

# WE ARE STILL THE CHURCH - We are still involved in missions:

## **Missions in Zimbabwe:**

Zimbabwe, an African nation about the size of Montana, has a deep sentiment with the Graham Street community. In the 70's Graham Street joined hands with **Todd and Irene Mazambani**, natives of Zimbabwe, and provided ongoing support. Several Graham Street members have ventured across the globe to see the work and to encourage the fine works going on there. Graham Street was instrumental in the development of the **Christian school in Ruwangwe**.

Since the death of his parents, **Gideon Mazambani**, who attended higher education in the States, has returned to take up the legacy left by his parents. Gideon has a heart for youth, and seeks in many ways to encourage young men in business and training. Gideon's wife works with women's ministries.

In one visit to Zimbabwe, members encountered **Stanley Shereni**, a minister with a heart for prison ministry. Stanley uses **New Life Behavior** lessons to study with prisoners, their families, guards, and other staff members. His work has caught the eye of the government, which has asked him to train all chaplains in the New Life Behavior studies, that these chaplains might utilize them in each prison in Zimbabwe. As of last count, **Stanley has baptized more than 5,100 people. (112 this year.)** 

Todd and Irene have a nephew, **Trymore Mutare**, that Todd mentored to ministry. Trymore became the **chaplain of the Rwangwe school**. Trymore also preaches in several congregations in the surrounding area.

When Todd was no longer able to preach in Rwangwe, **Webster Buzuzi** was hired to preach in Rwangwe. Webster not only preaches there, but in two other towns nearby.

These seeds have grown from the embrace of Graham Street and the Mazambanis.

Although the government of Zimbabwe has imposed severe lockdowns of towns in their country (violators of the lockdown are severely beaten), the above men and their families remain in contact with Mission Committee. They are able to encourage their members in a limited fashion, usually by telephone or WhatsApp, but are checking on their well-being. They request your ongoing prayers and deeply appreciate Graham Street's ongoing support of these efforts.

## Please remember to keep your contribution current.

Though we are not meeting at the church building each week, your continued support of our missions, ministries, and church expenses are still needed. Some ways you can contribute:

- 1. Mail a Check to the Church Office (P.O. Box 6, Stephenville, TX 76401)
- 2. Bank Auto-Pay
- 3. On-Line Donation via grahamstreetchurch.com



#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** <u>https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/</u> You don't need a FaceBook account to view.

GPS Interactive Class Via Google Hangout: Sunday 9:30am to 10:15am

- Join Hangouts Meet <u>meet.google.com/ttf-rryq-afx</u>
- Join by phone <u>1-413-308-4458</u> (PIN: 598367898)

GPS Lessons: <u>https://grahamstreetchurch.com/sermons</u> GPS Resources/Handouts: <u>https://grahamstreetchurch.com/gps</u>

Ladies Class 7:00pm Wednesday Evening: Led by Sherri Caraway on Zoom. A new link is posted weekly on the private Facebook Group :

Graham St C of C Womens Ministry. H.U.G.S. Hearts United in God's Service Or call the office for the link.

24 Hours of prayer: National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7. Signup will be ready soon.

Chronological Bible Reading: https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html

House Church Resources: Check out our website <u>https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com</u>.

## NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

**SENIOR SUNDAY:** Sunday, May 17th we will honor our high school seniors. **SENIORS AND FAMILY, PLEASE PLAN TO BE AVAILABLE ON MAY 17TH.** More details will be delivered soon as to how we will carry out our celebration. If you are graduating this year, please go to <a href="https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org/">https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org/</a> and fill out the Graham Street Seniors submission form.

**T4C GRADUATES:** Due to current social restrictions caused by COVID-19, Taylor is working on a plan to honor our Tarleton May graduates with a special tribute online. If you would like to send gifts to any of our graduates, please contact Taylor or Whitney for information on how you can get it to them.

May T4c Graduates: Averill Dupree Jordan McCain Amber (Holland) Nabors Trevor Sewell

**SURVEY COMING:** Be looking for a survey from our Elders. Expect to receive it sometime next week.

## NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES: Wednesday, 4/29/2020 from 5PM until 7PM (or they are gone!)

GSCC will present a *Night of 100 Casseroles* at the Family Center Parking Lot. Free! (One casserole per family—no requirements to receive one—this is for the community & for GSCC) We are asking members to provide casseroles in foil pans, labeled. Deliver to the Family Center between 4:pm and 5pm. Contact Le Jones or Deborah Swanson with any questions.