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“Arrested for praying for my country”

“*The Zimbabwe We Want*” is a call to the nation to pray and campaign for a “*corruption-free, just, peaceful, prosperous and democratic*” Zimbabwe. A copy of the notice of the launch of the programme appears overleaf.

The launch was to have taken place on 10th June in Harare. But on that day, as worshippers gathered to pray, heavily armed anti-riot police descended on them. Some were beaten and about 35 were arrested.

One of the leaders, Bishop Ancelimo Magaya, took to Twitter to confirm, “*I have been arrested for praying for my country.*”

Three days later the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) issued a Pastoral Statement entitled “*Reclaiming the Sanctity of Life*” in which they responded to the brutal murder of a prominent political activist and several other instances of abduction, torture and murder for which the perpetrators have not been brought to justice.

This is the context in which our amazing, indomitable **ZVSF** team carry forward their crucial programme of relief feeding, pastoral care and the proclamation of the Gospel. The economy is in freefall, there is desperate hunger and poverty across the land and already, ahead of the elections next year, they are witnessing extreme violence against those perceived to be “anti-government”.

We are asked to pray with our team, and for them, that within this tense and volatile situation the Church will be true to its calling, “*remaining steadfast in faith and trusting the Lord.*”



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***“Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people”***

(Proverbs 14/34)



THE ZIMBABWE WE WANT CAMPAIGN:

A church led multi sectorial people's initiative to pray and campaign for the Zimbabwe we want which is corruption-free, just, peaceful, prosperous and democratic.

*"Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken."
(Micah 4v4).*

Lauch Date: 10 June 2022
Venue: Reformed Church in Zimbabwe
Time: 9.00am - 1pm

COME AND DEFINE THE ZIMBABWE YOU WANT THROUGH PRAYER AND DECLARATION!



*Thank you, our faithful partners in mission,
for standing in the gap with us, and for your
persevering prayers.*



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