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Changing lives by establishing Bible schools throughout the world



WHEN GRACE HAPPENS

“One transformed life is worth it.”

When someone gets ahold of grace, they can't keep it to themselves. They have to let others know what they've found. Meet Keith Chigondo, the director of Charis Bible College Zimbabwe. Since the campus's inception in 2011, Keith has seen God use the revelation he received to touch the hearts of almost 200 graduates in his homeland. But before pioneering a new campus in Zimbabwe, Keith went on a journey into grace as a student himself.

Keith, a Zimbabwe native, traveled to Russia to attend a university and study statistics. While in Russia, he met the director of Charis St. Petersburg,

Carrie Pickett. Though he didn't know much about the school, he felt led to enroll as a Charis student and heard Andrew Wommack for the first time. After attending Charis classes, Keith's interests quickly changed. "At that time I had lost interest in statistics," he says. "But . . . the only way I could stay in Russia was if I was a university student. So, I would endure during the day at university just in order to go to Bible college in the evening."

But the revelation and life-change that happened that first year was well worth it. "I remember thinking about righteousness, and I was thinking to myself, Why were

we not taught this? . . . I mean, I felt a desire that I need to take this message back home to Zimbabwe when I finish school."

The spark was ignited, and Keith's journey of bringing the grace message to his homeland began. He shares, "It's almost like every other action or every other experience that I had was leading me to this." God had been guiding Keith all along to start a Charis campus, and he knew he was ready to go all in.

In October 2011, Charis Zimbabwe opened its doors for the first time. Keith started with only two students but kept



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moving forward. He explains that their school has nearly doubled in size each year, with over seventy students in their most recent term. Along with blind eyes opening and restored hearts in the community, the students' testimonies have truly made the hard work worth it.

One woman, on the verge of divorce, attended the free five days of classes that the campus offers. Keith describes what took place: "When she heard the words [being taught], she decided to enroll." After attending Charis, "her life was totally transformed. Her marriage was saved, . . . and there was so much change in her," Keith says. Soon after, she and her husband began attending a church led by Charis alumni. After seeing her family's transformation, their daughter became a Charis student herself!

Keith is pursuing the call of God in Zimbabwe and is breaking up religious and legalistic mindsets one person at a time. Withstanding obstacles, he shares what makes it worth it: "One transformed life is worth it. It's not really about the numbers. Yes, we want more students, but if God was to send one person to us, that one person is worth all the efforts. And for me, this is what has just kept me going and impacted me, that God is so concerned about each and every person."

This is what it looks like when grace happens! Thank you for partnering with us to touch the globe with God's goodness one life at a time.

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