

# The Christian Voice

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ON A WEEKEND

**Covid-19  
WATCH**

**567**  
cases

**142**  
recoveries

**6**  
deaths

## Plumtree crime cases on the rise



ZCA hub in partnership with Yes Trust, Aids Council and PRADA raise awareness on Covid-19 in Plumtree

**Z**imbabwe Christian Alliance (ZCA) hub together with the Plumtree Residents Association (PRADA) are lobbying for the resuscitation of the neighbourhood watch and crime committees due to the increase of crime in Plumtree.

The ZCA Plumtree hub coordinator, Apostle Jephias Ncube said there has been an increase of house break-in and theft cases in Plumtree during the lockdown period.

“Crime has been increasing during the lockdown probably because people are not earning money but have devised criminal means of making money. We cannot ignore that there are some ex-convicts who have come back to the country and are already back to doing crimes,” he said.

Apostle Ncube said residents are now living in fear of housebreaking incidents.

He said the situation has prompted them to form a WhatsApp group and requested assistance for the chairperson of the consultative

committee, Mr John Noble to establish neighbourhood watch.

“We engaged with Mr Noble on establishing a neighbourhood watch, to help decrease the number of crimes that are happening. Today I am pleased to report that four out of six wards have formed crime committees. The remaining two are set to establish theirs by Tuesday this week,” he said.

Besides the formation of the crime committees and the neighbourhood watch, the hub provides psychosocial support and raises awareness on Covid-19.

At the moment the church leaders are counselling about 50 households in ward 5.

“We had the opportunity to address people that were receiving food relief at Dingimuzi Hall. Covid-19 is not the only problem that we have as a country but other cases such as gender-based violence (GBV). The team also managed to talk about gender-based violence and how those who are affected can report these issues,” he said.

## Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)

**C**hurch and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP), is tool of the broader Church and Community Transformation (CCT) approach developed by Tearfund to help the church and para church organisations to facilitate Integral Mission. Its major mantra is: To empower people to transform their situation holistically using God given resources in a sustainable manner. CCMP is a transformational development tool that has been applied in more than 500 churches and communities in 17 African countries including Zimbabwe, since 2001 when the tool was designed.

CCMP facilitators are persuaded that God in His infinite wisdom has put in place resources to sustain any given community within their reach, if people look hard enough they will discover local available resources to help them live a dignified life, free from poverty and associated shame that it brings.

Wherever CCMP is facilitated well, the results are amazing- the church impacting her immediate community and becoming true salt and light. This leads to the church and community working together to destroy that which is against life.

Five Stages of CCMP

1. Church Awakening

The first phase helps to envision the church to the fact that Integral Mission is a ministry to the total person, spirit, soul and body(Matthew 9:35), hence the church should play a leading role in the development of the community that she is serving.

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# Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)

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A series of bible studies designed to allow the bible to speak to the congregates, play a leading role in the process of transformation of individuals, the church and ultimately the community. The bible studies are in three categories namely Foundational bible studies consisting of 5 topics ranging from God's purpose for mankind to the Church as salt and light. Resource Mobilisation bible studies clearly show that God wants his people to be part of a Miracle. These bible studies help people to discover the abundance of resources around them. Relationship building bible studies help to break the barriers that keep people in the vicious cycle of poverty, because poverty is largely caused by relationships that don't work for the well-being of people.

### 2. Church and Community Description

This phase helps the church and the community to describe their history and current situation. It helps individuals, the church and the community to reflect in a non-judgemental environment. The four lepers (2 Kings 7:3-4) described their situation well and asked themselves a pertinent question "why sit here until we die?" This phase if facilitated well can enable the church and community to discuss difficult and sensitive issues in their community. Self-description leaves people with questions which if well answered can lead to steps of self-emancipation rather than waiting for some-one to come and help them.

### 3. Information Gathering

Energised by self-description, the church and community embark on a journey of information gathering that helps the community to have a more-clearer picture of their situation. Information gathered includes both general information and specific information, from household level to institutional level. Information gathering stage, results in the writing of a general community base line.

### 4. Information Analysis

Through a series of church and community meetings, the information gathered is analysed.

The facilitator facilitates analysing problems using 'problem tree' analogy and turning 'problem tree' into 'objective tree' analogy. This process naturally leads into writing of a full community Baseline report which can be used to take both the church and her immediate community to a better state.

### 5. Decision

At this stage the church and community is given



**Dam under construction by local community transformed**

an opportunity to ask if they want change or they are satisfied with their situation. If a change is desired, they are facilitated to 'dream dreams' of transformation. They prioritise their desired changes and set clear goals and simple indicators. Selection of structures (Genesis 41:34 – 36) to oversee the implementation of the action plans that help to make the process of holistic transformation easy.

### CCMP Benefits

**Mind-set Transformation:** Once people's world view is transformed people's potential is released to become what God intended them to be. Good relationships help to build a strong, resilient church and community. When people begin to see the image of God in 'others' who may not subscribe to their religion or political affiliation, we are rest assured that shalom in its true sense is breaking forth in that community. CCMP is a sustainable development model that empowers the pastor/individuals, the church and the community to be in charge of their destiny.

