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# Preachers' Workshops

Preachers' Workshops were held for the first time in Zimbabwe in 2008 and have been held each year since then. For the first two years they were held in Harare, then in 2010 Hwange was included as a second venue and the workshops have continued to be held there since that date.

The workshops are held over a period of 2 – 4 days when groups of men, who are either pastors or younger men training to be pastors, are gathered together to be given help in understanding the principles of biblical interpretation and exposition.

In addition to the more formal teaching sessions the men are given opportunity to work in small groups, preparing sermon outlines on a set passage – It has proved very encouraging to see them interacting and helping each other get to grips with the Word of God.





Between 60 – 70 men regularly attend the workshops and, although they come from a variety of church backgrounds, appreciate the teaching being given by men who all come from a Reformed position. We are encouraged by reports that the ministry of the pastors has benefited from the teaching and training they have received at the workshops.

A major concern has been to see some of the Zimbabwean pastors trained up in their understanding of the Scriptures so that they are then able to lead Preachers' Workshops themselves. To this end we added a Training of Trainers course into the programme in 2011 when six men were gathered together to receive more in depth training, which would equip them to be involved in training other pastors. As a result there are now monthly Preachers' Workshops being led by some of these men in three different centres on a rota basis. This training continues with teams visiting Zimbabwe each year to run Training of Trainers sessions with a slightly larger group of men as well as Preachers' Workshops in Hwange and Harare.



The Zimbabwe Partnership Trust exists to support Zimbabwean churches in their ministry and mission, and to relieve poverty among churches and their communities.

For more information, to enquire about holding a meeting at your church, or to donate please contact ZPT Secretary - Roger Prime.

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