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FAMILY LIFE

As you may know we have three children. Tinashe the first born who is in 3rd year of high school at Prince Edward school. Tinashe has fast recovered from a severe back pain. He plays rugby in school and he has literary spend a month in pain from his back. Praise God he has started school this month in good shape and has resumed rugby training. He is 1.8 tall now just about the height of his dad and a little bit taller than his mother. He is out growing his clothes, shoes and many other things.

We are afraid he might be taller than our house. Our prayer is that he stays in good health. Tatenda is the second born and is in the fifth grade at Gateway Christian school. Tatenda is a runner, a soccer player, a swimmer and now a rugby player. He is in the process of shedding off soccer in favour of rugby. Time will tell, he loves school and is improving in his grades. Our last born, Takudzwanashe is doing 2nd grade at Gateway Primary Christian school where her brother is. She is also a big swimmer and loves reading her school books. She is

very focused and enjoys school. Edina is busy helping the children with their school work. She is busy with women 's meetings at the church and many other ministry assignments.

Praise be to God for has grace is sufficient for us.



- Special points of interest:**

 - 4-14Forum successfully done in Kenya.
 - There's great potential in Nigeria.
 - Successful 4-14 Forum done in Ghana.

Ministry in Zimbabwe

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. The past ten years have seen us going through many challenges of political instability followed by serious and devastating economic crisis. In fact as I write this newsletter Zim-

babwe, the most hard hit country by inflation and economic crisis is sitting on 160 thousand percent inflation. A world record to a country that is not going through a war. Two months ago Kenya one of the economic powerhouse of East Africa went through a

political crisis after the alleged fawned election results. Over 1000 people died in less than 2 weeks of violence. Hundreds of houses were burnt down and thousands of people were displaced. These are just a few highlights.

Zimbabwe News



A pandemic of aids is wrecking havoc in the continent, but with all these ills God has opened a door for the gospel message to reach out to 400 million children under the age of 15 years. Africa today is poised for revival. On the midst of turmoil, the Holy Spirit is birthing a revival and the hunger for the gospel that has been created by suffering that has reached levels where the demand outweighs supply. The harvest is truly plentiful but the laborers are few.

Nairobi Kenya News



In the midst of a political crisis in Kenya, the Lord laid a burden on us to hold a 4-14 forum. Over 15 key pastors and church leaders came under very fragile political conditions. Praise God, the two day conference was a great success. After presenting the session on the importance of children 's ministry today in Africa, God moved in the hearts of pastors beyond our expectations. In fact, on the closing commissioning day almost all pastors came forward after an alter call and confessed and prayed to God for commitment for children 's ministry in Kenya. It was truly a foretaste of revival and renewed burden and vision for children 's ministry. Kenya has a population of 37 million people, 16 million are children under the age of 15. The potential of reaching 16 million children is very high. There are more than 10,000 churches that could start Awana today in Kenya. End of May we are going to have a week of training over 300 leaders in all areas of running children 's program. Pray for the salvation of children in Kenya.

Ghana, Accra



From Nairobi, Kenya, we went to Ghana for the same purpose of holding a 4-14 conference, 70 leaders attended the conference. God moved beyond measure in the hearts of pastors and leaders that came. But the highlight of the conference was the Macedonian call of Northern Ghana with over 200 churches calling for the 4-14 forum. We quickly realized we were scratching on the surface. There is a greater need for Awana in Ghana now than we anticipated. We are expecting a great harvest in Ghana before the end of the year.

Nigeria

While we were in Ghana we received a report from Clive Atkins, Area Business Manager and Joseph, missionary, whom we had send on a fact finding mission. 37 churches are running Awana. Over 10,000 churches could run Awana. The opportunities in Nigeria will have a major impact in the growth of Awana in Africa.

Prayer Items

- ◆ Pray for political settlement in Zimbabwe.
- ◆ Pray for government of national unity to work in Kenya.
- ◆ Pray for the success of the seed planters conference in Kenya.
- ◆ Pray for the seed planters conference in Ghana.
- ◆ Pray for the 4-14 (Presenting the importance of children 's ministry) Forum in Malawi.
- ◆ Pray for the 4-14 Forum in Tanzania.
- ◆ Pray for the 4-14 Forum in Uganda.
- ◆ Pray for additional funding in Africa.
- ◆ Pray for God to provide computers for our missionaries.

Praise items

- ◆ Successful 4-14 Forum in Kenya
- ◆ Success 4-14 Forum in Ghana
- ◆ Open doors in Nigeria Tanzania for ministry.
- ◆ Successful and growing ministry in Zambia.
- ◆ For the financial needs that have been met so far.
- ◆ For the promises of additional funds to continue our ministry.
- ◆ For good health and safety in traveling.

Thank you once again for your prayer and financial support. May God richly bless you. Mwari vakuropafadzeyi chose

*Yours serving the Savior
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