



# UPDATE from MUTARE



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**Whatever is True, Noble and Pure.....Meditate  
on these things.  
Philippians 4: 8**

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Dear friends and family,

Happy Easter season!!! He is Risen!!!!



*The cross on the hill at AU*

I recently saw the saying below on Facebook:



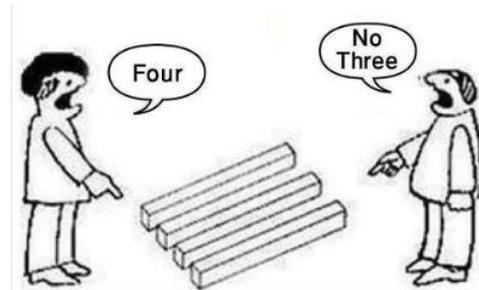
## **Cowboy Motto:**

If it's not yours, don't take it.  
If it's not true, don't say it.  
If it's not right, don't do it.

How true, I thought- but I envied the cowboy in maybe living in a relatively uncomplicated setting where understandings of what is 'yours, true and right' are easy to discern.

A recent report by Transparency International rated countries around the world on the level of

corruption. Neighboring Botswana ranked higher than much of Europe. I will not comment on Zimbabwe or the USA. In her Intensive English classes, Jane sometimes has interesting discussions about various topics, including corruption. It is obvious that students' perceptions are VERY different.



For example, a student from D.R.C. (Congo) was telling me about stores near the border-posts that sell 'road-block rolls' which are considered essential for getting through the numerous traffic stops by army and police. When I asked whether that is not corruption, he said, "But sir, the soldiers are very poorly paid- How else can they survive?"

One of the required courses for all undergraduates at Africa University is Ethics (*Theology 200*). One of my second-year students was telling me how much he learned from the teacher, Rev Bondo, an AU graduate and Jane's former student. He told me, 'Even a person who is a liar would be convinced to change his ways after taking the class.'

**Africa University recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with over 6 000 graduates. Many are now making a difference in leadership positions in many different countries. Their training here at AU gave them solid foundations in not only their major area of expertise, but also in deciding what is right.**

### **AU Farm News**

After a late start, the rainy season was almost perfect, and we are expecting record yields of maize (corn). Praise the Lord! One field was chopped into silage (and stored in our newly-enlarged silage pit) for the expanded dairy herd. The rest will help feed the other livestock.

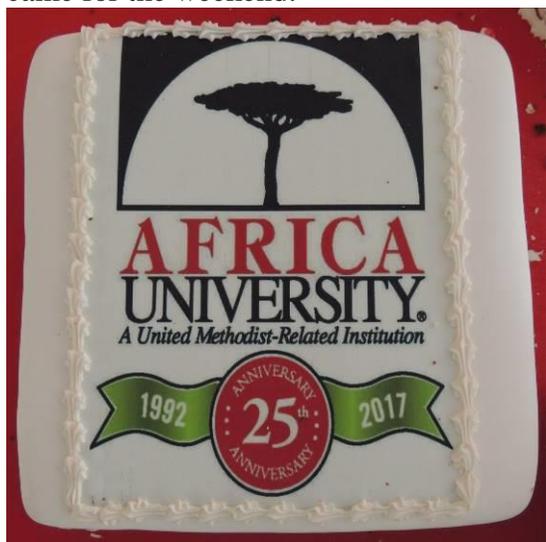


*First-year Ag student, Karen*

We are approaching the target for fundraising for a center pivot irrigation system- to improve productivity and efficiency of water use, reduce costs... and to expose our students to this technology. Thank you to all who have helped and continue to do so!

### **Africa University News**

What a celebration we had for AU's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations! Many people, including UMC bishops and faithful supporters, came for the weekend.



*The celebratory cake. Larry's hair was the appropriate color for the Silver Anniversary.*



*Laudie and Benedicte (above) from Jane's English class and Munyaradzi (below), Larry's Ag student)*



### **Family News**

Ben started a new job (still in New York) with Flatiron, which specializes in cancer research information.

*Pule was very excited to move to Boulder CO to work for Trimble, which makes navigation systems.*

Carly will come back to Zimbabwe during Emory University's summer break and do some shadowing of physical therapists.

*Michael has worked hard to prepare for his ACT exams, and is now taking drivers education before school (in Iowa).*

#### *Please pray*

- *For wisdom and integrity for AU graduates who end up working in very complex situations*
- *a prayer of thanks for the wonderful rains*

As always, thank you for your support, love, cards prayers, thoughts, and emails!

Yours and His,  
Larry and Jane Kies

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