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Dear Friends, ministry supporters and prayer partners.

This letter is different from other letters; it is paraded with feelings of celebration as well as anticipation. Today it is 21 months since we started MMD ministry in Zimbabwe. As I look back to the first days, my heart is filled with thanksgiving to God and to you all. God has opened doors and you have supported me, both in prayer and financially. You have indeed given me a reason to celebrate. The work has been made possible. Praise the Lord.

Looking at the hardships that Zimbabweans have been going through for the last few years, starting this ministry seemed risky. I am grateful to say that by the end of December 2011, we had behind us, 21 exciting months of ministry. By then we had opened six learning centers with 87 registered Pastor disciples (68 male and 19 female). As it is said, “when God leads the way who can stop us?” Indeed, when the Lord is leading the risky is worth taking.

We also had more than 130 women listed for Women to Women Leadership Training (WtWLT), although not many have paid for the modules in order to start lessons. About 17 women, in two centers, have made some payments towards their modules and are ready to start lessons. Some of these women will be invited to train as facilitators to enable them to facilitate lessons for the other women as soon as they have finished a module.



***(Women Zone Leaders in Bulawayo October 2011)***

Two of the three Zimbabwe women who attended facilitator training last June, in Pietermaritzburg South Africa, are helping to organize and facilitate the WtWLT groups. The third woman will start facilitating a group this coming February.

As mentioned in my October letter, Bishop Obert Dube (a learner in my group) has registered about 10 of his pastors. As soon as they have paid for their modules they will be ready to start the lessons. Bishop Dube completed facilitator training in Pietermaritzburg last June. This is evidence of multiplication in less than two years of ministry, and a promise of more to come in this New Year. This is a reason to celebrate.

In November, Mrs. Glens Chiota (a facilitator trained lady Pastor, a disciple in my class), shared about change in the lives of two women who participated in the seed project she started as an assignment for the course *“Transforming Communities through Wholistic Engagement”*. Joyce Makomva (a facilitator trained disciple) from the Rusape centre, invited MMD women in her centre to start a small seed project of raising chickens and making earrings. The produce is created, above other things, to make sure that no woman who wants to study with MMD will fail to have money for the starting module.

In November I had planned to visit Binga (Northern Matabeleland) with two board members and Pastor Johannes (a learner in my group) in response to an invitation from pastors in that area. Unfortunately this did not happen because there were rains at the time we were to travel there. Travelling in that part of the country during the rainy season is not safe as the roads are bad. They therefore advised that we delay the trip until March this year. Rev. Johannes Moyo (who will be the facilitator for that group) will travel there to register the

pastors so that lessons can start in March. Pastor Johannes has not had any facilitator training yet, but hopes to train this year.

Pastor Lisel Moyo (also one of the learners in my group), asked us to visit his area last year to help him explain the MMD program to 11 interested pastors (from different denominations) in Gwanda, Matabeleland south. This was not possible. Pastor Moyo will go ahead and register the interested pastors in February so that in March lessons can start. He will attend our facilitator training this year.

Pastor Prosper Gwena of the Baptist Church in Harare will also be registering five leaders from his church at the end of this month. Pastor Gwena is planning to attend facilitator training this year.

In October I met Pastor Chivimbiso Ngove from the "Good News covenant Ministries", who works with Leadership International. Through this organization he has gained trust from different AIC group churches. In turn, they have asked him to look for a good training program for their Bishops and Pastors. This pastor has introduced the MMD program to these groups.

We received an invitation from the AIC. Some of you might not necessarily know much about these groups. In general, these groups are sincere in their pursuit for Jesus. However, their theology is a little "confused". They preferred worshiping under trees. Women would not have a voice in their services. In respect to their tradition I will not intentionally allow my freedom to become a stumbling block to any of these people of God, consequently, I will not be their facilitator (unless they request me to do so for the first group). I will, however, play a behind the scenes role. I will work with Pastor Chivimbiso in mentoring their trained facilitators and let them do the work. Pastor Chivimbiso has consented to train as a facilitator so that he can help train these people. He has agreed to take some of our courses himself so that he understands the philosophy of education in MMD.

These groups have expressed a need to learn more about leadership and to increase their understanding God. Some of these Bishops and Pastors have degrees in other areas of study. However, there are some who have little education, yet they have been in the ministry for a long time and now feel a need to do it with better understanding. I also see this as a reason to celebrate because these churches would not go to a Bible school or college. If this happened it would be the beginning of opening up for them.

From the little that I have shared you can see that the work is expanding. Although we will have more facilitators there is still a need to mentor them and a need for management and administration, which I cannot do with my other responsibilities and abode in South Africa. It is very obvious that it is time for Zimbabwe to have a staff member at the ground. Both MMD Zimbabwe and MMD Global agree that it is time that Zimbabwe needs to have a National Coordinator. Not just a national Coordinator but a right one.

I have shared more on what is happening in Zimbabwe but this is not the only responsibility I have. When I am home in South Africa I also write courses. Presently I am working on the new course: "*Preaching the Global Gospel*". With our major curriculum review and reshaping of our courses I have had to change a few things on the course draft outline. My target is to have the draft completed by mid-year.

I postponed invitations both to Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where I was to help the women leaders start the WtWLT program, due to financial shortfall. I am praying that this year the Lord opens doors for us to move forward. We have agreed with the MMD SA National coordinator that in March I will start working with the ten women leaders who have been waiting since September. These will work with MMD South Africa to train other women.

May I invite you all to pray with us for the following:

1. For encouragement for pastors, who seem to have too much work to a point that they are taking too long to finish their modules.
2. For those who are struggling to raise funds in order to be able to progress from one module to the next.
3. For Bishop Obert Dube who has lost two sons in a car accident (one son left a wife and the other was still single). Pastor Dube is one of the learners in my Bulawayo group.
4. For MMD Zimbabwe as we search for the right candidate to take the responsibility of a coordinator.
5. For spiritual wisdom and inspiration as I write the new course
6. Means for a trip to DRC and to Mozambique to help women leaders start WtWLT programs in their countries.

Thank you very much for taking an interest in what the Lord is doing in this part of the world. I am praying for you and your ministry as well. Please feel free to share with me whatever prayer requests you have that you feel free to have me join in prayer for you, I do have time for prayer.

May the Good Lord bless you in this New Year as you save Him.

In His service

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