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EDITORIAL NOTE

The world at large finds itself faced with a pandemic that has claimed over 96,000 people's lives globally. With over 1.6 million people affected worldwide, countries are putting measures to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include banning of gatherings, enforcing lock-down, restricting both internal and external travels, amongst other things.

Such measures have resulted in a dire disruption of people's lives. In business, airlines have been disrupted, companies suspended operations, markets dwindled and even prices of oil crumbled. Most economies worldwide both the developed and emerging countries are feeling the heat. The entertainment industry witnessed challenges too. Concerts, shows and movie launches were either cancelled or postponed, and galleries closed down. Markets for artists, from stone carving and crafting, were also left deserted. Sports activities were halted. The religious world witnessed gatherings being banned and also fanatics and extremists making utterances of the history and the future world after COVID-19.

In response to the pandemic, Zimbabwean authorities have enforced a 21 days lockdown. This lockdown is and has affected every aspect of life. Religion, business, education, sports and entertainment events are affected. Trade has also been disrupted.

As the lockdown progresses, three online publications, Hallelujah Mag, Enthuse Mag and Bhizimusi Weekly collaborated under the Enthuse Afrika banner to produce a syndicated publication called ENTHUSE'D. This publication brings in articles from different writers



bringing insights into what is taking place during the lockdown.

The publication, therefore, brings to light how culture, entertainment and also business have been affected by the lockdown and pandemic.

This is the second edition in which Enthuse Afrika's values in responsible, ethical, sensitive, factual, balanced and reporting and coverage have been used.

The Digital Storytellers behind the scene hope that you, dear reader, will not only enjoy reading but also become better informed and enlightened about current affairs and life beyond COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, the region and beyond.

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Fake Immigration Officers Processing Visas Amid COVID-19 Lockdown

By Ian Mapira / Bhizimusi.com

ome Affairs and Culture Heritage
Ministry has revealed that there are
individuals who are initiating
unauthorised processes to renew visas
and various other permits on behalf of
foreign nationals whose permits have
been affected by the COVID-19 lockdown
measures, appearing as if this has been
sanctioned by the Immigration
Department.

The Ministry said the Department of Immigration has not tasked persons or any individuals for that matter to carry out the exercise of extending the stay of persons, especially foreign nationals who have been affected by the lockdown measures which government recently instituted to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Accordingly, the individuals carrying out this exercise, purportedly on behalf of the Immigration Department are doing so for their own selfish gains and designs," the Ministry said in a press release.

"Noone should pay any fee to any individual misrepresenting to be providing these services on behalf of the Immigration Department.



This is a government service which does not require any facilitation from any third parties."

The Department that focuses on Zimbabwe's homeland issues, referred to the dictates of Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 [Public Health (COVID Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020 (S.I. 83), which gives an automatic extension of permitted residence of foreign nationals during the lockdown.

SI 83 says, "the diplomatic visa, temporary residence permit or employment permit of every foreign national who, during the period of national lockdown, is permitted to be in Zimbabwe by virtue of that visa or permit is hereby extended so that the period of the national lockdown is not counted as part of the period during which they are permitted to be in 7 imbabwe."

"The net effect of SI 83 of 2020 [Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020 was that it automatically renewed the immigration status of all foreign nationals whose

status became invalid consequent to the lockdown, that is diplomatic status, time restricted residence permits, temporary employment permits, scholar's permits, student's permits, temporary permits, visas and visitor's entry certificates," the Ministry explained.

"The public are therefore urged to ignore any unofficial and unsanctioned communication purportedly being done on behalf of the Immigration Department."

Zimbabwe is currently going for a 21 days lockdown that started on 30 March 2020.

The lockdown has witnessed businesses. suspending operations with airline operators also suspending travels to Harare.

Opportunity: Produce Like a Pro with Free Film-making **Masterclasses**

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he MultiChoice Talent Factory has launched a series of online masterclasses. on its portal. Offering exclusive access to practical skills workshops led by experts in the world of film and television; the masterclasses began on March 30th.