### CCMP in Zimbabwe

The Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) has to date facilitated the training of 187 facilitators from 49 Denominations. There are 8 competent Trainer of Trainers (ToT). 450 local churches are involved and 44 Theological colleges have since been engaged with the possibility of embracing the CCMP model as an Integral Mission tool in their curriculum.

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# Called for such times as these

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**T**he world has no answer or solution to the challenges they are faced with. The world has no answer to Covid-19. The world has no answer to corruption, racism, tribalism as well as poverty. These are all born out of sin which the world embraces. The whole world is going on a highway of destruction. There is a need for a VOICE that calls in this wilderness for Repentance. That voice is the Church of Jesus Christ.

My observation is that these are the days of great exploits by those who know God as Daniel puts it. What an opportunity we have to witness for Christ. What an opportunity we have to be the real Church of Christ.

Beloved I feel in my heart we need to rise above petty denominational trappings and manifest the Kingdom. The world needs Love. The world is looking for leadership and a saviour. The world is in need and everything they need; we have as the body of Christ.

This is our hour and in this generation the church cannot afford to lose this moment. If we are to be significant and relevant, Covid-19 pandemic has given us an opportunity.

Can we arise, can we love and feed the hungry. Can we defend the weak and seek justice? Can we love one another? It is now.

We are his followers at such a time for a time such as this.

Arise and be heard Church!

# The arrows are beyond

by Bishop  
Ngwiza  
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1 Samuel 30.

**A**shes but no bones! They must be alive! Ziklag is in ashes but there are no bodies which means their families were taken captive! The lords of the Philistines did not want David. He had lost his family and everything that he had gathered this far.

All the loot of those raids! And now his own men are talking of stoning him! His world is caving in! If yesterday was the Stockholm Syndrome (bonding with the enemy) today is the Stockdale Paradox: keeping hope alive while taking full cognisance of the present reality!

Feet on the ground. No head in the sky! How did David get here? Let us retrace his steps. In 27:1, "he said to himself", He spoke to himself. He did not consult God. Even though he had Abiathar and the ephod...he did not touch those but ran out of fear of Saul to hide amongst the Philistines. The result is 30:6 where he is greatly distressed because everything has fallen apart.

His own life is in danger not from the enemy but from his own men. At this point in time he comes to his senses and remembers Abiathar and the ephod. He remembers God and the wheels turn. You shall pursue. You shall overtake. You shall recover all!

Perhaps you are where you are because you did not consult God. You made your own choice and it is not a nice bed you have to lie on. But God, remember God he makes the difference. Bow your head right now and repent. Retrace your steps, ask God to intervene and he will.

1 Samuel 28 & 31.

Meanwhile....back at the ranch. You have got to love the way the writer of this book oscillates

between David and his men and Saul on the other hand. The headline in chapter 28 is that God has left Saul and in desperation, he ends up consulting a witch. In chapter 31, we see his tragic defeat and death in the hands of the Philistines. After killing all the priests, Saul wondered why God was not speaking to him.

He had effectively silenced the voice of God! When Abiathar escaped with an ephod to be with David, the presence of God departed to be with the rightful king. And when David left the land of Israel, he took the presence of God with him. Israel was left exposed. When the salt and the light is removed, rot sets in. Sodom and Gomora could not be destroyed if Lot was there because he was the salt in that situation.

Paul's boat could not go under as long as he was in it! Believer, that is who you are in your family, in your community. That's who the church is in the nation. Abraham pleads with God and says you will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. In Ezekiel, the glory of the Lord departs to a place outside the city leaving the temple open to desecration. The glory is the covering and when that departs the enemy has legal right to destroy and plunder. Joseph carried that glory into Egypt and not only was Potiphar's house blessed, the prison system transformed but the nation became a beacon for the salvation of the nations around it! Israel had no choice but to follow that light into Egypt! Where is the church today?

We are the covering of our communities and our nations. The rise of the occult are all because David being away in Ziklag! He was safer in the cave with God's protection than in Ziklag where his camp gets burned. In the cave, his enemy was within arm's length, in the wilderness God's protection made Saul sleep like a baby! Oh David, why did you run? You are so far from home! It is time to head back!

## Cities and Towns Update

**PLUMTREE:** Shops now have mealie-meal though it is expensive costing not less than ZWL\$350. Residents seem to be getting used to wearing face masks in public places though social distance still needs to be improved especially at food distributions. Prices of basic commodities are extremely high but available at most shops.

**GWERU:** In Mkoba most people are longer adhering to lockdown regulations. They no longer wear masks in public spaces. People are

flocking to a certain shop in Mkoba which has less expensive goods compared to other shops. It is always packed, and people do not observe social distancing, even those who work at the shop do not wear masks and they do not have sanitisers for customers.

**KWEKWE:** People in Redcliff are starving since the shutdown of Zisco Steel. Many people lost their jobs and have been unemployed since then. Basic food commodities have gone up by 100 percent and citizens no longer afford.

The rising of fuel has affected the prices and it seems things are going to get tougher than what it is right now.

**HWANGE:** People who recently got paid, were seen buying groceries at shops so that they avoid not being able to afford as prices are increasing daily. There is only one major shop in Hwange, TM Pick n Pay closed some days ago to do renovation. The National Parks are hunting for stray elephants in the bush between Lusumbami and Hwange Power Station.