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Dear Friends in Christ:

August 1, 2017

Greetings in the lovely name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thess. 5:18)

I am gratefully glad to God for calling me into the ministry and for giving me the privilege to preach the glorious Gospel of grace from the time of my conversion in 1967. I can join with the Apostle Paul and declare with delight: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (I Tim. 1:12) I thank God for my dear wife, Floretta, who has faithfully stood with me and supported me steadfastly in the ministry from the time of our marriage back on June 21, 1973.

I thank God for you, my dear friend, for your faithful prayers and financial support. We cannot do this work alone. We are counting upon you to continue to stand behind us and support us as we labour for the Lord. Let us work while we have the ability, energy and opportunity. Always remember this: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name..." (Heb. 6:10)

I am thankful to God for your generosity regarding House of Hope Orphanage and Hope Baptist Church in Zimbadwe. Because you gave, we were able to build the orphanage to accommodate these eight (8) children. Because you gave, we were able to dig a well (bore hole) so they can have clean drinking water. Due to no running water in that area, you have to go and get it. Apart from salvation, the most precious gift is water because water is life.

It is so encouraging to know that you continue to invest in the lives of these precious children so they can have a better day and a brighter tomorrow. The Lord will bless you for caring for them and sharing with them.

Thanks for your concern, your cooperation and your contribution. If you wish to contact me, you may call our home number: 1(869) 469-5680, or cell number: 1(869) 760-7297. My email address is <u>pastor.dacosta@live.com</u>. May the Lord richly bless you and keep you as you continue to live for Him, labor for Him and look for His return.

In His Service,

Allinson & Floretta Dacosta