The Masterclasses hope to provide a boost to all film-makers, especially those in isolation or lockdown.

Designed as an A-to-Z package; it includes tools and templates that equip new producers with industry know-how. The first is a 20-module training on postproduction by Marie Rosholt. Marie Rosholt is a big deal in reality television who formally produced shows like Big Brother and Survivor.

Produce Like a 'Pro' hopes to ensure that knowledge and experience are passed on to the next generation of African storytellers. For that reason; the portal is complemented by three MTF academies providing ongoing training to students from across the continent. The MultiChoice Talent Factory's partners include Dolby and the New York Film Academy.

The masterclasses are available to registered users on the portal as well as to Newcomers who are encouraged to register for free.



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Bank Workers Lay Off Conditions For Financial Institutions to Reopen for Public

By Ian Mapira / Bhizimusi.com

Zimbabwe Banks and Allied Workers Union (ZIBAWU) on Wednesday (April 8) laid off conditions to ensure laborers are secure in response to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) directive for financial institutions to open three days a week.

The union, in a letter, accused the RBZ of not consulting the workers before giving the directive that was made in a follow up to President Emmerson Mnangagwa, that the Central bank should put measures for residents to get money from the diaspora.

"This is a matter that involves the health and safety of workers and their families. Workers have a legitimate expectation to be consulted before such decisions that have huge impact on them and their families are implemented," ZIBAWU General Secretary Peter Mutasa said in the letter.

"From your directive, we do not see the measures put in place to ensure that all banks maintain minimum safety and health standards. This is critical not just for the health of staff, but client and the nation."

The workers offered the following conditions.

"Staff members must be provided with appropriate private transport or fuel for those with own vehicles so that they avoid public transport," he said.

"Workers must be provided with sufficient and appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment such as masks, gloves, sanitisers etc. There must also be regular and proper cleaning of all opening workplaces."

Banks should arrange facilities for regular testing and monitoring and assurance of private medical care for the workers and their families in case of infections according to Mutasa.

"The few employees selected to work should have reasonable life assurance cover paid for by banks. It is also our suggestion that they be given a risk allowance," he went on.

"Banks should provide, relevant, timely and educative information to every staff member and their families on COVID-19 using suitable and accessible channels."

"Banks should engage mental health specialists for staff members and their families who maybe in need."



Minister Michael Mahendere

With churches closed for services during the lockdown, a new pop-up channel on DStv will allow Christians in Zimbabwe to commemorate Easter at home, in fellowship with millions of other viewers across Africa.

The new channel is aimed at Christians from all denominations and will run from Maundy Thursday, April 9, through to Easter Monday, April 13.

To be known as the African Easter Channel, it is being hosted in collaboration with TBN Africa.

"All Christians will be pleased with this special channel, which will provide a means of hearing more about the meaning and messages of Easter despite confinement during the lockdown," said Liz Dziva, publicity and public relations manager of MultiChoice Zimbabwe.

DStv Pop-Up Brings Easter to Your Home

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"The channel's schedule will include significant input from the Methodist, Anglican and Catholic churches. Popular gospel artists such as Zimbabwean Michael Mahendere, Dr Tumi and Rebecca Malope will also feature prominently in the channel."

Content for the Easter weekend channel is being recorded by various churches in safe conditions and will include music, sermons and services. The observation of Good Friday marks the holiest day of the Christian calendar, while the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday marks the most joyous occasion, and the underlying message of hope, community and purpose will be emphasised in the channel content.

"We are delighted that DStv can give viewers a meaningful experience of Easter at this most important time for Christians, and we are sure that people disappointed at not being able to commemorate in church the various points of worship during the Easter weekend will be pleased with this outreach opportunity, knowing they do so in fellowship with so many other Christians in their own homes," said Ms Dziva.

African Easter will be available on DStv channel 344.



ZimTrade Raise Worries On China Zimbabwe Trade

By Ian Mapira/bhizimusi.com

ZimTrade in a monthly trading post discussed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to trade between Zimbabwe and China.

