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EDITORIAL

As you might have noticed, we live in extraordinary times that are fast becoming normal. This issue of ENTHUSE'D continues to attempt to interpret/communicate the features of this new world order we find ourselves in. Not too long ago Zimbabwean Twitter imploded over what many may interpret as the undercurrents of living and breathing misogyny and stereotypically references that plague woman, let alone those who take on the roles of single-parenting. We may meme-about the small-house saga through Tik Tok parodies and viral clips but a large number of women have either made their peace with other-woman status or been trapped into it. The prize? A whole little life one must raise single-handedly or worse awkwardly and often angrily co-parent. Whether these are life-choices that must subject one to a life long stigma is sadly still in the court of opinion. This may be why a piece on the plights of single-mothers written two years ago is still very relevant today. In honour of Mother's Day weekend, our cover is in ode to single mothers.

A heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to the powerful rocks we call African mothers, living or in spirit. To anyone who has shown compassion, nurture and love to a child. To anyone who has given a timely listening ear or hugs to a child or grown-ass adult who quite simply just needed a mother at the time. A heartfelt gender neutral Happy Mother's Day to you all!

Still, on the human condition, we pick marital nuggets from founder and Overseer of Jabula New Life Ministries International, Bishop Tudor Bismark from his appearance on the Trevor Ncube's show.

In business; since the legalization of forex as legal tender, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has made it it's business to end the bleed that is black market exchange. A current showdown stands between the regulator and Econet Wireless's EcoCash after are directive to freeze 53,000 agent accounts that have transacted more than ZWL100,000 per month. This, in turn, according to Econet is said to potentially affect 11, million users. ENTHUSE'D is a consolidated effort by Enthuse Afrika with content partners bhizimusi.com, hallelujahmag.com and enthusemag.com. We hope there's a little something in here for everyone.

Yours in ideas,

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THE BANK HAS, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, SUSPENDED THE OPERATING LICENCES OF SHONS FINANCE SERVICES AND KWIK FOREX, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS AND REGULATORY ACTION.



RBZ FINES CASH-TWENTY FOUR ZW\$2,2 MILLION

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) yesterday fined Cash-Twenty Four (Pvt) Limited for failing to declare transactions as required by the law.

The central bank was investigating Cash-Twenty Four for suspected involvement in illicit foreign currency transactions.

“Cash-Twenty Four has since admitted the charge of failing to record and declare foreign currency transactions and has since paid the imposed administrative fine of ZW\$2,500 000 (two million five hundred thousand dollars),” RBZ, governor, John Mangudya said.

The Bureaux De Change had its operating licence suspended also during the investigations.

Besides Cash-Twenty Four, RBZ is also investigating three more licensed money changers for not following the law.

“Further, the Bank has identified two more bureaux de change, namely, Shons Finance Services (Pvt) Limited (Shons Finance Services) and Superdeal Enterprises (Pvt) Limited trading as Kwik Forex (Kwik Forex), which have not been declaring or have been under-declaring their foreign exchange transactions, in breach of the law,” Mangudya said.



SOURCE: BULAWAYO 24



“The Bank has, with immediate effect, suspended the operating licences of Shons Finance Services and Kwik Forex, pending further investigations and regulatory action.”

The case of Crediconnect (Pvt) Limited, which was suspended at the same time with Cash-Twenty, is still pending determination according to the central bank.

RBZ also identified three unlicensed foreign currency dealers including Stallion Financial Services (Pvt) Limited (Stallion), Forbes Financial Services (Pvt) Limited (Forbes) and Juso Global (Pvt) Limited (Juso Global).

“The Bank has referred the unlicensed entities (Stallion, Forbes and Juso Global) to the FIU (Financial Intelligence Unit) for further investigation and appropriate action in terms of the law,” Mangudya said. “Meanwhile, the Financial Intelligence Unit has frozen all the accounts of all the above-mentioned entities.”

FIGHT IT ALL YOU WANT BUT HOMOSEXUALITY IS EMBEDDED IN AFRICAN HISTORY!

