

Twelve More 'Takeaways' From Southern Africa!



1. **Ladies** prepared “Tea and Biscuit” morning and afternoon, and lunch daily, using logs and open fire, at the Preachers Leadership Seminar, April 11 and 12, 2022, City Center Church of Christ, Bulawayo.
2. **Dr. Mike Houts** conducting one of his presentations on Faith, Evolution, Atheism, and Creationism at the Leadership Seminar. 56 preachers came from as far away as Tanzania. Bro. **Mxolisi Ncube**, his translator, is a preacher at the Condray Park Church of Christ in Bulawayo, and did a wonderful job! He was familiar with Mike’s ‘technical’ terms because he is a long time reader of ‘**Apologetics Press**’ and ‘**Reason and Revelation**’.
3. **Simba**, an Agriculture teacher at the school, has identified and tagged the many different tree species on the school campus. The tags have the scientific, English, Ndebele, and Shona names. It includes a full description of the trees characteristics, and a corresponding Bible verse.



4. **East Ridge Church of Christ, Cape Town, S.A.** A young couple brought their two week old son requesting that **Bro. Mervyn Pasqualle** pray for them as parents to raise him up ‘in the nurture and admonition of the Lord’, and for God’s blessings on him to grow up as a servant of God.
5. Meet **Ruth**, Aunt of Dorian Flynn, age 81. A delightful Christian woman, still very active in the Lord’s work. Her parents established several congregations in Cape Town in the 1930’s and 40’s.
6. Sections of Cape Town, where “economic refugees”, migrants (primarily from Zimbabwe), live. Electricity is provided, maybe community water. They gather their own building material (of any kind) for repairs or upgrades.



7. In the well known 'Mitchell's Plain' section of Cape Town, there is a little lighthouse beaming out the hope of Christ in that community! The East Ridge congregation, in addition to its very active local benevolent and evangelistic work and proclaiming the Gospel, operates **EastRidge Christian Academy**, K-7th grade. It has 14 teachers, with bars, alarms, gates, and tight security for 120 neighbor students. Several told me words to the effect that while 'human' wisdom says, "...why don't you leave?", God's wisdom says "we are exactly **where we are needed most**, doing what we need to be doing!"
8. View of the **Amazon Health Clinic** from the school. It is operated by **Bruce and Faith Vimba**, with costs offset by a tomato 'garden' with 40,000 plants, as well as citrus trees. Since opening 7 years ago, they have assisted in hundreds of childbirths.
9. In an area of non-existent or unreliable electricity, efforts are made to make the school energy independent. Here **solar** operates a pump for a water well. Buildings have solar panels as well. The little rainfall they receive is directed off roofs to holding tanks.



10. **Amazon Christian Academy**. New **Science Building** is to be built just to the left of the current buildings. Dr. Houts has secured a **large telescope** for use in the new building!
11. **City Center Church of Christ, Bulawayo**. From this former auto mechanic shop building, since 2002, over 15,000 **World Bible School** studies have been completed, over 3,000 baptisms, and 54 congregations begun! Currently, they have over 14,000 students!
12. Meet **Wally**, childhood friend of Dorian. He is in the **Zimbabwe Professional Rugby Hall of Fame**. (Just for reference, Hailey, in the middle of the picture, and I are the exactly the same height!). More importantly, Wally has a most unusual ministry. He daily visits several nursing homes, and has purchased acreage in order to give a burial for the many (there, most) who have no relatives, or family interest. He has a little marker made, as well as arranging a service. To date, he has provided over 250 such burials. **What a Christ-like spirit! Dignity and honor to those who can never repay and will never know!**