Zimbabwe's exports to China were worth US\$974 million while imports value were US\$369 million in 2019, according to Trade Map.

"Currently, there are cases where Chinese import companies are cancelling orders due to port closures and hence Zimbabwe's exports to the country are affected," ZimTrade said in its March 2020 Trading Post.

"With China having shut down its manufacturing centres and closed its ports, there will be a resultant decrease in demand for the Zimbabwean products. At the same time, closed borders in China means Zimbabwean manufacturers that rely on raw materials and other consumables from China will be affected and the spiral effect of reduced

manufacturing in China will have a toll on Zimbabwean industries."

Going forward, ZimTrade said it is important for local companies to start considering locally produced raw materials that can support businesses rather than relying on imports.

"This can be easily achieved is stronger linkages are created between suppliers and buyers so that they can strike a balance between supplying the quality products and right prices," the organisation said.

"This import substitution will allow the country to create employment and at the same time preserve the scarce foreign currency. Going forward, it is important for local companies to start considering locally produced raw materials that can support businesses."

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Bushiri Has Been Asking for Contributions from His Followers. Here Is Why

By Chrispen Charamba/ hallelujahmag.com

he past few weeks since the coronavirus was first detected have been unusually cataclysmic. These are days of abnormal fear, panic, anxiety and hopelessness with towering ramifications on human health, financial security, social life and future goals. Fear, loneliness and stress have become companions in homes.

When social and spiritual interactions are thwarted, not by choice but by circumstances beyond our control, we are forced to adjust.

Despite that many people have been locked out in their houses and out of their means to earn a living, clerics are continually asking them for "seed money".

In one video that's being circulated online, billionaire preacher Prophet Shepherd Bushiri is captured asking his congregants to send contributions to a certain bank account number.

Several people raised eyebrows, asking if such requests were reasonable given the impact of COVID-19 that has brought several countries to their knees.

It turns out that the Enlightened Christian Gathering Church leader's monetary appeals were good-intentioned. His Church's spokesperson, Ephraim Nyondo, is on record saying that the requests for contributions were in line with church precedent and meant to help alleviate the effects of COVID-19 across several countries.

"We have 700 branches across the world and in nearly 30 countries. At least 10,197 people are employed formally in the ministry, as pastors, security personnel, intelligence officers and other different posts.

"All of these people depend on the salary they draw from this employment. Add to that there are nearly 20,000 other paid volunteers. All of these people would starve if the church shut down and cut off their salaries," Nyondo told Khuluma Afrika.

He added that the requests were not sent to South Africa only, but to all other countries on lock-down.

"As it is, out of the 29 countries which have ECG branches, less than 5 have lockdowns. The prophet didn't ask people in lockdown to deposit money. He asked those watching him worldwide to contribute and these contributions are meant to help alleviate the effects of COVID-19 around the world." he said.

"There is a shortage of beds and ventilators all over Africa and South America right now. The prophet is coordinating the purchase of over 250.000 ICU units and nearly 90.000 ventilators across the world. He asked his 44 million viewers to help him join the fight against COVID-19," he added.

Nyondo said that ECG have done similar initiatives in the past as they have done similar initiative in the past. Last year the church came to many's rescue amid Cyclone Idai and the El Nino-induced drought across the region.

Terrance Baloyi, head of legal services at the ECG, also added that Bushiri stood to benefit nothing from the requests for contributions. He said the fight against COVID-19 was not just about food and shelter, and that Bushiri was building hospitals in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and purchasing ICU units.

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Government Creates National Disaster Fund For Donors

By Ian Mapira / Bhizimusi.com

Zimbabwe government has established a National Disaster Fund dedicated to receiving contributions to fight the COVID-19.

Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube said the pandemic is undoubtedly very likely to be one of the worst natural disasters to befall Zimbabwe in recent times.

He said,"... the scale and seriousness of this epidemic (COVID-19) calls upon all of us as Zimbabweans to put our best foot forward and I, therefore, wish to assist in any way to come forward with their contributions to the effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic."