By Hazel Lifa/ Enthusemag.com

In its perceptions and ideologies, Africa finds itself in a storm of confusion regarding the topic of homosexuality and its history in African culture. The continent’s thoughts of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) community were as clear as day in the 2016 annual survey of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Association (ILGA). The survey measures public attitudes towards LGBTI people on every continent.

One of the questions asked was whether the same-sex desire is a western phenomenon and almost 50% of Zimbabwe respondents believed this to be true, Uganda had 54% and Nigeria had 51% respondents in the affirmative. South African research analyst, Gerbrandt van Heerden has taken a historical route in truly discussing the topic in his piece titled “Dispelling the Myth That Homosexuality is Un-African”.

Van Heerden’s piece takes a look at pre-colonial times before the west had infiltrated our way of life to uncover the



vast homosexual tendencies our people exhibited. Pre-colonial Uganda was home to such trends, Kabaka (king) Mwanga of Buganda resorted to executing male subjects who objected to physical intimacy with him because of their new religion, Christianity.

Yet today one finds African officials such as Rebecca Kagada, Uganda's Speaker of parliament who has since threatened to

withdraw her country from the 138th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly. The threat came as a cautionary measure should some nations push for the inclusion of LGBTI people in a declaration on migrants and refugees.

The Kenyan tribes of Kikuyu and Meru had special religious leaders known as, Mugawe who dressed like women and had recognized marriages amongst themselves. The Kenyan tribe of Kamba also allowed same-sex marriages amongst women in a bid to aid fertility. Ghana's Ashanti kingdom during the 18th and 19th had male concubines; these were basically sex slaves who dressed and acted as women.

Despite all this evidence, some like Dr. Ezekiel Mutua, CEO of Kenya Films and Classification Board are willing to risk their jobs to prove otherwise. Dr. Mutau declared himself a defender of Africa's morals and sexual decency. Just this year Kenyan film 'Rafiki' was the first to make it to the Cannes Film Festival yet it was banned defiantly due to its unapologetic themes of a lesbian romance.

During Zimbabwe's 37th independence celebrations, commissioner Petunia Chirisei stated, "...you (Mugabe) took a firm stand against unbiblical, un-cultural, unacceptable practices which foreigners wish to impose on Africa."

There is a scary yet clear indication of confusion about Africa's past by Africans. It's in how many African reject homosexuality based on its unculturedness yet, history seems to

disagree. Of course, people are entitled to their own opinions and can choose how to perceive whatever situations as they wish but one cannot discard or alter history.

According to Bisi Alimi's article,

"if you say being gay is not African, you don't know your history!"

Yet Politicians all over the continent have been cashing in on votes by standing behind this homophobic stance because let's face it..."Across Africa, if you hate gay people, you get votes."

The topic of sexuality is a sensitive one and ultimately hangs on the one's free will; it has been used to manipulate people by leaders.

Re-education on the topic would do more good than harm as this so-called 'western phenomenon' seems to have strong ties in Africa's past.

I First Learnt About God & Salvation in Africa: Archbishop Justin Welby

SOURCE: DAILY EXPRESS

By Chris Charamba/Hallelujahmag.com

The irony of life! It is universally accepted that Christianity spread through Africa through colonialism and to this day, the Christian faith occupies a complicated, often racialised place in the history of blacks all over the globe because of how it was abused by white colonists and slave traders to subjugate blacks.

Nonetheless, the world was given a bit of a *wait-a-minute* moment not so long ago when the principal leader of the Church of England and the head primus inter pares of the worldwide Anglican Communion, Archbishop Justin Welby, revealed that he first learnt of God and salvation in the... “heart of darkness”... Africa, Kenya to be precise.

The Most Revd Arch. made the disclosure upon his visit to Kiburu Boys Secondary School, a school he taught at in central Kenya 46 years ago. He was in the East Africa nation to meet Anglican Church bishops and Kenyan politicians, among them the Deputy President William Ruto, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and former Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka.

Earlier in January, he visited the house he used to live in as a teacher and recorded a video message to his followers on Twitter

with the caption, "46 years ago at this place in Kenya, I learned that Jesus Christ offers life, hope and salvation to me and to everyone,".

