

# ZIMBABWE

"God is taking care of us as we are accessing deep remote places of Zimbabwe. We will be holding our annual conference on the 15th - 18th of August where we are expecting around 600 delegates.

I do appreciate so much the financial assistance I get from the Live Connection program and will help us so much, as far helping payment of our children's fees and other family needs. Your financial assistance is highly appreciated, may our lovely God bless you. "



# UPDATES FROM KENYA

"Our cell groups have continued to bear fruit..We meet every week on Saturdays for four hours training these leaders. Our prayer is to see that these cell groups expand and reproduce more new ones but also to see everyone growing steadfastly in the Lord.

The Bible translation project has continued progressing well. We have so far managed to move to the book of Romans. The Books of Luke and Acts are already done. The challenges that we are facing are that some translators and a manager have left the organisation. Please pray for faithful translators who will willingly dedicate their time to the work.

One of the major challenges that we have in the community is early marriages. A lot of children in the community don't go to school or stop at lower primary level. They enter into marriage as early as twelve years old. As a church we have continued communication about the importance of education.

Prayer time together is every day from 3am to 6 am and has been upheld to keep us connected to God and to each other while aligning our vision and mission with the Lord. This doesn't matter whether I am at home or away. We have grown through this bible studies and sharpened our biblical knowledge. We are reminded of the early believers in Acts 2:42, as "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer".

Let us also make daily time with God a priority, thanking him for his provision and mighty works. As the Live Connection team ministers in Africa this month, may the Spirit of God move powerfully in and through our prayers for them."







### **Praise points**

- Despite general economic hardships, our support base has remained stable
- Many pastors are communicating well and connecting; our partner numbers are growing!



# Prayer Requests

- Discipleship for believers
- Raising up of next generation of leaders and pastors
- Provision for the churches to grow and reach their communities
- Protection, health, wisdom and strength for pastors, leaders, and church
- Trip in August to Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe

First and foremost, allow me to express my gratitude to the Almighty God for connecting me and my family to you for partnership in the ministry that I am doing here. I was thinking and discussing with my wife: Why did God locate me here, right in the remotest part of Isoka, Zambia? The first time when Pastor Moses was explaining to me about how Live Connection works with pastors who are struggling to survive while doing God's work. He told us that, normally it takes time, sometimes years, to be considered. He also encouraged us to trust God and pray for God's will to be done. But before long, my name was picked by you. When the money came, it was like a dream. I went into the bush for prayer and fasting for a day, mostly to thanks God for this amazing gesture to me and my family. I have no better words to thank God for all He has done for me and my family through you.

Thank you. Thank you. Lenard & Lister Sikanyika. Isoka, Zambia.

With humility and heart full of joy, I wish to give thanks to the Lord my God for connecting me to you for partnership in the ministry that I am doing in this part of the world. I was greatly surprised when Pastor Moses called me to ask me about my account number to which he could send the money. I asked him where the money was coming from, then he broke the news. It so happened that, I did not have money for my children to go back to school. Thankfully, the Government extended the opening day for schools because of the outbreak of cholera in the country. When the schools were opening, I still did not have enough money, especially for those who were going to colleges. As we were thinking about what to do, you sent the money. We had enough and all of them were sent back to schools.



# International

Live Connection was birthed in 2000 and now works in 16 countries to support over 220 indigenous pastors. Each pastor receives financial assistance, as well as leadership training from their regional leader. The pastors are encouraged to impact their wider communities with the love of God and the message of salvation found in Jesus Christ

"My prayer request is that you pray for unity and the spirit of working together in the church this year 2024." Zambia

"Our goals this 2024 that we can build a cottage prayer and bible study so that our faith in the Lord will be strong and our spiritual life will grow in the Lord." Pastor Freddie - Philippines





## Praise Points 2023

Live Connection saw a huge milestone as we reached 230 Pastors Partnered. The pastors are always asking for Bibles. This year we raised over \$12,500, with Bibles being sent to nearly all the Regional Leaders for their congregations. The Malawi ones were the most heartwarming, as many of the pastors had lost everything in the floods – a timely replacement.

We were able to send over \$2000 to Indonesia for their Goat appeal. This would give +/- 12 pastors 3 goats each as an income generating project as well as milk and meat for the family. The Annual Spring Appeal raised \$2500.

### Goals for 2024;

Live Connection Long Term goals

- To sponsor 500 Pastors by the end of 2025
- To resource struggling pastors, who have the calling of God on
- their lives, with the very basics of funds to provide their basic needs.
- To train pastors to equip their church and community to be disciples of Jesus.

### Prayer Points 2024

- Strategic partnerships with organisations, churches, and individuals who share a complementary vision.
- Increase in resources to equip the vision of reaching 1000 pastors partnered by 2030
- Blessings for our Partners, especially those who are giving sacrificially.
- Prayer for the Pastors safety, focus and unity in their churches.
- Wisdom for the team in facilitating and answering letters to Pastors
- Growth/expansion opportunities