"In that regard, the Government has established a National Disaster Fund dedicated to receive and account for contributions from Development Partners and a wide spectrum fo wellwishers and ring fencing them for deployment to address and mitigate the effects of such adverse occurrences."

The Government opens the National Disaster Fund after the Finance Minister revealed that international donors pledged close to US\$100m to help Zimbabwe fight the COVID-19.

The Global Fund pledged US\$25 million, while the World Bank promised US\$ million and the United States government also promising US\$470 000.

"Development partners are complementing government efforts in a number of ways focusing on humanitarian assistance," Ncube was quoted in local media.

"Given the magnitude of the resources required to fight this crisis, government will continue to approach and engage more development partners as well as our own private sector to combine efforts towards fighting this pandemic."

Zimbabwe Government, on its part, set aside over ZWL\$500 to cover one million vulnerable households, caught up in lockdown, under a cash transfer programme for the next three months.

The current administration also provided ZWL\$50million to Premier Services Medical Aid Society in preparation for government workers who directly contact COVID-19 patience to prepare for COVID-19.

"Government has in response, set aside significant resources towards efforts to mitigate the immediate, medium and longterm effects of this global pandemic on our people and the broader economy." Ncube said.

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How Loyal Is The Barefoot Goddess Ammara Brown?

By Chrispen Charamba / Enthusemag.com



We don't deserve Ammara Nury Brown, but we'll happily take her, anyway. If you are up on the incredible, beloved icon and trend-setting barefoot diva — and chances are that if you're reading this, you are — you know that her unique and bespoke musical blend has claimed a place of pride on the Zimbabwean stage ever since she debuted on the scene and made strings of national anthems of love like Kure Kure and Mukoko.

At 31 now, this titan of work ethic and saccharine vocals can't stop because she has a contractual obligation with National Institute of Satisfying You not to.

In case you missed it when the sky parted, angels descended from the clouds, and confetti rained from the heavens a week or so ago; Ammara was kind enough to treat us with a video for her singular seasonal bop "Loyal" courtesy of Edible Elevens and Leoy V.

Set up in some rough-hewn place, the video is nevertheless peppy and cute. And for some reason, Acie Badboy Lumumba, who stars as her love interest, keeps on kissing her on the forehead and pinpointing some place at a badly calligraphed map.

There is no doubt that the Ammara in this song has his back. She promises to stand by him, scars and all, and help him carry the burden that threatens to break him. Although she's gone on record with relationship traumas in the past and has been vulnerable enough to confess that she's been as susceptible as the rest of us to abuse and insecurities, she knows the value of unconditional love and she spells it out in this song.

This song just so happens to be on my A-list of favourite Ammara songs of all time in the history of forever. I often think of this song when I'm having a day that's gray or lonely. I just stick up my chin and grin and say, "I am loyal to love my love until until I will, I will defend the love I have for you until until i will... always loyal to love my love..."

Like I use it to express self-loyalty of sort.

I'm listening to this song as I write this and I'm pretty sure the guy sitting next to me wants to ask, so badly, what I'm listening to because of the shoulder lean I just hit right back into the seated-two-step-in-a-chair motion I have going.



This song literally makes me move and there's nothing I can do about it. It clocks in at 4 minutes and 23 seconds and the last 2-plus minutes are just music and if this is the last song I ever hear, well, mama, that's alright with me.

It's an arresting track with minimal instrumentation that allows you to appreciate the song's weight and context. Her voice is gorgeous — creamy smooth and spectacular. She projects pure emotion into the sensuous, sharply swinging her mornas-esque oddity and briskly elevates her technical range with such awe. In all this, she makes all this seem effortless. There's an intimacy in the way this jam was recorded, which-makes it feel like it was delivered as a personal gift to you.

It's inviting, impressive in its musicianship, and the arrangements are a refreshing addition to the Zimbabwean repertoire. Alas, I know some don't see it that way and that is very much subject to debate.

