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# "TO HAVE LIFE AGAIN IN ZIMBABWE..."

Dear friends,

The team here in the UK work closely with our partners in Zimbabwe. From time to time we ask them if they have any special prayer requests to share with you, our faithful supporters and prayer partners. Their requests focus our prayers and provide a valuable insight into both the challenges they are facing and the events in which they are seeing the hand of God revealed in blessing upon a people otherwise without hope.

Their latest prayer request is blunt. They ask us to **"pray for people to have life again in Zimbabwe."**

Does this cry from the heart not stop us in our tracks? For me it brings to life the desperate situations described in so many reports from independent and reliable sources, describing:

- the growing list of human rights abuses, including abductions, rape, torture and murder, and the failure of the authorities to bring any of the perpetrators to justice
- the forced evictions without due process of indigenous communities to make way for mining and commercial farming projects, many of which serve the interests of Chinese companies
- the widespread hunger, malnutrition and increasing cases of stunted growth observed in young children
- the country's long-standing severe water and sanitation crisis which has left many without water fit to drink, or without any water at all, for days, weeks and even months on end.

Yes truly we must **"pray for people to have life again in Zimbabwe"**.



**WHAT JOY!**

Read the joy on the faces of these residents of Mbilamboko, Esigodini on receiving the relief food which is sustaining them through the lean season.

When our ZVSF team stands with those suffering grinding poverty, hunger and cruel injustice it is a costly thing to do. It takes its toll on all who are there for the victims, and we can but imagine their anguish in not being able to do all they would want to do. *"Everyone comes to the ministers with problems"*, they say; *"you cannot solve all problems by telling them just to pray."*

When you are praying with us for the transformation of the nation therefore would you please remember especially all who are engaged in that costly work, including the valued members of our team. Daily they are proclaiming, in word and deed, the transforming presence of the Good Shepherd who rescues the victims from the thieves preying upon the flock, and who promises to all who seek his way nothing less than **"life – life in all its abundance"**

Our deepest thanks then for your generous giving and faithful partnership in prayer. Through the endeavours of all the saints may the people of Zimbabwe be blessed with that abundant life.

**Graham Shaw**

***The photos are to provide a glimpse of some of the many projects the team are engaged in – thanks to your wonderful support.***



**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**

It was hands-on experience for me when I was with the team in March, sharing in this delivery of mealie meal to the people of Killarney – a people again under threat of eviction.

## LUPANE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Lupane area (along the Bulawayo-Victoria Falls road) is characterised by poor, sandy soils and low rainfall. Hunger is widespread across the region. Here for many years **ZVSF** has been providing relief feeding to 6 primary schools, delivering between 4 and 5 tonnes of maize meal and soya chunks a month. These are the essential ingredients to provide a midday meal for the students. The help is hugely appreciated by the children and the whole community. Phaniel Moyo of our team reports that without this intervention there were always challenges in school attendance and attention in classes, as children cannot pay attention on empty stomachs. Community leaders have told him, *"the teachers provide the lessons and you provide attendance and attention."*



In the photo two smiling students show themselves more than ready to carry the bags of maize meal to the school kitchens.

## PASTOR ALBERT'S LEGACY

With expert help the garden of the late Pastor's Albert's house in Bulawayo has been put to very good use in growing vegetables which are then distributed along with the maize meal to some of those in greatest need. ZVSF covers the cost of employing a gardener to tend the plants and running the pump which delivers water from a bore hole.



In the photo Pastor Bheki, one of our team, and the gardener, Pearson Moyo, hold up a giant cabbage they have grown in the garden. Both are taking part in a three-month course in horticulture – a training which should enable them to make a useful contribution to the community garden ZVSF is planning to set up in one of the Bulawayo townships.

And yes, that is a good and positive note to end on !

For the past three months the team have been exploring the possibilities, visiting different sites and consulting with the experts. Soon we expect to be looking at the funding required to launch a community garden project. Be assured we will be keeping you closely informed.



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