According to his official website, Revd Welby was ordained in 1992 after an 11-year career in the oil industry. He spent his first 15 years serving in Coventry diocese, often in places of significant deprivation.

In 2002 he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he jointly led its international reconciliation work. During this time he worked extensively in Africa and the Middle East. Archbishop Justin has had a passion for reconciliation and peace-making ever since.

He was Dean of Liverpool Cathedral from 2007 to 2011 and Bishop of Durham from 2011 to 2012, before being announced as the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury in late 2012.

On 21st March 2013, he was installed as Archbishop of Canterbury in a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

In his sermon, he said: “There is every possible reason for optimism about the future of Christian faith in our world and in this country.”



The present environmental and economic challenges, and those of human development and global poverty, “can only be faced with extraordinary Christ-liberated courage”.

Setting out a vision for the church, he said: “The church transforms society when it takes the risks of renewal in prayer, of reconciliation and of confident declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ.”

On taking office, Archbishop Justin announced three personal priorities for his ministry.

The first is a renewal of prayer and Religious life throughout the church.

The second is seeking reconciliation within the church, and supporting the Church in its role as a peacemaker.

The third is encouraging every Christian to share their faith and see themselves as a witness to Jesus Christ.

These priorities are central to everything the Archbishop does.

During his first 18 months in office, Archbishop Justin visited every province of the Anglican Communion – joined by his wife, Caroline – an extraordinary personal pilgrimage that involved 96 days of travel.

He continues to make visits around the Anglican Communion, particularly to encourage Anglicans in places of conflict who are pursuing peace and reconciliation.



FIDELITY LIFE USES 2008 LESSON TO MAKE CHOICES IN 2019 HYPERINFLATION

By Ian Mapira/ Bhezimusi.com

Fidelity Life Assurance of Zimbabwe Limited used lessons from 2008 to make choices last year according to Group chairman Fungayi Ruwende the Audited Condensed Financial Results for the Year Ended 31 December 2019.

Zimbabwe experienced hyperinflation which resulted in the use of a multi-currency system in 2008.

“2019 was characterised by hyperinflation. Lessons from 2006-2008 loss of value era and our appreciation of the nature of the liabilities that we carry, influenced our choices to deliberate bulk up on inflation protection assets and scale down on monetary assets,” Ruwende says.

Historical investment wisdom is reflected in the excellent investment performance of the Group which has helped to protect and grow value for our policyholders and shareholders.”

Fidelity Life chairman went on to say that the policy shifts that took place in 2019 had an impact on the business environment.

“One such policy change with significant impact was the introduction of the foreign-currency interbank market that ended the Zimbabwe dollar’s 1:1 parity with the United States dollar,” Ruwende says.

“The multi-currency regime came to an end in June 2019 with the re-introduction of the Zimbabwe dollar as the sole legal tender in the country.”

“The hyperinflation which ensued resulted in businesses facing spiralling operating costs while revenues were negatively impacted by shrinking disposable incomes leading to decline in aggregate demand,” went on Ruwende.

The Chairman said Fidelity’s strategic choice to focus on inflation protection assets and core business resulted in positive results with the group recording profit after tax of ZWL\$74.1 million on an inflation-adjusted basis for the year ended 31 December 2019.

“The inflation-adjusted total revenue of ZWL\$ 503.6 million increased by 52% from ZWL\$332.0 million in the prior year,” Ruwende said.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

A prayer by Kerry Weber



SINGLE MOTHERS' SILENT Struggle

By Kirkpatrick Chidamba /Enthusemag.com



We meet them every day but no one ever cares to know whether they are coping. We throw shade at them without ever considering how much physical and emotional pain they go through everyday whilst trying to work for their survival. Trying through trying times to guarantee their children brighter futures. They are single and they are mothers, and contrary to popular belief, they keep this nation together.

Statistics say that 70% of women in Zimbabwe experience at least one episode of being a single mother before the age of 45. Meaning more than half of the women in their youth in Zimbabwe may be a single mother. That's scary! Let's take the current Zimbabwean situation into context. A single mother is expected to take care of her children and also make sure that she herself lives a comfortable life too.