And because Ammara and dancing are synonymous, we can't eschew the fact that there is a John Cole's touch that deserves props. The barefoot diva still got it, y'all. Seriously, the precision! The way she hits every beat with a firm smoothness in this video is what makes her and her electrifying performances so iconic She dances her ass off!

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HE Applauds University Developers Producing COVID-19 Equipment

By Ian Mapira/ Bhizimusi.com

resident Emmerson Mnangagwa last Friday applauded university and technical colleges researchers, inventors and developers who are working on various materials needed by health facilities in fighting against COVID-19.

Universities have been producing face masks and sanitisers with international demand for such going up as the pandemic affects over a million people.

"This pandemic has indeed triggered flashes of unprecedented national creativity and inventiveness," the Zimbabwean leader said.

"Our high literacy levels must now be turned to tangible practical research, developments and inventions. Institutions of higher learning will have the full support of my government."

Besides university researchers, the President also paid tribute to the business society for supporting initiatives meant to strengthen overall national response COVID-19.

"Our health delivery system must scale to new heights, buttressed by supporting



industries," he said.

"This must be a turning point which will see our country emerge from this misfortune, secure and self-sufficient through import substitution with new industries in the medical sector and associate exports."

"To this end, Government is ready to support and facilitate the establishment of a medical, industrial/technological complex."

COVID-19 currently has infected eleven people in Zimbabwe, including three deaths The pandemic that was first discovered in China has claimed the lives of nearly a hundred thousand people worldwide.





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Prophets & Spiritual

Healers Diverting

Attention to Bill

Gates and 5G

hey gained notoriety as faith healers and thousands of their followers view them as embodiments of miracle healing. They have even set up healing schools and pre-COVID-19 they made so much noise and celebrated wondrous miraculous healing powers and paraded many on their social media platforms.

But like lizards threatened by a predator, they have run to hide under rocks and disappeared into the ground.

Where are the prophets that once boasted to possess healing powers? Where are the pastors famed for divine healing and anointing? Is this not the time to show face?

But instead of demonstrating the anointing powers that they have aptly claimed to have and possess they chose not to demonstrate their 'so-called-Godgiven-powers' they thusly, engage in a philosophical argument about the medical effects of 5G and feed into conspiracy

theories that are baseless and without fact.

Like hyenas, they now squabble amongst themselves some asking about why the coronavirus has reached their village which has no 5G. Even calling each other fake.

Is this a trick to distract the ever gullible followers who are egging you on?

At a time when the world is in confusion and calmness is required some of those once famed for prophetic healing are now championing conspiracies and pitting themselves against the likes of Bill Gates and churning out vitriol and equating the American billionaire philanthropist to a beast from hell, doing the devils bidding.

It is easy to claim healing powers in the absence of a real pandemic. Indeed, prophetic healing schools can be set up in every postal code the world over, but the real test comes when something like COVID-19 enters the scene.

Those without bias have seen and are in no doubt that those who modelled and

fashioned themselves as prophets and spiritual healers of our time possess no sacral mystique, but are fallible human beings like the rest of us.

God has shown people of faith that He alone is the healer: it has been made clear now that it is only God who is never in error. Only God is ever in complete control.

However, we should not readily dismiss the blessings of medical research and practice; only God truly has the power to heal.

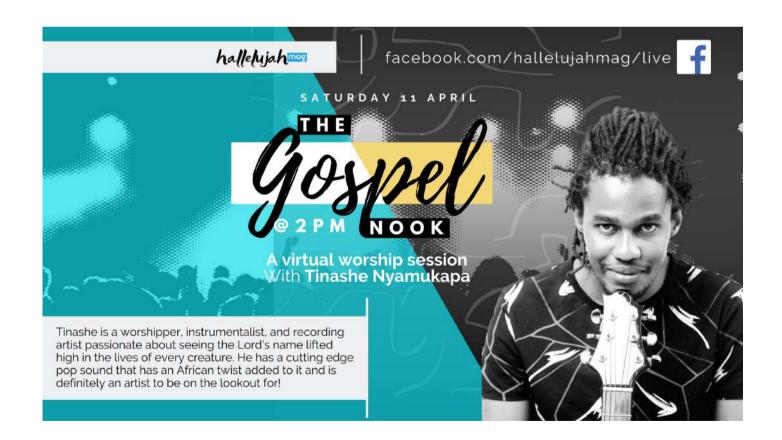
Medical science should not be seen as a devils arm. God can still use medical experts to heal us. Hospitals and medicine artwo-pronged...

