



New Clinic - Completion Expected Summer 2019

ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP



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Team Spirit - Oneness of Purpose

About the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership (ZMP)

The all-volunteer ZMP Board is made up of representatives from 10 member churches of the Denver Presbytery. The ZMP is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization working to relieve the suffering of orphaned and vulnerable children in rural Zimbabwe, approximately 80 miles Northeast of the capital city of Harare. The ZMP works with Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care (HCOC) in Zimbabwe to develop and sustain the resources needed to deliver daily meals, medical services, spiritual counseling, and school fees for over 700 orphans and preschool children.

2018 Summary

2018 brought many challenges and answered prayers. HCOC responded to financial challenges in Zimbabwe by establishing a Nostro Foreign Currency Account, which allowed the US dollars wired to Zimbabwe to remain as US dollars. This has allowed the important

work that is being done at HCOC to continue.

Because of generous grants received from Wellshire Presbyterian Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church, and the ZMP *Buy a Brick* campaign, construction began on a new clinic in 2018. This new clinic will allow HCOC to register with the country of Zimbabwe and continue to receive vital medicines and HIV drugs from UNICEF. The clinic nurse, Beauty Mukondwa, traveled to another clinic in Zimbabwe and spent several weeks there to learn how to grow herbal medicine. The HCOC clinic is now able to supplement the UNICEF drugs by growing a few of their own. According to Beauty, she is now able to identify basic herbs and treat some ailments such as wounds, coughs, and rashes using herbs grown at HCOC. In her own words - *"I'm using them at the clinic - a lot of testimonies coming through."*

HCOC believes the new clinic will be completed sometime in the summer of 2019.

The addition of the HCOC religious leader, Stewart Marufu, in 2017 has resulted in positive behavioral changes in many of the students.

Stewart is often the first point of contact for troubled students or when a crisis occurs. He has been vital to Albert, the CEO, and Beauty, the HCOC nurse. Stewart has a passion for our mission and his abiding love for God is evident in all that he does. The addition of Stewart to the HCOC leadership team has been inspiring and invaluable.

The dedication of HCOC leadership remains strong and fully committed to caring for the orphans at HCOC. 1 Corinthians 12: 14-20 reminds us the body is not made up of one part, but of many. All parts are vital and arranged as He wanted them to be. The many aspects involved in the partnership between the ZMP and HCOC are unified through prayer and trust in our Almighty God. May this be our call to action to remain united in spirit to continue our work as one body and one team to glorify His name.

Susan Jones, ZMP Moderator

Munhenga Family - Gatsi Village



Vulnerable Family - Muzambi Village



Twin Orphans - Sadza Village



Stewart - CHH Orphan (Courtesy Mr. B)



Life in Zimbabwe for an Orphaned Child

(as told by Stewart Marufu)

Many orphaned families were visited during the course of the year. We are grateful to say that during the year 2018 we visited sixty-three households, including seven child-headed households (children living without adults) in wards one, two and three covered by HCOC. One thing I have loved about home visits is that we have been able to come face to face with the daily lives that many of our children live outside school. Though painful to see how they live, our presence has brought a lot of relief to the orphans and vulnerable children.

I remember visiting one of the orphaned families in Gatsi village - the Munhenga family- whose father died from a snake bite while working in the gardens. I felt the terrible times they went through. The children had no decent clothing. In the kitchen, there was only a little maize meal and all of this coupled with emotional pains. I could feel the stress from the surviving mother. I gathered together with them and had time to pray for them lifting all our hope to the faithful GOD, having done with prayer I distributed some of the clothing I had carried in my back-pack. I only felt relieved when I saw smiles on the orphans as the surviving parent thanked HCOC for the clothing.

Home visits helped HCOC reach the furthest communities within its catchment area. It is beyond the rivers and mountains that we find another village with some of the HCOC beneficiaries, Muzambi village. Having gone through one of the toughest terrains I had ever

ridden through I met one of the vulnerable group of orphans. Surrounded by some mountains, the families in this village are hardly recognized as they seem to live a lonely life. I negotiated through the small paths to the village on a motor bike, getting there was not easy as I was at one time lost in the jungle. Thank God, upon getting into the village and visiting our children I noticed that it was worth the wait. Lonely, spiritually and emotionally depressed families were the order of the day during my visit.