Let's break this down to Monalisa* a 22-year-old single mother with no tertiary education but only an O' Level certificate to her name. She has to take care of her 5-

year-old son who was the result of a one night stand at a party with a married guy who refused to condomize. Now she has to struggle, selling vegetables at a street corner in the same neighbourhood she grew up in. Every guy who used to want to court her now looks at her with disgust. She is used as an example by her neighbours when they tell their children about the evils of premarital sex. She is now an outcast, only because she has the child now. Her son is now in Nursery school and he has had a father figure at all. He is called names by his fellows and he has never had the answer to the question, "Where is your father?"

Single mothers are treated like a problem. Either they are a 'loose' woman for falling pregnant or they are stupid to not have used protection. They are labelled as being the cause of the father not sticking around. They become a stain to society and no man wants to touch them, "Handinga roore mvana (I can't marry a woman with children.)", is the anthem my fellow brothers preach. Most guys think that every single mother is looking for a father for their child.

One single mother, Pamela* had this to say, “A single mother is usually only ever empowered by another single mother who understands the struggle of being a mother and father to a child you did not make on your own. Hollywood’s portrayal of single motherhood as being fun is not true to Africa. It’s not how life rolls in these streets and other women are the quickest to scoff and breakdown a single mother.”

It’s sad and very unforgivable to view another human as lesser AT ANY MOMENT. We should take time to appreciate how many stars and achievers have been raised by single mothers. These ladies break their backs every day to provide for their children whilst we belittle them and pull them down by labelling them as failures. Take time to applaud them today.

GOD USES FALSE PROPHETS, LYING DREAMS TO TEST HIS PEOPLE

By Chris Charamba/ Hallelujahmag.com

Since the launch of his popular DesiringGod theocast, preacher John Piper claim that he has been asked repeatedly what he thinks about the topic of sexualised dreams.

Perhaps due to the sensitivity of the subject, he has managed to evade and brush off the question up until recently when someone mailed asking the preacher how to handle such dreams, as a 31-year-old man who’s been “married for 12 years to a wonderful woman.”

Writes the man;

“Hello, Pastor John and thank you for the podcast. I am 31, a believer, married for 12 years to a wonderful Christian woman. I’m familiar with the commands of God about sexual sin and its eternal dangers. I have for almost a year now successfully battled sin with pornography thanks to prayer, God’s word, help from my wife, my pastor, and an outside organization that tracks internet activity for accountability purposes. I know and agree that sex outside of marriage is sinful and wrong. Even the desire is sinful, as Jesus said. My question though is as follows: Why do I have lucid sexual dreams with people other than my wife, even people I have never met before? These dreams bother me intensely even after I wake up because I can’t help but feel that I have sinned, and even worse, I feel as if I had no control over it as with most of my dreams. I have a pretty unhealthy sleep pattern partly because I would rather not dream at all. I am quite troubled by it, and any help would be appreciated.”

Well, in his response the preacher admitted that this was a common topic he’s asked about and that he doesn’t know why this is happening.



However, there was a paragraph where he suggested that God sometimes uses false prophets and even lying dreams to test His people.

Quoting from Deuteronomy 13:1–3, he said;

“Wow, God uses false prophets and lying dreams, even accompanied by supernatural signs and wonders, to test his people. So, it’s not wrong while these dreams are tormenting you to say, “Dreams, Satan, brain, hormones, whatever you are, I won’t be sucked in by this. I see how my faith is being tested here. Do I love my wife? Do I love purity? Do I love holiness? Do I love Christ, who died to make me pure? Yes, I do. I will not be undone by this test. I will pass it by faith in the blood of Jesus to cover all my sins, to empower me to walk in the truth.”

So, I think it’s not wrong to say, “I don’t know why, but I’m being tested by these dreams, and I’m going to pass this test.”

“This partial relaxing to Level 2 is designed to restart certain sectors of the economy while recognising the compelling credence in maintaining the lockdown,” the Zimbabwean President said.

“It is imperative that our nation continues to act on two fronts, namely saving people’s lives on one hand, and saving the national economy, on the other hand.”

