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## UPDATE CHILDRENS HOME DOMBOSHAWA

The building had been at a stand still due to lack of materials in the country of Zimbabwe and the lack of fuel



to travel outside the country to purchase the needed materials. Praise God while we were there, we were able to purchase twenty bags of cement, two truckloads of sand, gravel and rocks, one thousand bricks, window frames, door frame hardware, and wall vents.



We still need thirty-two sheets of roofing which were selling in Zimbabwe for \$35.00 US a sheet (the prices change daily) and timber to hold the roofing sheets. Pastor Bernard will go to Botswana now that fuel is a little more accessible and we hope it will be less expensive to purchase the roofing materials there.

We also need doors, locks and glass panes for the

windows. We are estimating the cost to complete the project to be approximately \$2,500.00, although as previously stated, prices literally change daily and not in our favor. When we purchased the cement it was

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\$13.00 US a bag, when we needed more the next day, it was \$14.00 US a bag—and rising daily.

We invite you to share with us in continuing the work on the children's home in Domboshawa and helping the people in Zimbabwe.

**Please send your tax-deductible donations to:**

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***"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them....."*  
Matthew 9:36**

## FOTHERGILL FISHING VILLAGE OUTREACH

We had the opportunity to minister in the fishing village of Fothergill, which is an island on Lake Kariba. Fothergill is a six hour



drive, and an hour boat ride across crocodile and hippo infested waters from Harare. We videotaped a large crocodile approximately twelve feet in length stand up and slide into the water from a small strip of land as we passed it on our way to the village. The village is so remote that the children there had never eaten candy and they weren't sure what to do with it when we gave it to them.

We distributed clothes to the villagers and milk to the children. Twenty men of the village gave their lives to the Lord, and many wanted Bibles, which we promised to bring next year when we return.



We also met a young woman, from this village who saw her reflection in a mirror this past April for the very first time when Pastor Bernard made it possible for her to attend a church conference in the capital city of Harare.



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During our mission trip, we ministered at Hopley Farm, located on the outskirts of Harare. This is a camp of over 700 displaced people who were unwillingly moved from their homes to this area with the promise of permanent housing to be built. It has been over 2 years now and people are still living in temporary shelters with no infrastructure. There is no running water or adequate toilet facilities at this location, and yet people have been living there for over two years. Although the government is responsible for building permanent housing, we have joined together with Pastor's Martin and Ivy Bernard of Thy Kingdom Come Ministries to plant a new church in the area. Praise God!

## WATER TROUBLES IN HARARE

The US ambassador to Harare, James McGee, said, "a total of 294 people have been confirmed dead from cholera in Zimbabwe, amid some 1,200 cases of the water-borne disease. The water situation, sanitation situation has gone through the ceiling," McGee told reporters in Washington via a satellite hookup from Harare. Another 37 people have died in the capital of Harare, while a new outbreak in the central town of Gweru has killed 13 people, state media said. Doctors Without Borders warned that 1.4 million people are at risk of the disease in Harare alone, and cases of

cholera have been detected as far away as Durban, on South Africa's southeastern coast. Officials in Harare said the outbreak of cholera in Zimbabwe over the last month has now claimed at least 90 lives, including three deaths of Zimbabweans across the border in South Africa. At least 37 people have died in Beitbridge, a town on the border with South Africa, Health Minister David Parirenyatwa said on national radio. Three Zimbabweans have died across the border in the South African town of Musina, officials there said.

Linda and I experienced the water difficulties in Harare first hand while in Zimbabwe. Many of the people that live in the city do not have water from the tap anymore because the city is not pumping water to the homes. This is because of a lack of maintenance on the water distribution equipment, resulting in no water. People who have a borehole (equivalent of a well) are able to get water from their own boreholes and some are selling the water to those who cannot get water. Some generous people give water away. Pastor Bernard's [Pastor Martin and Ivy Bernard](#)



pump for his borehole was broken at the time we were there and they didn't have the

parts to repair it. Pastor Bernard went to their neighbor's house to get water. They usually filled up buckets and transported them back to their home for cooking and personal hygiene. For those who had the money to buy water and water holding tanks, they purchased water from private companies to store in their holding tanks. The bottom line is if you have a borehole you are blessed. If the borehole that you have is electric, when the electricity goes out the water stops. If there is a manual feature, allowing water to be drawn without electricity, it is the best of both worlds. We didn't get sick from the water because we were covered by your prayers. Thanks be to God!



## PRAYER DIRECTIVES FOR ZIMBABWE

Please pray for unity in the government and the body of Christ. Pray for Pastor's Martin and Ivy. Pray for better living conditions in Zimbabwe. Pray that food, water and medicine are distributed to those people with the greatest need first. Pray that the windows of heaven will open and pour down a financial blessing. Pray that God's will be done.