

Zimbabwe Newsletter

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My time in Zimbabwe was too short but I needed to return early enough to attend and officiate at the wedding of our granddaughter, Theresa Lynch. Theresa is the youngest daughter of Christopher and Shirley Lynch. It was held May 18. Unfortunately, Joy could not go with me as she is not able to endure the rigors of air travel.

The bridegroom was Abel Bradley Rushing, a fine Christian boy from Alaska. The wedding was held in the Lynch's garden and went off very well. The Lynch family lives way out west in Washington State. They live in the Yakima valley in the vast desert area East of the mountain range East of Seattle. Our son-in-law, Christopher Lynch, works with and administers the water authority that governs the vast irrigation system that has turned the desert into thousands of acres of delicious apples, peaches and other fruit. Numerous dams capture the runoff from rain and snow that falls up in the mountains.

NEWS FROM ZIMBABWE:

BIBLE CAMPS: I was able to participate in both the School Leaver's and the Senior Camps in April.

SCHOOL LEAVER'S: These are the young singles held over the long Easter weekend. The number who registered was 184 but the Sunday attendance rose to 258,

SENIOR CAMP: For the High School age youth. 138 youngsters and there were 8 baptisms.

WOMEN'S CAMP: This was held later in May. There were 420 women attending and there was one baptism. While most of the

attendees are from Harare area churches, many come from the farthest reaches of Zimbabwe and a few from Malawi.

JUNIOR CAMP: Must wait for the August school holidays.

A **MEN'S CAMP:** is also scheduled to be held in August over a long weekend holiday.

FAMINE RELIEF NEEDED: Zimbabwe did not have good rains this past growing season, especially in Binga and other western areas. The majority of our people up there are subsistence farmers and are dependent upon whatever they can grow. I sent a little help last year and the Harare area churches also raised and sent some relief. The famine is even worse this year so I recently sent them another \$1,000 but they really need more.

ECONOMIC MELTDOWN: These problems are made more grievous by serious inflation that seriously reduces the buying power of the average wage earner. Thus reducing the amount that the Harare churches can give to help in times like these.

MY NEPHEW, DALE GARRETT, AND DAVID McQUEEN flew to Zimbabwe the end of May and are to be there for the month of June. They will be visiting the various Harare congregations as time allows and will hold a "Gospel Week" at the Mbare church. David McQueen is a Geologist and will be having some discussions and interaction with teachers and lecturers at the University of Zimbabwe concerning Creation.

THE LORD RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU !

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