

Zimbabwe CABSA Facilitators' meeting (25, 26 & 29/03/2008)

Vhumani Magezi

**Venues: Bulawayo (25&26 /03/2008)
Harare (29/03/2008)**

1. Meeting background: Vhumani Magezi, CABSA Mentor for Zimbabwe Facilitators, was invited to run a Postgraduate Training Seminar on "Postgraduate Theological Research" in Zimbabwe on 26-28/03/2008. Therefore, he found it wise to use this opportunity to hold meetings with facilitators in Zimbabwe.

2. Purpose of the meetings: The purpose of the meetings was to establish physical contact with the Zimbabwe facilitators and develop a relationship that will be built upon in future to provide the facilitators with support as part of the mentoring process. This initial contact was necessary since the Mentor and the facilitators had not previously met. In addition to building a relationship and providing space for local networking among the facilitators, the Mentor used this opportunity to explain CABSA's efforts regarding the mentoring programme while also soliciting facilitators' expectations of the mentoring programme.

3. Nature of the meetings: The meetings were informal and were around a meal. The facilitators introduced themselves and briefly explained their areas of HIV and AIDS involvement to which they reported involvement in diverse areas such as HIV and AIDS awareness and Orphan Care but all providing services from a Christian perspective. Below therefore are some of the photos taken and the testimonies of facilitators.

3.1 Meeting on 25/03/2008



This photo is about the meeting held with the facilitators on 25/03/2008 in Bulawayo. The meeting was attended by 16 facilitators. The other facilitators who could not attend due to other commitments arranged separate meeting times with the Mentor. The names of these facilitators are: *Renita Madzingira; Catherine Hanjana; Sithembiso Pulela; Godfrey Mhlanga; Joseph Gakanje; Bonani Hadebe; Perseverance Hadebe; Minenhle Moyo; Dorothy Tall; Sipiwe Gumbo; Bokani Sialumba; Willingmore Mhlanga; Kudzai Washoma; Winston Makeche; and Mkhululi Sihlola.*

3.2 Meeting on 26/03/2008



This photo is about the meeting held with two facilitators on 26/03/2008 in Bulawayo. One of the participants was absent on the 25/03/2008 while the other was the one responsible for organising the meeting. Their names are: *Minenhle Moyo (right); Shingirai Masunda (middle); and Vhumani Magezi (CABSA mentor - left)*

3.3 Meeting on 29/03/2008



This photo is about the meeting held with two facilitators on 29/03/2008 in Harare. Their names are: *Vhumani Magezi (CABSA mentor - left); Nedson Shoko (middle); and Charles Siwella (right).*

4. Comments

All the facilitators expressed appreciation for CABSA's initiative to organise this follow up meeting. Since they were trained they had not met to share their experiences. Therefore this meeting provided space for them to network.

Since I was trained I had not met any other CABSA facilitator but now I know where to get them. I am very thankful for this opportunity (facilitator's comment).

We hope that this meeting is the beginning of a long term process of effective communication and support from CABSA (facilitator's comment).

5. Conclusion

The meetings were very fruitful with meaningful relationships established particularly between the Mentor and facilitators. The Mentor pledged to maintain effective communication.