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ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MASVINGO UPDATES

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” (Haggai 2:9)

As Diocese of Masvingo, we are glad to share with you the following news:

1. DIOCESAN SCHOOLS CHILD SUPPLEMENATRY FEEDING PROGRAMME

Our Diocesan Schools are mainly located in natural regions which have acute & erratic rainfall patterns and we consequently experience droughts more often. Our students’ learning and the teachers’ teaching gets affected seriously as majority of students come to school on empty stomachs.

As a Diocese, we fed all our learners last year (except Daramombe High School) up to the end of the third term. This year we focused on Buhera Schools only which are the worst affected. The Buhera Diocesan Schools have since received their feeding stocks. This move promoted school attendance and participation in class, students’ nutrition, enrolment and participation in extra-mural activities.

2. THE BISHOP’S CONSECRATION

On November 2022, the Archbishop of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, His Grace Albert Chama, consecrated the second Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo, the Rt. Rev’d. Osiward Mapika at Masvingo Polytechnic. As Masvingo we hosted the Province and the event was a success. The new Bishop was then enthroned in the Cathedral of St. Michael and All Angels on the same day after lunch. In his charge, Bishop Osiward quoted the words of **Isaiah 60:1**, which says, **“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”** He called upon all the clergy and laity to rise and shine.

3. LORD BISHOP’S FIRST MASS

The Lord Bishop celebrated his first thanksgiving Mass after his consecration & enthronement at St. Francis Mission (Shurugwi), his home Church on 4th December 2022. Several laity attended.

4. DAIRY & CROP PROJECTS SITES VISITS

On the 5th of December the Lord Bishop, in the company of the Diocesan Secretary, MU President and Development Officer visited Daramombe Mission

in order to have empirical evidence of how the dairy and crop farm projects are running.

Current the dairy project stock is as follows:

- 5 dairy cows
- 2 male calves
- 1 female calf

We are currently working on engaging a veterinary Doctor to do artificial insemination for our 5 cows, (*since we do not have a bull*) so that we get more calves.

5. CHIDZIKWE SKILLS CENTRE POULTRY PROJECT

The Lord Bishop initiated revitalizing/rejuvenating commercial poultry production at Summerton Transfiguration Chidzikwe Skills Centre. Currently the first batch of 400 broiler chickens is on sale, while another batch of 400 broiler chicks, vaccines and feeds were delivered to the Skills Centre 2 weeks ago. These initiatives are meant to create multiple revenue streams which should make the Diocese financially sustainable.

6. SUPPORT TO SAVING GROUP MINISTRY

On 9th December, the Lord Bishop & wife visited the Savings Group Ministry members under Daramombe Archdeaconry. Huge crowds, especially at Munyaradzi Mission welcomed them. The Lord Bishop and wife vowed to continue supporting the Savings Group Ministry members and advised all to be good stewards of themselves, their families, the Church they serve and the communities where they stay.

7. BISHOP GAUL COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

All of our Seminarians have been enrolled at Bishop Gaul College and will start their studies soon. Doors were also opened to all clergy who want to do further theological studies / formation with Bishop Gaul College on Block release basis.

8. DIOCESAN SYNOD

We look forward to having a Diocesan Synod this year in August, if there are no politically related disturbances. Fellow Dioceses and other partners will be informed accordingly during the course of the year.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

We look forward to start another phase of campaigning for good environmental practices which positively safeguard our climate and the environment. ARDeZ in Partnership with USPG will guide the individual Dioceses on how we will journey climate wise this year.

10. HIV/AIDS STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION REDUCTION & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

A Midterm Learning and Review was conducted in December 2022. The findings are still being analysed by the Data Analyst.

11. DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEE

We had the Diocesan Standing Committee Meeting on 21 January 2023, where we shared our plans to host a Golf tournament on 18th March this year as another way of fundraising towards purchase of the Lord Bishop's vehicle. We also expect to celebrate the Diocesan Birthday on 28th October and our entire sister Dioceses will be invited.

12. THE LORD BISHOP'S CAR

The Lord Bishop has no vehicle and his personal car doesn't suit the rural terrain of the Diocese, since our Diocese is by nature largely rural. Currently he is using a Toyota Noah for the Mother's Union Office, which also has multiple mechanical challenges due to the period it has served. Due to such mechanical faults, the vehicle had an accident on 18th of February, while having the Bishop's wife, other members of the Mothers' Union and the Diocesan Accountant. We thank God, no one got hurt.

We are currently making several fundraising initiatives to acquire an offroad vehicle for the Bishop's Office so that his episcopal duties are done with ease. We are also seeking financial assistance from several corporates and Diocesan partners so that the vehicle is acquired sooner.

13. DIOCESAN OFFICES

The Anglican Diocese of Masvingo also wants to construct Diocesan Offices on high rise presentation on their land, where the other office space will be rented out in order to fundraise for the Diocese, in line with the Financial Sustainability trajectory. Currently, the Diocese has no proper Offices as we are using the Cathedral Hall as Diocesan Offices. We are therefore in the process of fundraise or mobilizing resources for this cause.

14. CLERGY MOVEMENTS.

Eight Clergymen were moved effective December and have since settled in their respective Churches. Daramombe Mission, in particular has Fr. George Mbera as the Priest-In-Charge.

15. BISHOP'S PA.

The Bishop's Personal Assistant (PA) has since been engaged. Among other qualifications, she holds a MSc. Degree in Agriculture. This is a blessing to the Diocese since we are already engaged in agricultural

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