



November Update

Isaiah 12: 4-5 "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known throughout the world what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world."

The Mission Zimbabwe Committee give "praise to the Lord for what He has done" in providing so much generous support for our harvest dinner and online auction. We work in service to exalt Him and bring glory to His name.

MISSION ZIMBABWE HARVEST DINNERS

Saturday, November 5th, we held our annual Harvest Dinner at Hope Community Church in Hanover. At the dinner, the 135 guests were served a roast beef meal, experienced a fun live auction and enjoyed the opportunity to hear an inspiring talk from Patricia Sachirarwe, a graduate of the Village of Hope school. A further 60 people picked up take-out meals.

Patricia's Presentation: Patricia used her own life story as an example of the life-changing impact that sponsorship has on the life of the children at the Village of Hope. More about Patricia's story can be found below.

Volunteers: More than thirty volunteers served to make the harvest dinner a success. Some of these volunteers were teenagers who are part of the Youth program at Hope Community Church. Mission Zimbabwe wishes to thank Lorne and Rebecca Grierson, Doug and Elaine Schaab, Debbie Gillies and other volunteers who prepared a wonderful harvest meal of roast beef, turnip, corn, coleslaw, and mashed potatoes topped off with home-made pies donated by the local Amish community. Also, thanks to the guest auctioneer, Mark Davis, guest MCs, Gaye and Elizabeth Norrie, and sound and video technician, Pastor Isaac Marmelo.

Education Fund Love Offering: During the evening, guests were asked to donate toward our Mission Zimbabwe Education Fund. The purpose of the Education Fund is to provide financial assistance that will allow graduates from Cornelius Hope Academy Secondary School to continue their education to study at the university or technical college level, or to post-secondary school courses that provide employment opportunities. A spirit of generosity was certainly present as \$4,000 was raised in support of education.

Live auction: There was spirited and generous bidding on the live auction items which resulted in over \$3,000 being raised. Thank you is extended to the many people who donated items such as home baking, preserves, chocolate baskets as well as Ron Stroeder's famous pickles, apple sauce and pickled eggs.

Volunteers in Action





Mission Zimbabwe Online Auction

The online auction had close to 300 items to bid on and closed on Tuesday, November 8th. Over \$14,000 was raised! Thank you to everyone who placed bids or donated items. We praise God for generous hearts! The funds raised through this online auction will allow Mission Zimbabwe to continue to provide support for the children at the Village of Hope and Vimbainesu Children's Home during 2023. A special shout-out to Barb Clugston-Shaw who put an incredible number of hours into organizing the items, taking pictures, writing descriptions, answering questions, listening to her phone pinging and making sure that winning bidders received their items.

Patricia's Story



In January 2012, Patricia started her grade 10 year at the secondary school at the Village of Hope, and in early 2013 she moved into the Girls Youth Home at the VOH. After finished her national exams, she proceeded to form 5 and 6 at Mabelreign Girls High, while still living at the Girls' Home at the VOH.

Patricia had applied to universities in Zimbabwe but she had developed an interest in applying for university outside Zimbabwe. Through the help of her mentors, Gaye and Elizabeth Norrie (Missionaries at the VOH), she learned about the MasterCard Foundation Program, and that she could be eligible for a fully funded scholarship. She applied and was accepted into McGill University, where she double majored in Economics and International Development. Her program began in August 2016, and she completed her degree in December 2019, one semester earlier than her expected graduation date. After graduation, Patricia worked at McGill in the Student Residences and also worked remotely for a health tech company. In October 2021, Elizabeth Norrie informed Patricia of an opening at ERDO (Emergency Relief and Development Overseas), in the ChildCARE Plus department. Patricia did a number of interviews for the role and in December 2021 she was hired and started her role as a ChildCARE Plus Administrator. Her role entails receiving information from CCP projects, creating child profiles and connecting sponsors to available children.

VOH Zimbabwe Update: New Play Area!

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This week at VOH Zimbabwe, we paved the area around one of our satellite points, located in the Star Community, not far from our primary VOH centre.

Available and useable land to conduct our programs at Star is quite limited because there has been a lot of digging in the area by people who use the dirt to make building bricks.

One of the ways we created more useable space for the children's programs was by refilling the holes and ditches created by the brick builders and then paving them with bricks. The paving gave us more space for the programs and a play area for the kids!

We put some sand on top of the bricks and, to ensure safety, installed a fence around the area.

We continue to do whatever we can to ensure our children can learn and play in a safe area, even at our satellite locations!