



# Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund

(Registered Charity No.1145569)



## YEAR END REPORT 2023

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# *“Then shall your light break forth like the dawn...”*

Dear friends,

I always feel hugely privileged to be one of the small team at the interface of two streams of very generous giving. On the one side is the wonderful generosity of you, our amazing supporters here in the UK, whose persevering prayers and faithful giving are the bedrock of the whole project. On the other side is the incredible resilience and self-giving of our heroic Bulawayo Team – featured in the photo. It is surely of the Lord’s doing that these two streams of giving have been brought together to provide relief food for the desperately hungry, along with pastoral care and the proclamation of the Gospel. With the Psalmist we say: *“This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.”*



To provide the briefest of profiles of the Team – a fuller description will be posted on the website – and from left to right, they are:

**Pastor Bkeki Siziba** – married with three young children. Over 20 years in ministry and 15 years in social work, and with an abiding passion to preach the gospel and to serve those living right on the edge. For some years he served under and was mentored by the late Pastor Albert Chatindo.

**Pastor Robert Chatindo** – son of the late Albert Chatindo, Robert is married and has two sons of high school age. Nurtured himself in a big Christian family, he has a heart to serve those in greatest need. On his father’s death in 2021 he was given oversight of 20 other Pastors and 30 new church plants.

**Di Charsley** – the team leader, now a widow with three adult children and four grandchildren. Di is a full-time field worker with ZANE (Zimbabwe A National Emergency) a British Charity focussed on relief work among destitute pensioners. Di writes: *“Jesus came into my life in my late 20s and has been sending me on adventures ever since”*.

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Phaniel surely speaks for the whole team when he says: *“Being a part of ZVSF is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to people who are in need, without hope and in great distress, and being able to minister to children who are in great need.”*

The situation in which the team is working is deeply distressing. Daily they are confronted with levels of suffering which would shock and disturb us. The hunger and sheer desperation in the eyes of many whom they visit and bless with relief food should shame the callous and uncaring regime largely responsible for their suffering, but instead they seek to hide it from the world.

And then apart from the callous disregard of those in power, those living on the edge have to contend with the harsh realities of climate change – reflected in well below-average rainfall and searing temperatures. Most of the region is now classified in either the “Crisis” or “Stressed” level used by the Famine Early Warning Systems Network.

How precious therefore is the relief food distributed by the team – the 136 tonnes of mealie meal delivered in the year, the 3 tonnes of nutritious soya chunks and 960 kgs of the super-nutritional e’pap. And imagine how great is the joy of those receiving this ongoing blessing to sustain them through a perilous year. Let the photos speak of their joy and thanksgiving to the Lord.



Our deepest thanks to you, our amazing partners who through your prayers and sacrificial giving enable this God-blessed work to continue.

**Graham Shaw**

God’s promise to his faithful servants who, sacrificially, share their bread with the hungry:

***“Then shall your light break forth like the dawn ... your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard”. (Isaiah 58:6-8)***

## Treasurer's Report

Once again we are most grateful for your continuing support particularly in a year when we had to transfer our bank account from CAF Bank to HSBC. Our thanks must go to all those who have renewed their standing orders and altered their payment instructions in favour of HSBC.

During 2023, your gifts enabled us to purchase the quantities of relief food referred to overleaf for distribution by the Bulawayo Team who minister to some of the poorest settlements in Matabeleland and also to the primary schools in the Lupane district. You also provided the necessary funds of approximately £16,000 to launch the Intuthuko Garden scheme with fencing, a solar powered pump for the borehole and irrigation equipment; and, most importantly, a starter pack of seeds for each family unit who have joined the scheme. One of our supporting churches went so far as to "adopt" the project, providing substantial funds for it and guaranteeing the costs incurred in Phase 1. Such is the generosity of our amazing supporters.

In December 2023 we doubled the amount of mealie meal for distribution because of the deteriorating situation in the country. In January 2024, Di Charsley expressed the seriousness of the environmental conditions in Matabeleland thus 'We are having one of the worst droughts with temperatures in the mid 30s every day. Lord have mercy!' With your help we will continue to support our brothers and sisters, along with their children, for the foreseeable future.

**Graham Matthews**

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## Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund

### DRAFT (UNAUDITED) RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2023

2022		2023
£	RECEIPTS	£
88,243	Donations	72,072
16,692	Gift Aid Received	11,539
35	Interest	297
104,970		83,908
	PAYMENTS	
87,151	Remittances to Zimbabwe	95,865
384	Bank Charges	468
125	Printing Costs	289
87,660		96,622
17,310	Surplus /(Deficit) for year	(12,715)
36,133	Funds brought forward	53,443
53,443	Funds carried forward	40,728

The funds carried forward at 31 December 2022 (and 31 December 2021) are represented by cash at bank

