



# THE RICHES TO ZIMBABWE

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Dear Brethren,

We are beginning to develop an impression of deputation. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting like-minded brethren that are serious about living for God. This aspect of deputation has been a great encouragement to our hearts. Not all of deputation is enjoyable; we have so missed our church family back home. Doing things that are painful is simply life on earth and maybe this is a needed difficulty of the process. Prosperity sold the church a lie in days past that living for God meant ease and fewer troubles. Jesus Christ, our example, did not choose the path that led to fewer troubles but the path of obedience. That path put Him on the cross and the Bible tells us that by the GRACE OF GOD He tasted death for every man (Hebrews 2:9). It is not instinctive for us to think that something painful can be good for us but we have all experienced this truth. I am continually learning that obedience with pain brings satisfaction while disobedience with ease brings regret. That being said, we are completely satisfied in the will of God, though some of it is uncomfortable. What a blessing that we can do something that is painful and yet have joy because it is about Jesus Christ and not us.

The further we get along on deputation it seems that we “see” Zimbabwe everywhere we go. Needless to say, we have Zimbabwe on our minds and as Paul longed to see the saints in Rome, we likewise long to see the Zimbabweans so that we might minister the gospel unto them.

I met a man named Andrew at a rest stop on my way to a meeting in Virginia. He, as so many people are today, was confused about salvation. He first told me that he had been baptized and so I convinced him that eternal life was not obtained that way. He then moved on to confession and I convinced him that you cannot get to heaven by confession. By the end of the conversation, he knew how to obtain eternal life and so the Lord gave me peace to simply hand him a tract and leave. Please pray that Andrew would get saved. Also, we have a big decision to make about our home in Tennessee after the first of the year. Please pray that God would give us complete assurance on what to do.

Meetings have been going well. We have been in forty-one churches since our return from Zimbabwe this past June. God’s people have been good to us, we are so thankful for the body of Christ. We have seen the Lord’s hand in our time thus far. We have seen people saved, people surrender to the mission field, people give more to missions and families get help, praise God!

We thank you all for praying and for the financial support that you grace us with. We are at approximately forty- five percent of what we need to deploy to Zimbabwe. Please continue to pray that the grace of God would abound toward us in a mighty way so that we might return to the work in Zimbabwe in His time. May the Lord bless your labor where you are serving Him.

Your Missionaries to Zimbabwe,  
The Rich Family (Hebrews 12:2)

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