

T.MAFA'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

SASULA CIRCUIT

INTRODUCTION

The month of June was a very good month to us as a family, however from the bigger family it was a sad month, we lost two Pastors in the District and it was a big blow to the church, however we are comforted in the hope we have in Christ that they are with the Lord which is for much better.

ACTIVITIES ACHIEVED

- Attended Sunday services
- Meeting
- Visitations
- Rehearsals

SUNDAY SERVICES

Ramhofu church, this church needs a bit of attention. I am realizing the teachers are not that motivated in working with the children. When I visited, the number of children was good, the children were more than twenty, but their teachers came late. After the church service I got a chance to discuss the issue with the elders at the church and they promised they will help. Also I planned a mini-workshop with all the teachers in the circuit mid- July, to help and encourage each other in doing our work in our respective churches.

On the 2nd of June we had a big Sunday at Chemhini church and we were blessed to have Pastor Watungwa as our guest. It was a busy day and our children could not showcase all they had practiced, however they were happy to sing and dance in their different age groups with a few reciting their poems and bible verses.

At Sasula church the children's attendance was also good with all the teachers present. I was pleased to watch, monitoring the teachers in their children respective groups delivering lessons of the day. After the children had their lessons, I was asked to facilitate game activities. I was glad to engage the children in fun , learn and play activities, such as tag of war, ball games, elephant stampede.

MEETING

After the big Sunday service I managed to meet with the teachers and had a general discussion as well as encouraging them to invite me to help if they had any challenges in their teaching rather waiting for me to come on my scheduled timetable.

VISITATIONS

I did my visitations around Sasula area as well as Ramhofu. In my visits I am grateful to have teachers who are willing and eager to see things moving in their churches. We visited to generally encourage the parents and guardians of our children not to stop children from attending their church services because they will loose out on important teachings. It was so encouraging to hear parents acknowledging that the

church is playing a very important role in shaping the lives of the children. We were deliberately relaying the information of drug and substance abuse awareness, especially encouraging the elderly to monitor as well as help their children to desist from playing with drug addicts or elderly people who may end up abusing them.

REHEARSALS

During the week, children came to my house for rehearsals, practicing different activities in preparation for the coming big Sunday, as well as their National Conference which is in Bulawayo in August.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for my family.

Pray for the children's ministry.

T.MAFA'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

SASULA CIRCUIT

INTRODUCTION

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ our Lord, hope you are all well. I am glad to say, the Lord is doing great works in my family as well as the bigger church, the children's ministry.

ACTIVITIES ACHIEVED

- Attended my Sunday services (B.H.C, Sasula and Marovanidze church)
- Rehearsals (B.H.C)
- Children's Day
- Mini-meeting with children's teachers
- Home Visits

SUNDAY SERVICES

At B.H.C church the children's attendance was good with two visitors from Methodist church. The teachers gave the children a group activity where they took turns mimicking in leading the service, after their lesson of the day. That was such fun as our visitors joined in and shared what they do at their church. As I moved around monitoring, I was surprised to see that the teachers were actually judging seriously in that, the group which performed with confidence and without shyness wins a little gift.

Sasula church had also a positive attendance, which was great. The children's teachers invited one of our church member 'Granny Namushuwa' to our service. I was happy by the children's participation when delivered their lesson of the day, little did I know granny Namushuwa is well known of her exciting folktales. The children gathered, and granny Namushuwa told a folktales on good manners.

At Marovanidze church, the attendance was also good with fifteen children in attendance. Unfortunately, one of our children's teacher was absent as she had traveled. So I took the toddler group. I enjoyed with my group of the day as we made our hands sticky and messy while moulding different characters in the bible with colourful play dough. After the lesson of the day, all the children gathered and prayed together for their parents and teachers as it was mother's day.

REHEARSALS (B.H.C)

I had an opportunity to do some activities with the children around Mabasa area at B.H.C church with the help of the children's teachers, during the week. In preparation of the children's day, I monitored and helped the children in preaching, leading praise and worship and how to facilitate a church service. Mrs Njini and Mrs Mukonera also helped in monitoring those who had poems, verses and group dances. I want to thank the Lord the rehearsals were a great success.

CHILDREN'S DAY

On this big Sunday service, the children's ministry had a great opportunity to lead or 'drive' the service. I was glad the children came in great numbers as well as their teachers. The children's teachers were busy seeing to it that those who are sitting sat nicely and quiet. I monitored and helped the children who were on the program that day. The children were filled with excitement as they participated in different areas. I was surprised as one of our children's secretary when announced the budget of the upcoming children's ministry Conference which is going take place in Bulawayo, the congregation pledged everything living nothing behind. I am grateful the service went well.

MINI-MEETING

After children's Day service, we had an opportunity to meet as teachers, where we discussed about the children's tuckshop business. I am glad we received some little cash from the congregation and the teachers planned that with that money we have, one of them will buy some sweets and chips to sell on Sundays. I want to thank the Lord the meeting went well.

HOME VISITS

I did my home visitations around B.H.C area with some of the children after school. We visited one of the children Marry Maphosa who was not feeling well. Her grandmother gave us a warm welcome and was happy to see the children helping in different chores. We prayed with her family that she would get well soon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the children's ministry

Pray for my family