Home visits uncovered many challenges affecting our children. In Sadza village was one incident that struck me. I visited two twin orphans aged fifteen, what pained me was their way of life. The boys are no longer going to school. I tried to find out why they had dropped school but could not get a satisfactory answer.

All I concluded after a short conversation with them was that the boys felt they were not good in school so they were now at home earning a living from molding and selling bricks.

Molding bricks in Zimbabwe is no easy task, so I took time to try to convince them hoping that they would agree to get back to school, but recent school reports indicated that they have not returned to school. Maybe a small income generating project would be helpful for such boys.

Child Headed Households Visits

Within the communities and among our beneficiaries is another hurting group of vulnerable children, the ignored and depressed –the child headed households. All of the child headed families I visited had one thing in common, they were not certain of what tomorrow holds for them. One thing I have done for them is to share with them Scriptures of the Love of God.

Among the eight child-headed families is one Aaron Botsa. He is seventeen and at Nyamashato secondary doing his form four. Aaron lives alone; both parents died and he was now living with his grandfather who as well recently passed on. Though he is a hard worker producing vegetables enough for himself, he cannot provide for his wants. It was through the interventions of HCOC that the boy is going to school, his fees paid for, and he is receiving monthly food

groceries. Many thanks to our mother, Roberta Pippitt, “the mother of love.” She bought some kitchen utensils for the boy while in Zimbabwe after one of the visits to his home showed that the boy did not have a good pot, plate, and other utensils.

Stewart Marufu

Message From Albert Mukondwa, CEO

2018 has been a historic year in changing, shaping, and directing the inner person of HCOC staff and champions’ (orphans) attitudes toward God. This has been signified by: tolerance among staff, a peaceful environment, no major turbulences in the organization, and a very exciting team spirit.

God is great, Psalm 133:1 – “*behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*” Many complements to the Religious Services Leader Stewart Marufu. Keep it up! Thank you ZMP for the support of this good work. May God, bless you all.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

761

Orphans and preschoolers were served breakfast and lunch

3029

Individuals received treatment at the clinic

170

Children received treatment in the clinic on average every month

123

Morning devotionals provided by spiritual counselor

116

Bible study sessions

238

School fees paid for orphans

"But now are they many members, yet but one body." 1 Corinthians 12:20

"Individuals play the game but teams win championship," goes the Chinese proverb. May I say whenever there is the spirit of teamwork, there are pleasing and positive results. The Bible has vast examples of incidences where oneness of purpose (team spirit) was employed and the results were all pleasing. One of the good examples is that of how God Himself operates, though He can manifest Himself in three personalities yet He operates as One God- and the results of His work are pleasing. Because of oneness of the Godhead, we have all the universe and the beauty of all creation. Such is the power of teamwork.

The success of the work at HCOC has been mainly brought about by the spirit of oneness of purpose by various team players committed to one purpose. Today we are all grateful that the vulnerable children served by HCOC have gone up to nearly a thousand.

The Apostle Paul under the influence of the Spirit of God writes encouraging words to us about team spirit with special reference to the human body. He points out that many members/ body parts make up the human body. A closer look at the human body will show us that we have various parts- the eyes, the ears, the head, the hand etc. each and every one of these has a special purpose. In some words, the human body may not function properly without one of its members, or else we will have a handicapped body.

May I say, what is going to bring continued success to the work of serving the orphans and vulnerable children is continuing in oneness of purpose, team

spirit. Team spirit at HCOC, team spirit in all our partners, team spirit between HCOC and other stakeholders. There is one thing team spirit does- it encourages one another towards the common goal. It looks at the broader objective from a teamwork point of view.

I took time to see how God reacts and responds to team spirit and oneness of purpose. The book of Acts of the Apostles chapter two opens by showing us oneness of purpose. Because of this oneness of purpose, the results were amazing. We hear that the Holy Spirit descended. In some words, this portion of scripture shows us that God blesses team work. I was reading one of the laws of significance, it says, "One is a small number to achieve greatness." I have often referred to how ants live, how small they are and how big they can build an ant hill. Such is the power of coming together to a common purpose.

As we start various programs rolling in the year 2019 may I give this reminder- there is power in working as a team. What will bring smiles to many disadvantaged children is oneness of purpose. May the Lord bless all our 2019 plans. *Stewart Marufu*

Our sincere heartfelt thanks to:

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