Level 2 lockdown in Zimbabwe entails the following adjustment:

All people must wear masks of any type, including home-made ones, outside homes.

The reopening of industry will commence, provided that companies ensure mandatory Rapid Diagnosis Testing of all employees, social distancing in the workplace, sanitisation and that all employees wear masks.

Operating hours for industries shall be from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

“For the avoidance of doubt, the informal sector remains closed, except the agriculture and food supply chains (markets). All those who are vulnerable should approach the Department of Social Welfare for assistance,” the Zimbabwean President said.

“Public buses only will be the mode of public transport. Omnibuses (Kombies) and smaller taxis are still not permitted to operate. Bus operators must ensure that their buses are disinfected twice

CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL TWO LOCKDOWN IN ZIMBABWE

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

President Emmerson Mnangagwa further extended the lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for another 14 days, but the measures used will be relaxed to Level 2.

Zimbabwe had earlier on lifted lockdown restrictions in some sectors including mining and marketing of tobacco after the first 21 days of lockdown.

daily and that commuters wear masks, have their temperatures checked and hands sanitised before boarding buses. Social distancing must also be maintained within all buses.”

“Industry, commerce and bus operators can only re-open and operate upon fulfilling the outlined requirements. Health inspection teams will immediately randomly check for compliance. Those who fail to comply will be stopped from operating,” he said.

Maintenance of mandatory and quarantine protocols in line with Regional and international Standards will continue. Returning residents and international travellers to Zimbabwe will be put on a 21-day quarantine with full testing on day 1, day 8 and day 21.

Churches, gyms, bottle stores, bars, beer halls and other leisure and recreational facilities remain closed.

Gatherings of less than 50 people are to be maintained.



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HOW TO MANAGE YOUR TALENT LIKE A BUSINESS: ADVICE FROM PRAYERSOUL

By Mellow Creme/Enthusemag.com

We admire PrayerSoul for being focused on his brand and never swaying so as to fit into another fad even when it seemed he wasn't getting the recognition he deserved. PrayerSoul is a Zimbabwean Neo-Soul Artist who's toured most of Europe and ventured into the business of Entertainment quite successfully.

On his birthday weekend, he was kind enough to share his time to answer some of the Music Business questions I've always had for him; artist to artist.

Mellow Creme (MC): If you had 30 seconds to pitch yourself to the world what would you say?

PrayerSoul(PS): My name is PrayerSoul. I'm an entertainer and my job is to create unforgettable memories through entertainment. If you have another two minutes I'll start with a song.

MC: So, what have you been up to since the release of your last album?

PS: Since the 2018 release of the album 'While I was away' I've been pushing various marketing platforms. The way music is being consumed is in smaller doses



now. We have gone back to the singles era when people remembered the song more than the album, therefore, it is not advisable to release an album because nowadays people's concentration span is shorter. This just doesn't go for music but media as a whole. When I released my last album, I was very conscious of this and also intentional. I believe I had enough songs to push a second project. Been doing a lot of performances to help pull my audiences to this new music. I have some really good songs, one of which is called Completely, which was a local hit and the most requested song when I was on tour. My audience has grown and I think this is mainly because I don't just sell music but an experience."

MC: I know you've also been busy in the business of entertainment. Tell us more about this.

PS: Oh Yes! As much as I love performances I've also invested in my events business. I relaunched CitiSessions and it is now a monthly show. We are going to franchise this to other African states starting with Uganda then South Africa.



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MC: For the benefit of those who don't know, what is CitiSessions?

PS: CitiSessions is a monthly live music event. It is intentionally curated to serve an entertainment experience like no other. If public gatherings come back by November I'm launching another event with some partners.

MC: A lot of more established local artists I interact with have complained about music not being a viable career path and they wish they hadn't invested so much time and energy in it. On the other hand, I have seen you make a living, get married and raise a family through your Art. What would you say is your secret?