Vaccination is not a tool of the devil.

It is very worrisome and rather sad that some preachers are scaring their followers and constructing distrust by alleging that some vaccination will be the biblical mark of the beast. A lot of the gullible followers of these prophets in Africa particularly, and to a certain extent, the world over might have already swallowed this information hook-lineand-sinker. The extent of this damage is yet to be seen.

The fight by these prophetic healers is two-pronged...

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Of Folks Cuffing During **Quarantine Period**

By Chrispen Charamba / Enthusemag.com

'm a single young man out and about in the streets. It is with a heavy heart that I'm coming out to inform you that the COVID-19 pandemic has made one thing painfully clear for many single people and people who live alone that human contact is the most precious commodity these days. With the ongoing social distancing which feels like forever now although it's been ten days only, we are miserably craving for that connection.

It's not like we have a lot of options in our sleeves. It's too scary to go out, and it's too lonely to stay in. The nights are long and full of terrors. Blessed are the "haves". those lucky humans who've got kids, partners, or roommates. Yes, they may be loud and exhausting and downright crazymaking at times, but a warm body is a warm body.

To the "have-nots" who are isolated in their homes for days or weeks on end, this can seem like an incredible luxury. A text or WhatsApp call just isn't the same as an in-person company.

Lonesome isolation can be very harmful to people's mental health, triggering or exacerbating conditions like anxiety, depression and suicidal ideation. Even before the coronavirus came along. loneliness was a silent epidemic, afflicting

Lonesome isolation can be very harmful to people's mental health, triggering or exacerbating conditions like anxiety. depression and suicidal ideation. Even before the Coronavirus came along. loneliness was a silent epidemic, afflicting

millions around the world. Studies have found that loneliness increases your risk of premature mortality by 26 %. Experts say it's as bad for your longevity as smoking.

To combat this epidemic, it turns out that some of our single folks might have made capital out of the lockdown period to cuff. absolutely disregarding the need to follow social distancing rules as laid out by public health authorities and local governments.

Now, to our uninitiated cool friends, cuffing is an official sport where singles scramble for brunch partners, bedsheet warmers, and people whose "Hey" texts you see but don't click on for hours because you don't want them to get a read receipt.

Derived unofficially from a study that researchers at top educational institutes never thought about doing, CUFF (Consensual Undercover Fornication Federation), is a game when people couple off to combat the cold and loneliness. When parsed down, it is simply a social construct, partly manufactured from holiday stress and partly biological, that pushes single people into relationships for a certain period.

Though it's not an ironclad law, there is a schedule to cuffing season, and it usually happens in the wintertime.

Although highly contested, sociologists have determined that cuffing is about companionship and less about sex. They argue that cuffing is an informal agreement to provide companionship and romantic interest without the entrapment associated with a formal title. It requires a greater investment of time than a "cut buddy" or a booty call, but it is less than a girlfriend.

Mutually agreed upon the activity, it's for those folks who aren't ready for longterm relationships for various reasons. but value companionship, friendship and semi-regular orgasms within the safe confines of monogamy. The great thing about cuffing is that -because it is an indoor sport - a cuffing partner doesn't require all the bells and whistles of a regular partner because there is no public aspect to cuffing.

