that every Salvation is a miraculous event; it is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9). The sacrificial work of Jesus Christ was a gracious loving gift which cannot be added to. Not only is the atoning work of Jesus Christ an act of God’s love, but the very ability to Repent and believe is a gift from God Himself (Acts 11:18).

Deception and Deliverance

Streaming from a faulty view of Salvation comes a shaky understanding of Kingdom citizenship. ***“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves”*** Colossians 1:13. If one believes that Salvation is simply a choice to live a better life or a decision to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ or a kind of club membership that comes with community benefits, the power of God will play no role in the belief system of such an individual. However, if one understands that man is so totally depraved that he cannot save himself, and that God works a mighty miracle in changing a corrupt and evil heart into a heart with new desires, then one will not have such a low view of God’s saving work on a soul. It is common to see people who are persuaded that they are Saved and still believe that they are under the sway of the devil, needing constant deliverance and input into their Salvation.

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work”

1 John 3:8.





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