PS: I think perspective is a big part of it Mellow. Success is based on perception and perspective more than the environment. Zimbabwean Artists like Winky D and Jah Prayzah have proven that you can make a living in this same environment that we say is not good. They have evolved, started businesses, employed people, bought properties and raised families. I believe artists need to approach their music as a business, and that is what I have done. Another one of my businesses is The Cookout, though not directly related to my music it is close to my passion, which is, entertainment. If you really believe in your craft and if you are as good as you say you are then there is no reason why your fans won't pay for your creation.

Simple business mathematics comes to play here. Find out what it costs to run your music as a business. Then work on creating a worthwhile experience to sell to

your fans. Let's say you have 1000 followers on social media, try and convince at least 100 of them to come to your show at Alliance Francaise for example and to pay \$5 to watch you perform.

Then viola! Before expenses, you have \$500. You can sell drinks and merchandise that night and add more to your turnover. You keep doing these shows (some free and promotional) and as you build your fanbase you work more at convincing someone to dedicate their time and actually dress up to come to a night with you and for them to pay you, to entertain them. 10 paying fans lead to 20, 50, 100 and maybe 1000 one day.

If you really believe you have what it takes and have a great product then you should be able to sell it.

Understand your craft and the audience it attracts. My music is Neo-Soul and might not attract thousands to my show as Zim Dancehall would. So I work on giving an amazing experience that will attract a high-end market who are willing to pay more than an average local ticket knowing that they will get a more than average local performance.

MC: What is your definition of success and have you achieved it yet?

P.S: Success to me is an ongoing achievement of set goals. Five years ago there were things I set out to achieve. After achieving them I realized that I wanted more. Success to me is being able to help others using my privilege. That is why I started the PrayerSoul Foundation where I donate some proceeds to take underprivileged kids to school and help put food on their tables.

4 Key Highlights from Bishop Bismark's Interview

By Chris Charamba/Hallelujahmag.com



BISHOP BISMARK: KEEP THE FAITH

Chairman of the Council of African Apostles (CAA) and founder and Overseer of Jabula New Life Ministries International, Bishop Tudor Bismark, appeared on the In Conversation With Trevor Show last week, a weekly online show where Zimbabwean entrepreneur and newspaper publisher Trevor Ncube sits down with various high-profile guests in a series of candid, hard-hitting conversations.

During the interview, the Bishop – who marked the first time a cleric appeared on the show – talked about his upbringing in the church, his marriage, the highlights of his pastoral journey, and how the plight of his followers represented a paradigm shift in his work as a minister, among many things.

Here are four highlights of the hour-long talk.

On his 38th Marriage Anniversary with Pastor ChiChi

We met in 1978 wanted to get married in 1980 but too young and my sister passes away in September '81. So we moved the wedding from October '81 to February '82 and it just seemed like yesterday. I'm just the older guy and she's the teenager.

Given the attack that marriage is for men and women of God, what has been your formula of sticking together?

Basically, the first year of our marriage was love and roses, and we had our first major disagreement and the "D" word was thrown in, "I want a divorce". We vowed from that day, December 1982, that we will never use that word again. Never ever. Whatever we go through, we work it out, and we also began to find responsible counsellors, people that could guide us and advise us. We've had ups and downs like everybody else but we've committed to a lifetime relationship being together.

The most powerful sermon he ever preached

Well, that's a tough call, you know. I think they are basically, Trevor, seasons in which things happen. The first message I ever preached in South Africa defined some of my journeys. My message was entitled, that was in 1978, "God, The Supreme Man Builder". And that's when I began to play around empowerment, black...messages, Pan-Africanism. Then in 1990, in Dallas, I mean in England, preaching another very significant message, and that was on Rebecca and that even you're an outsider, you've got a right to inheritance.

ZIMBABWE RESTRICTS EXPORTATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

That was in 1990. And for me, the breakthrough came in 2001 preaching for Bishop T.D Jakes at the Pastors Leaders Conference. The message was entitled “The Blessing of A 100 More”. All of those messages in those decades defined my life, my ministry and my future. So probably “The Blessing of A 100 More” was the most powerful and most outstanding.