Contrary to popular belief that is a nostrings-attached affair, cuffing comes with responsibility. If you are lucky enough to be someone's first-round cuffing pick, you are no longer a free agent, therefore, your services are limited exclusively to your cuffee, unless your contract states otherwise. Cuffing requires more chemistry than a booty call because a cuffing teammate must have the same taste in movies and have a compatible work schedule that allows for extracurricular cuffing activities.

It involves a delicate communication process of understanding and mutual agreement. One does not ask, "Would you like to cuff?" In fact, a huge number of all cuffing situations evolve from booty call activities...

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How Do Zimbabwean Pastors Preach?

By Chris Charamba/ hallelujahmag.com

he Zimbabwean society has seen a mass revolution of faith that has brought about a rise of innumerable church denominations and various ministers of the Word.

What's of interest is that while all of the churches and ministers seem to champion

the same deity, they differ in character, dressing, style and what they preach about.

Many of these pastors are concerned about leading sinners to Christ, others, however, have been painted as mere gospereneurs who are more interested in making fortune and fame.

Leave it to the diasporabased comedian Tafadzwa Ngubozabo popularly known as **Taffy Theman** to give a state-of-the-art comic comparison of the dynamics of preaching by contemporary Zimbabwean prophets and pastors.

No preacher is safe from the comedian's mimicry, from the white-garment

apostolic sects to megachurch Pentecostals. It's the apostolic sects' interjectory pleonasm; Prophet T Freddy's jocose miracle declarations; Prophet Walter Magaya's notorious engagement of secular pop cultures in church, Apostle T.F. Chiwenga's radical and meticulous homilies, and Prophet Eubert Angel's sesquipedalianism.

Couple that with a caricature of Apostle Christopher Kapandura's unapologetic

> vulgar-laden theological allocutions, Prophet Talent Madungwe's seemingly unhinged oracles, Prophet Passion Java's feather-brained glossolalias, and **Prophet Emmanuel** Makandiwa's sagaciousness and you have a life worthy piece of comedy to laugh and sway you from the

present COVID-19 pandemic.

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A Loving Letter to the Side Chicks in **Coronavirus Solitary**

By Chris Charamba / Enthusemag.com

ear Sidechick, it's been a couple of days since the outside world has been ruled out due to the takeover of the whirlwind and badass Miss "Rona. We just thought of you, sis, as most of the places that he used to take you to have been cancelled like a virulent culture. The closeted movie houses and terrace restaurants? Cancelled. "Til-Dawn-Do-Us-Part" bae holidays? Cancelled. Unplugged, Cookout, First Fridays, raunch music gigs, discothegues and social gatherings? C-A-N-C-E-L-L-E-D!

We are truly concerned about you. Unlike those other side pieces who don't know their place, who spent their nights in holding cells for the destruction of property, disturbing tranquillity, or assault and battery, you know that you had to wait your turn. You've been in the house for like forever now, forlorn, fighting back tears and pondering on the "what ifs and what could have beens" of life or if you have said yes to that Kombi hwindi who kinda hit you with, hey I'm feeling you like that.

There's a third empty bottle of vodka and a shot glass on your nightstand. Your sappy, Fuck-Him-I-Don't-Need-Him playlist made up by moody Western broads with B.O.Bs in their closets is still playing gently in the background. But your fucksgiving level shoots up as your phone vibrates and you want so bad to check your notifications hoping he might have slunk into the bathroom to text that he's on the way over.

Checking your breath, you smell like you had a make-out session with a shitbreathing dragon. You look in the mirror and see peach cobbler crust in the corner of your mouth and your eyes. Time is spiralling down, and you only have about thirty to forty minutes before that key enters the lock to your home, and you have to be ready.

You want to leap into the shower to wash the liquor and misery from your skin. Get out and brush the hot damn from your tongue. Rip off your bonnet and pull your flexirods from your hair, slay your face at a lightning speed, use his preferred Bath

and Body Works lotion and body spray, and slip on a robe he bought you a couple of weeks ago. Then you tumble down your hallway just in time to be sitting on the lounge, flipping through the channels, casually, when the door opens, with your "I woke up like this" turned to the max.

