



# Heart of Compassion Missionary Ministries Newsletter

Publisher LVS-TS

Volume No.1

Issue No.7

July 2009

Praise God for a successful trip to Zimbabwe from April 6<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. This trip posed many challenges but our God caused us to be victorious in all areas concerning the purpose for which we were sent. We arrived safely but our luggage was misplaced somewhere in transit. Two days later, our luggage arrived in one piece, glory be to God!

## Leadership Conference leads to Righteous Living

While in Zimbabwe, we took part in a leadership conference in Chitungwiza where many people were ordained and married.



Even today, there are many people married by way of a traditional or “tribal” marriage agreement, and as a result, there is no record of their marriage in the courts. In order for these marriages to be officially recognized by the government and the church, Christian marriage ceremonies were performed. The actions of these leaders served as an example to church members by exemplifying the importance of

having a Christian marriage as opposed to a traditional “tribal” marriage where men could have up to four wives.

## Delivering the Word in the local language

As we traveled throughout the area, we continue to assist those in need of Bibles by bringing in Bibles written in the local Shona language from the United States. Although we were only able to bring thirty-five Bibles with us due to weight and baggage restrictions, many people were blessed to receive them.



*We would like to thank everyone  
for their donations in supporting  
Heart of Compassion  
Missionary Ministries, Inc.  
Dr. Tracy and Linda Sharpe  
2401 Waterman Blvd.,  
Ste. A4-142  
Fairfield, California 94534*

## Food available but for many, unattainable

Grocery stores now have food to sell but many people are still desperate because they cannot

afford to purchase food. This is in part due to the fact that 94% of people who live in Zimbabwe are unemployed. In an effort to help people to help themselves, we purchased 200 packages of vegetable seeds from the United States to distribute among the people living in rural areas.



Although this is like a drop in a bucket, it will give a few people the opportunity to grow their own food.

## Currency Conversion to USD

We found that conducting business at local stores in Zimbabwe was somewhat easier on this trip because the country eliminated the Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWD). Now, all businesses are using the United States Dollar (USD) to buy and sell goods and services. The disadvantage of using the USD is the fact that businesses do not use or accept coins, older bills or torn bills. The funny thing was that businesses would price something for \$2.20 but because they do not have or use coins people have to either let them keep the difference or purchase something else to make it a whole dollar amount.



# Heart of Compassion Missionary Ministries Newsletter

Publisher LVS-TS

Volume No.1

Issue No.7

July 2009

## The work is completed! (Children's Home)

Despite the currency issues, we finally completed the work on the children's home; getting all the necessary supplies was no little feat. Finding roofing nails took several trips to over ten different hardware stores.



We needed 150 nails and we found one place that had them but they wanted to charge \$0.68 per nail which would have totaled \$102.00 USD. God lead us to a hardware store where we purchased the nails for \$50.00 USD; still quite a bit of money for nails but cheaper than any other store in Zimbabwe. Tracy had to make a 6 hour trip to South Africa to get paint for the buildings.

After gathering all the necessary supplies, we finally completed the construction of the children's home, and could not have done it without your donations and prayers!

Now, the host ministry, *Thy Kingdom Come Ministries*, will pick up the administrative tasks which include obtaining

the necessary permits and clearances in order to bring children into the home. They will also be in charge of daily operations and making other additions to the home as needed.



We praise God for the opportunity to partner with Pastors Martin and Ivy Bernard in completing the vision for the children's home in Zimbabwe.

## A window of opportunity for global outreach

Heart of Compassion Missionary Ministries will continue to serve in Zimbabwe as God leads but will also serve in other areas of the world. God has already opened doors in areas such as Ethiopia, Costa Rica, Sudan, India, and Haiti.

In fact, we will be going to Ethiopia in October 2009 to work with a ministry based out of Michigan and in 2010 we are planning a mission to Sudan to work with a ministry out of Alabama.

In both cases we will be ministering to the lost and helping children who are in need. As we continue to develop relationships with other ministries, we are

increasing our effort to reach people and touch lives around the world.

## Please continue to Pray

for upcoming mission trips to Ethiopia in 2009 and Sudan in 2010 and new relationships that will help us reach out to more people throughout the world. Continue to pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the people serving in authority. Continue to pray that all spiritual strongholds be lifted. Please pray for unity in the government and the body of Christ. Pray that the windows of heaven will open and pour down a financial blessing. Keep the mission team from Equator Faith Mission Church in Oakland, California in prayer. They have departed for a mission to Haiti to assist people in rebuilding their homes and their lives from the 2008 hurricanes. Pray for better living conditions for children throughout the world. Amen!

"But when He saw the  
multitudes, He was moved  
with compassion for  
them....."

Matthew 9:36