



"A country in waiting"

Dear friends.

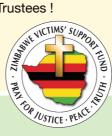
I cannot say how much we value your persevering prayers and generous giving in support of the work entrusted by our Lord to our dear partners in Zimbabwe. We call them the "Bulawayo team" because they are based in and work outwards from that city.

We could highlight for you the concerns we have for the beleaguered country – "a country in waiting" as one Zimbabwean writer puts it – but better by far that we share with you the immediate concerns of those in the front line of the struggle for the Kingdom values of justice and mercy, truth and peace.

Overleaf you will see some of these deepest concerns as expressed by our partners who are engaged in both the **Ministry** of caring for the hungry and proclamation of the **Message** of God's saving love.

When you have the time do read **Ezekiel** chapter 34 and consider how closely the situation described there by the faithful prophet resembles the situation now faced by the suffering people of Zimbabwe.

Heartfelt thanks for the vital part you play in this partnership of grace with the Bulawayo team and the ZVSF Trustees!



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"Showers of Blessing"

Ezekiel 34:26

"When you are my age and you have no pension and you cannot work your hope is in the younger ones; and when they do not work your hope is in the Lord and his people like you"

In the words of the team delivering the food aid: "A wonderful lady in Matonisa"



- In Zimbabwe we transition from winter to summer with not much spring, so the
 days are heating up and it is very, very dry. We all long for the relief of the first
 rains. Pray for good rain this season to grow good crops and fill our dams.
- Pastor Bheki reports that the food situation is dire and the villagers are showing signs of malnutrition. Our feeding scheme for schools in Lupane is essential. However this need takes half of our monthly allocated food and the Pastors can only distribute to other dependent families every three months. Pray that God will make that food go further than it should and that the Pastors are given the compassion and strength needed for this demanding work.
- Pray also for adequate funding for the task entrusted to ZVSF
- Pray for Pastors Phanuel, Bheki and Mbuso who distribute the food, that the Lord will provide for their personal needs. They are all facing immense difficulties.
- Pray that all Zimbabweans will benefit from the country's abundant natural resources.
- Above all pray for godly leaders for our country. Joseph's wisdom saved many from starvation but our leaders ignore the needs of their citizens ...

Together in His Service and to His glory!



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