

PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

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In his warm, intimate letter to the Church in Philippi, the Apostle Paul starts by giving thanks for the partnership in the gospel they share. He continues with these words of encouragement:

"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1/6)

Then Paul spells out what specifically he is praying for his partners in mission:

"... that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment"

"... so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ"

"... (and) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ ..."

It is a beautiful prayer and so fitting to the situation in which Paul found himself at the time, geographically separated from his partners in the gospel in Philippi, but bound to them by the unbreakable chords of Christian love and a shared mission.

Surely it is a prayer we can offer for our partners in mission in Zimbabwe.



The Bulawayo team

(Left to right) Pastor Robert Chatindo Phanel Moyo (Admin Assistant)
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PRAYER REQUESTS

On your behalf we asked the Bulawayo team to suggest what we should be seeking from the Lord, both for the work and for themselves, the workers. Here are some of their prayer requests:

- Resources to pursue the relief feeding programme and to meet the huge demands that are made on the team as they work among extremely poor, hungry, often homeless and desperate people
- The spiritual resources of patience, perseverance, and indomitable hope as they minister to so many who have lost all hope of seeing change in their lifetime
- The grace and the words to affirm and confirm that the loving Father is their strength and their deliverer
- Provisions to sustain their own families and time to spend with their children as they give so much of themselves in service to others
- For wisdom and courage to lead lives worthy of the gospel and to be a transforming presence within a political culture of corruption and oppression, and among a people showing profound social discontent

May we not fail the Lord by ceasing to pray for our partners in the gospel, and may they be *"filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God"*. (Philippians 1/11)



Pastors visit the community at Killarney



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