

# MISSION ZIMBABWE PROJECT APRIL UPDATE

## Hanover's new Maple Syrup Festival raises \$5,500 for Mission Zimbabwe

The Mission Zimbabwe Maple Syrup Festival held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Hope Community Church attracted over 600 community members. This was a good start for Hanover's new Maple Syrup Festival.

On behalf of the Mission Zimbabwe Project, I would like to thank the over 100 volunteers who donated their time and talents, to serve a pancake and sausage breakfast, to provide live entertainment, walk alpacas, do dog agility demos, paint faces, make skipping ropes, provide bake goods, demonstrate how maple syrup is made and many other activities. Close to \$5,500 was raised and families had a wonderful morning of activities on Easter Saturday. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Village of Hope and Vimbainesu Children's Home in Zimbabwe.

The day was great fun for the families who enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast, bake sale, quilting, live entertainment, wagon rides and several fun events for the children such as an Easter egg hunt,, face painting, walking with an alpaca, an Easter story maze and Dog agility demos by Capable Canines.. As well, Buttons the Clown made an appearance and added further excitement to the day.

It was truly a humbling experience to see so many people from the community supporting our Mission Zimbabwe Project. Thank you to one and all for your generosity and for making Hanover's new Maple Syrup Festival a fun and productive event that will benefit the children of Zimbabwe.

## Action from the Mission Zimbabwe Maple Syrup Festival









## Edmore needs our help to continue his education!

Well Done, Edmore!



Meet Edmore, one of our children who recently received his national exam results at VOH Zimbabwe. His score was high enough that he will be able to pursue his passion and work towards a degree in accounting.

Edmore came to Village of Hope in grade one and to see him finish his high school with flying colours is a joy! VOH has managed to bring hope and a life to this young man and many other children. It's great to see them smile and feel good about themselves.

We continue to thank those that are making a difference in children's lives through their contributions!

Edmore has now completed successfully his two years of "A" level studies and his good results have qualified him to go on to university! I met and talked with Edmore last May and can assure you that he is a fine young man who is worthy of our investing in his life. Unfortunately, the Village of Hope does not have the resources to support Edmore so that he can go on to university. Mission Zimbabwe through the VOH Education Fund is determined to provide Edmore with the financial resources he will need. I am asking you to prayerfully consider supporting Edmore so that he can continue his studies. Please contact Barb at 519-279-4627 or by email at <a href="mailto:barb.missionzim@ehtel.ca">barb.missionzim@ehtel.ca</a> for more information on how you can support him.

#### **Mission Zimbabwe 2018 Team**



This year's team of eleven (Alex, Cathy, Audrey, Robin, Diane, Emma1, Emma2, Jessica, Verva, Barb and Barry) begin preparation on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Their trip to the Village of Hope departs on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the team will return on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Updates from the team will be posted at <a href="www.missionzimbabwe.org">www.missionzimbabwe.org</a>. The team will be holding its Retreat Day at Riverstone Retreat Centre near Durham on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our team that they will develop a unity of spirit and service and that the young team members who are students will be blessed with the needed finances.

#### Medical supplies needed! Can you help!

We also need funds for purchasing medical supplies for the clinic at the Village of Hope. Please contact Barry at <a href="mailto:abmut01@gmail.com">abmut01@gmail.com</a> if you are able to make a donation so that we can purchase needed medical supplies to take with our team.

### Mission Zimbabwe has a new improved Website!

Check out our new website at <a href="www.missionzimbabwe.org">www.missionzimbabwe.org</a>
Pictures of all past Mission Zimbabwe teams!
Slide shows from each visit to Zimbabwe!
Information and updates about our Mission Zimbabwe events!
Contact Information!
Information on how to donate to the Mission Zimbabwe Project!