He would come in with a bag of breakfast from the trolling-ass Chicken Hut and sets it on the counter, strides over to kiss your cheek, but you veer your face away, feigning disgust. You can't make it that simple. His "hey booboo" and "I missed you" fall on deaf ears as he pulls out the fast cuisine, or at least you pretend they do. But your grizzly bear stomach growl betrays you. Hoping he didn't hear it, like a kid who just passed gas in a room full of his peers, you grimace and turn around, seeing him smiling at you. The smile will just weaken you like that. Every part of you.

He smiles like a flaky-ass teenager as he makes his way over to you with his hands behind his back. You eagerly anticipate the epiphany. You lead him to your bedroom. You sexy pose against the nightstand, slick sliding it closed, and wait for him to come to you, blushing because he's standing there, militantly admiring your ravaging beauty like a soldier who iust made it out alive from Sudan. He walks over and pulls the tie loose on your robe, his eyes indicating his ratification of your pick of lingerie, and kisses you like you're the only woman for him... The rest, we know.

After you've sweated out your hard pressmessed up your weave, or thumped the curls out of your head on the headboard and possibly gargled a few of his future generations, you're back on the couch, eating microwave heated eggs and French sausage.

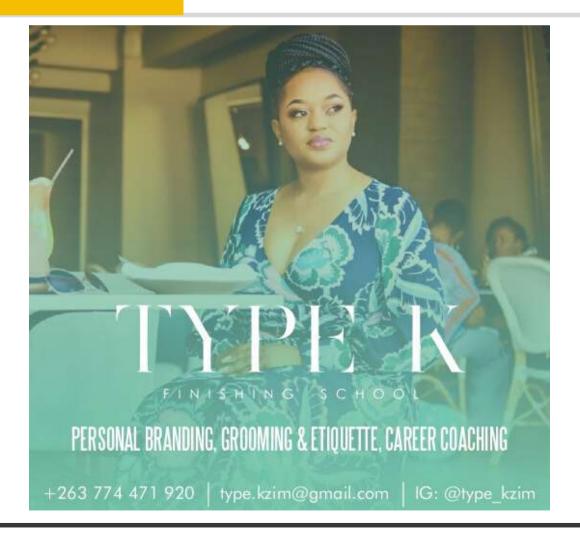


Watching some mushy-ass film, snuggled up like lovers until...his phone signals like a honking car alarm.

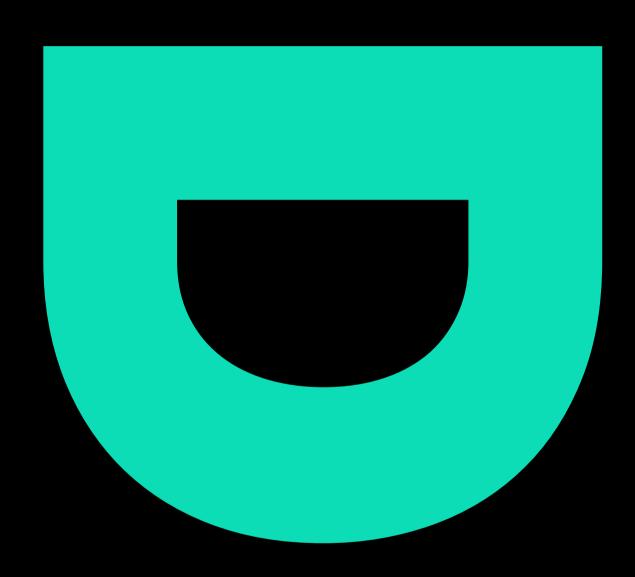
The reality is made known that your time is up. He's got to go back to her, and no sheer amount of imploring, appealing or nagging is going to change that. So, maybe after one further back bender, you suck it up, observe him go shower and redress. Then you put on a brave smile and see him out, go back to a hollow, dishevelled bed. Breathing the scent of his Hugo in your sheets only makes you cry harder but it's only a few days or weeks before he visits again. He says he's sorry and that he loves you.



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