SOUTHERN AFRICA INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION

STEWARDSHIP IN UNPRECEDENT TIMES

Among the departments of the church severely affected by Covid-19 pandemic, Stewardship is one of them.

Challenges

The following are some the challenges this pandemic unleashed on us:

1. Loss of lives

* Members—entire families
* Church workers:
* Administrators
* Pastors

B. Loss of income to some members

Loss of employment

Loss of businesses

C. Reduced or no Church Attendance

Nothing beats face to face Communication

People are increasingly getting fatigued by virtual meetings

Message saturation – members are bombarded by a lot of messages from everywhere.

D. Blocked Currencies

Malawi Union Conference became the sixth union to be blocked but prayers and fasting reversed that.

God’s Hand in SID

Dramatic Intervention--In the case of Malawi Union Conference

Our tithe is higher than that of 2020.

**2020 R 459 022 548,20**

2021. R 469 946 345,21

Offerings

**2020. R 16 916 850,72**

2021. R15 020 922,50

Ministry in these difficult times

The following are some of the ways the church has been doing its ministry:

* Community Service through distribution of Food and, other materials to people affected by the pandemic
* Emphasis on health message
* Counseling
* Financial, Marital, GBV etc.

Creative Ways

* Repackaging of our message by emphasizing the need to make every opportunity for giving and evangelism count.
* Giving special attention to Personal Finance Management
* Emphasis on entrepreneurship
* ACMS-Treasury Model—one Conference where this is fully implemented has seen its tithe grow more than in any year before.
* United Front Presentations—by partnering with officers in stewardship dissemination
* Pastors collected tithe and offerings from members who are not on online banking and could not go to banks.
* Local Church Treasurers in some cases went to churches or designated places where members brought tithe and offerings.

We praise God for what He has done and what he continues to do.