On the feelings and pain of his congregations and parishioners in Zimbabwe from his regular home fellowships

When we started, we committed to buying a house, owning property and putting money away which is part of our culture. We still do that. But we've young couples now, married 2-3 years, no jobs, basically dealers, entrepreneurs, trading here, buying, selling, crossing-boarder, taking those few profits and building their house. And to see them doing that, trying to find a school for their kids, driving on awful roads has been very painful and difficult. It's been very painful (to me) because now I have to keep preaching messages of hope.

I've tracked 2010 to 2020, my crossover service messages, which have been very concerning because I've been saying, “Next year is your year; It's your breakthrough year the doors are opening”. So 2019, preaching that message was very difficult because I don't want to be known for empty promises where I've to keep o being optimistic and people actually take that message and anchor their lives...

A new statutory instrument that has been produced for the current extension of Zimbabwe's lockdown restricts the exportation of medical supplies out of the country.

A person is allowed to export medical supplies after acquiring a license from the Ministry according to Statutory Instrument 93 of 2020 (SI 93)Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 3).

SI 93 says, “No person shall export or attempt to export from Zimbabwe medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 unless the exporter or other person in charge of the consignment for export of such supplies produces to a revenue, customs or enforcement officer a certificate issued by or under the authority of the Minister to the effect that such supplies are in excess of what is required in Zimbabwe to combat the disease.”

The story continues on Hallelujahmag.com

“Any person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level twelve or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year to both such fine and such imprisonment.”

In terms of cross-border deliveries, the latest statutory instrument only allows drivers to stop only at border posts and designated truck stops.

Truck drivers and crew are only allowed to temporarily leave vehicles for the purposes of using ablution facilities or assisting in refuelling.

“...every driver and every member of the crew of a transit goods vehicle or cross-border goods vehicle requiring to remain in Zimbabwe for a period in excess of 24 hours must proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the border post, designated

truck stop or other place designated by an enforcement officer until departure,” the Statutory Instrument says.

Returning drivers and crew, however, shall be treated as any other citizen on returning into the country. Citizens returning into Zimbabwe are required to go under quarantine for 21 days.

As for plane users, SI 93 says unless flight plan of the aircraft contemplated an overnight stopover, or except in exiguous circumstances, every such aircraft must depart within ten (10) hours of arrival.

Plane crew members on overnight stopover are supposed to proceed and remain at a place of quarantine at the airport or aerodrome until departure.



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AIDS COUNCIL GOES AFTER FAITH HEALERS & PROPHETS

By Chris Charamba/Hallelujahmag.com

Faith healers and prophets are reportedly telling HIV positive members of the church to stop using their antiretroviral (ARVs) medication and look to God to heal them instead, and this has caused disquiet to pertinent health authorities. The National Aids Council (NAC) recently raised concerns over the deaths of people with HIV and Aids who stopped taking antiretroviral drugs after they were allegedly told to do so by clerics.

NAC Bulawayo provincial manager Sinatra Nyathi told the Newsday that the issue was slowing down mitigatory programmes which sought to stem further spread of the disease as well as prolong lives of those infected.

“I was saddened to witness the deaths of about five people who I knew personally who succumbed to the disease after being told to stop medication by their prophets.

“Although Nac has been working with churches in their interventions, there remained a big headache (given) the mushrooming of new churches which are led by these prophets and faith healers.

“We are urging people on antiretroviral therapy (Art) not to throw away their drugs. We are currently raising awareness

in the communities,” she said.

Although she could not provide statistics on the number of people who have died after defaulting, Nyathi said any death linked to this was an issue of concern.

She also said while they had nothing against prayer, their worry was on patients being discharged from taking medication in the absence of a qualified doctor.

“We are not saying people should not pray, but patients must continue taking their medication as prescribed by their doctors,” Nyathi said.

Defaulting on Art often leads to viral resistance, treatment failure and increased risks of disease progression.

Last year it was reported that about 4 000 HIV positive people in Bulawayo were on second and third line Art after defaulting from the recommended first-line regimen.

“There is need for further engagement with the faith-based organisations and impress upon them the need to ensure that those on Art are allowed to do so without any interruptions,” Nyathi said.

