

From Bryn Higgs – researcher on indigenous woodland dynamics in Mazvihwa, 1986:

“Of course I remember VaPhiri, and his gentle character and wonderful hospitality.... really what I have despite the barriers of language and 25 years having passed, is a lasting impression of his patient committed and determined nurturing of the land and its trees, and his belief in the future which that signaled, which was so impressive in the context of the terrible upheavals that Zimbabweans had experienced [in the struggle for Independence].”