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**JULY UPDATE**

**Village of Hope Zimbabwe Update**

I received this update from Pastor Zowa this week and want to share it with you.

Pastor and Mrs. Zowa visiting Hope Community Church in early May.



**Greetings from Zimbabwe**

As I write this e-mail from my office it's sunny but chilly outside. The weather has been rather on the cold side by Zimbabwean standards. For us here it is not the weather that has grabbed our attention. It is the level of peace that we are experiencing in the county that is 7 days from harmonized elections.

In exactly 7 days we are going to the polls to elect local government parliamentary and presidential candidates who will lead the nation for the next five years. The peaceful pre-election atmosphere has been so encouraging with politicians signing peace pledges as a way of committing to preach peace to their supporters. Unlike previous elections Zimbabweans are still free to move around at any time of the day without fear. Public gatherings have not been restricted at all.

What remains as a challenge is the availability of cash. The majority of transactions continue to be done on line. Small importers are finding it difficult to get the much-needed foreign currency. This has led to a distortion in pricing and valuation of things for business purposes. For those who may need to have cash for transactions especially in the rural areas it's not been easy. This has caused inflation to rise.

Away from all this we have had a great time at the VOH. God has been gracious to us in many ways. We are seeing hands as we seek to transform our communities. All our programs continue to be a source of hope for the underprivileged. In sports, arts and culture we continue to have children excelling to compete at higher levels.

In the past few months local organisations have helped us access training for some of our care givers. This helps us remain current in the way we educate, disciple and deal with children traumatized by life's unpredictability. Two weeks ago, we had a visit from Sergio Bersaglio, the executive director of VOHA. We had a time to review key issues to ensure our care and stewardship practices are meeting the required standards. This is important as it keeps all our villages focused on community transformation and empowering children.

A few Sundays ago, we had four young people sharing their stories in the church. These are for your people who grew up under the care of VOHZIM while staying with guardians in the community except for one. All are now pursuing post-secondary training including two in university. Its these stories that remind us our efforts are not in vain.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Norrie's, they will be back in Zimbabwe in September/October.
- We are in the process of adding another well at VOH for the school and the homes to have enough clean water.
- One of our resident children has not been feeling well. Pray for healing. He has been on ARVs for a long time.
- We are a need of a small utility vehicle to easy our transport needs. Especially for our outreach nutrition programs.
- We have Eshka and Daniel needing placement for one-year internship as part of their university training.
- Our children will be out of school from Wednesday until first week of September. Pray for protection during school break.

Friends like yourselves who continue to offer prayer, moral, material and financial support are among the reason why we can say Ebenezer. We are forever grateful that you have made the VOH a part of your lives.

Stay blessed.

[Rev M Zowa](#)

## **Mission Zimbabwe Harvest Dinner and Auction**

Put Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar to attend our Harvest Dinner and Auction at Cedar Rail Camp. Tickets will go on sale (\$25.00/person) in September. One way you can help right now is to use your contacts to help us secure donations for our silent and live auctions. We need complimentary tickets to sports events or live entertainment. Gift certificates to restaurants are great and also tours and holidays would go well. We want to start now as businesses set their donation budget early in the year. Contact Barry at [abmut01@gmail.com](mailto:abmut01@gmail.com) for a donation form or for more information.