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SOUCRE: ZIMETRO

The total national lockdown to curb and contain the problematic coronavirus is still going on, and we are responsibly stuck at home. As have become the new norm in our daily boring routines, the need for entertainment and mental stimulation is high.

By now most of us have scoured catalogues of the various streaming services available to us and rewatched all the classic movies and series we feened. Others have done marathon games of Monopoly while many have downloaded the TikTok app and start making hackneyed but thrilling videos with their families.

VAN CHOGA IS MISUNDERSTOOD. HERE IS WHY

By Chris Charamba/Enthusemag.com

Oh, and working. One cannot forget all of the societal productivity that's happening right now. All extremely good ways to spend time.

I, too, find the need for entertainment and mental stimulation, but it usually results in my ending up falling down rabbit holes. Which is what happened today. This morning as I hopped up out of my bed—swag may or may not have been turned on already (I mean who cares about swag anyway in this quarantine anyway)—and made my way into the shower, I started thinking about the future of humanity during these times of the coronavirus and filming some of it in my head. I envisioned the video series I'd do, from the start to end that would be interrupted frequently by weird musical soundtracks. And I envisioned some kind of comedic cutaway shot with the intro to the out-of-blue Zimdancehall sensation and the ever-energetic chanter, Van Choga's "Sesando Ngongongo" playing as background music.

In my mental visual, there was a general feeling of sombreness. It was surreal. It was at that moment where I said to myself, "Dude, how do you actually feel about Van Choga?" I asked myself this question because I know for a fact that I've claimed to not be a fan, at all, of one Valentine Simbarashe Choga who, I'm only getting to

know now, is signed with Seh Calaz's record label Yallanation.

We all know him or have probably come across a clip of one of his performing antics on one or more of our many kins and kiths. Hell, you might have questioned why he was a thing because for one he appears unhinged, batshit crazy and not a musician material. I mean there is a fine line between pure genius and utter insanity and many musicians have made a career out of toeing that line. Or, uh, totally jumping it and never looking back. But this Van Choga guy seems to be taking it way too in to be understood.

Before this goes too far off the rails, let me be very, very clear: we grew up on music by seeming unhinged folks and crackpot pop stars who most wonderfully crashed and burned before our eyes; performers with catastrophic psychological breakdown. We fell in love with them and the powerhouse energy they encompassed.

To many like me, that all changed when I came out of age and started going for the new cool stuff, like your afro house, neo-soul and RnB, soulful raps, trapsoul, afro-pop and heavy jazz. I was out like that and you better hadn't brought that Elephant Man, Britney Spears, Ninjaman, Sid Vicious, Brian Wilson, Gravediggaz, Carlos Santana, Syd Barrett and Phil Spector around here. And for the most part, nobody did. I basically hung with (and still do) hang with music snobs who like myself are a little older now and less angry about everything.

Just when I thought I was never going retrogressive in my musical taste, Van

Choga happened and I was made to rethink some of my life choices regarding which music to listen to. Apologia, I found a way to get his overwhelming antics out of the way and listened to the stream of consciousness and Samanyika-elaborated spoken word which is deeply embedded in some of his songs like "Chirungu Cheteshiari" and Sesando Ngongongo. I also went and checked his buzzin' live performance at Nash Paints TV Garamumba Bash.

Still in disbelief, I checked out a viral interview he did with Ghetto Crown King on YouTube to establish whether his musical stint is out of pure genius or utter insanity. I was totally mind blown on how well-spoken and largely erratic the guy is. One minute he will be talking heads, but dare him to sing, and he goes totally nuts.

I realised the 27-year-old chanter knows not only how to differentiate his normalcy from acting but essentially knows how to put up an enjoyable show while riding on a motif of craziness.

While largely objective, perhaps Van's recurrent street urchin and vagrant appearance is a general representation of what his music embodies... economic meltdown, lost humanity, the uncertainty of life, and the general misconstrued urban youthism. The foundation to his motive is yet to be laid but one can't be far away from the truth to say he seem to be driven by the fact that if people can't listen to somebody in tuxedos and all the cool stuff, can they lend their attention to a filthy, unkempt, berserk man with nothing but good words and arresting energy?



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