



Transforming Communities in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe, located in sub-Saharan Africa, is a country with many challenges. Over 75 percent of the 11.6 million citizens call themselves Christians, but most hold to a mix of biblical and indigenous theology. New churches are springing up, but often their leaders have no theological training. Some are excellent teachers, but struggle with discipling and mentoring new believers.

Overwhelming demand from church leaders (despite a lack of funding) prompted Dr. Elesinah Chauke to travel from her home in South Africa back to her native Zimbabwe to facilitate courses from More than a Mile Deep. MMD (Entrust's partner in Africa) allows church leaders to study and learn at home, applying what they learn to daily local ministry. Courses are designed so that those who enroll go out to train, disciple and mentor others immediately. "Therefore," Dr. Chauke says, "the courses meet the needs of the church right away."



Dr. Elesinah Chauke

Here are just a few stories from students receiving MMD training, who are concurrently training others:

Pastor Mudzwingwa* shared that while doing an assignment on the meaning and implication of the image of God in humans, he and his fellow church leaders were awestruck by the fact that they were truly made in God's image, while at the same time convicted by their lack of understanding the responsibilities that come with bearing that image.

“Whether we have money or not, we have got to make this program work.”

– statement from 2011

MMD-Zimbabwe board meeting

similar God), to a woman so transformed by the course “Transforming Communities” that many people have noticed the change in her and want to enroll in MMD training themselves.

Pray with the Christian leaders in Zimbabwe, that they may find favor with the Lord in making MMD work for the good of the Christian church.

* all names have been changed to protect their identities

Pastor Mareme said the MMD lesson on practical Christianity and time management led him to ask forgiveness of his wife and children for consistently putting “ministry” ahead of family.

Mrs. Mudzi went from being a harsh, judgmental woman (and living in fear of a