



Mission Zimbabwe July Update

Mission Zimbabwe 2022

MISSION TRIP to the VILLAGE OF HOPE, ZIMBABWE

In March of 2020, a team was preparing to travel to the Village of Hope and then the Covid 19 pandemic hit and the trip had to be cancelled. Now, over two years later, once again a team is preparing to return to the Village of Hope. This year's three-member team (Nicole, Audrey and Barry) have begun last minute preparations as they will be departing for Zimbabwe on Sunday, July 17th and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd. You will be receiving updates from the team as they re-connect in person with the workers and children at the Village of Hope and Vimbainesu Children's Home.



How can you participate with the team?

1. Pray for our team. Your prayers are needed as with this short preparation time, God's strength, wisdom and intervention will be required.
2. Donate funds to support the team. Donations will be used to assist team members to overcome the increasing costs of the trip and to assist the team in blessing the people at the VOH and Vimbainesu. One project is to purchase and distribute as many Shona bibles as possible. Contact Barry at 519-270-4461 or abmut01@gmail.com for donation information.
3. A special offer for Child Care Plus sponsors. Refer to letter below!

A special offer to CCP Sponsors with a child at the Village of Hope

I want to offer you a heart-felt thank you for sponsoring a child at the Village of Hope and providing your child with a quality education, food, medical care and an opportunity to be introduced to Jesus.

I will be taking my 14th short-term mission trip to the Village of Hope, departing on July 17th and arriving back in Canada on August 2nd. Our team of three will be looking forward to connecting with the people at the Village of Hope as well as spending time with the children and workers at Vimbainesu Children's Home.

I am offering to deliver a letter or card from you to your sponsored child and if you wish, to transport a small amount of money (not more than \$50.00 USD) that will be used to bless his/her family. **All funds must be in US dollars!** Items such as pictures, stickers, etc. may be included with the letter/card. The children love pictures so I encourage you to include one or two if possible. Please note that we are unable to carry gift packages at this time as our team will not have space in our luggage for such items.

Your letter and/or money gift for your child must be in my possession by **Thursday, July 14th** so that it can be packed safely with the other items that our team will be taking to the Village of Hope. Please leave the envelope open as all letters and cards must be checked before being given to the children.

I thank you for bringing hope for the future to these children. I am praying that you will take advantage of this special opportunity to bless them. Don't hesitate to contact Barry if you need more information.

An Update from Pastor Zowa

June 25th, 2022

VOH Zimbabwe continues to make a difference in the lives of children in need. Thank You for your continued moral, material and prayer support.

"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. "Philippians 1:9

We have started a pilot nutrition project in another area close to the center. We have targeted 10 families. The model we are using is mainly Home Care. For a while we will be supplying and supporting the needy children food to be prepared at home.

While residential care is our last resort in terms of care, we continue to get social services bringing children to us. We recently received a baby brought to us for our care. This is a situation where there is no known relative immediately available to care for the baby. We are likely to receive another baby in the next week or so. The baby is in Hospital with no known relative to care for it, so social services have reached out to us.

School is on and we are having a good term. Children are learning at the center and in the community schools and have done well and they expect to be writing their end of term exams in the next two weeks.

Our clinic continues to offer services to children and their care givers. Growth monitoring and nutrition follow up continue to be a priority for the under 5s while basic medical care is offered to all children under our care and their care givers where applicable.

We hosted Africa day celebrations (25th May) and Day of the African Child (16 June) commemorations. Both events were graced by different stake holders from government and other neighboring schools. We also hosted the district 2022 in school Feeding program day with other schools from our district.

We are on course to start developing a resource centre for our resident children in a few weeks. The resource center will give children an opportunity and exposure to a variety of useful information on life skills.

Our discipleship program is going well. Despite the regular devotional and other class activities the church plants by Hope Community Church in some areas where we serve are very handy in this regard. Children find opportunity to be a part of church services and participate with others in their communities.

We held our annual general meeting in April. We are grateful for VOH Africa's guidance and leadership support.

Please pray for Pastor Richard, the director and his team to stay focused on CARING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

Thank You so much for your continued support. We commit you all to our God enjoy your summer.

Pastor Zowa

For the Love of God and His people.