## **COVID 19 in Zimbabwe**

Prior to Covid-19, life was one big rush. There was no time to accomplish all that one intended to do in a day. People hardly had time to recognize each other nor to really listen to each other.

The dramatic entry of Covid-19 brought everything to a standstill. It has thrown us into a great silence, where reflection and attentiveness to each other are possible again. Above all, it has enabled us to hear the gentle knock of Jesus in our hearts. The closure of churches, and the stopping of all liturgical celebrations has taken us deeper into our personal relationship with our Creator as we have turned more to personal prayer. Although we are far from each other physically, with the ban on travel, we are however there for each other in heart and mind united by our prayer.

The effects of Covid-19 have enabled us to be one big global family as we share the pain of losing members of this family. We are united with them as we pray every day for hope, healing and peace in the current situation. The pandemic has brought us major economic hardship but also the consolation that we are together with the Lord in our midst as in the story of Jesus calming the sea (Matthew 8:23-27)

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