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BR JOHN GÖLL

18 March 1871 – 1 February 1952



Born in Marbach, near Mannheim, Germany, John Göll followed his trade as a carpenter all his 54 years in Zimbabwe. He worked at Dunbrody before crossing the Limpopo and then at Chishawasha, Driefontein, Hama, Campion House, Monte Cassino, Gokomere, Makumbe and eventually died in Chishawasha. ‘Almost every mission’ shows proof of his work in making church altars, benches, vesting cupboards and tables, school desks and benches.

It was noticed that he liked to focus on the work in hand and when asked about something he had done in the past he dismissed it with an ‘Oh, that!’ and nothing more, as if it were of small importance. His grunt is remembered - one of approval or disapproval – as he listened to a sermon or conference.



Group picture showing Br John Göll at the opening of the new church in Gweru in the late 1920s.