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

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## Zimbabwe inflation rockets higher

Zimbabwe is in the midst of a dire economic crisis with unemployment at almost 80%, most manufacturing at a halt and basic foods in short supply. Zimbabwe, once one of the richest countries in Africa, has descended into economic chaos largely blamed on the policies of President Mugabe. Mr. Mugabe has denied he is ruining the economy, laying the blame instead on international sanctions he says have been imposed against Zimbabwe.

Heart of Compassion Missionary Ministries is an evangelistic missionary ministry with a global mission dedicated to reaching people and touching lives with a Heart of Compassion around the world.

### Pastor Martin and Ivy Bernard Thy Kingdom Come Ministries



Binga Outreach 2007

Pastors Martin and Ivy Bernard are native missionaries who minister both spiritual and humanitarian aid to the souls in Zimbabwe. HOCMM works in conjunction with Pastor Bernard and Thy Kingdom Come Ministries. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue the work of the Lord in Zimbabwe.

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

## We will be leaving for Zimbabwe on October 6, 2008.

Please continue to Pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the people serving in authority. Pray we will have safe passage through all road blocks. Pray that we will yield to God in doing whatever God has called us to do. Pray that the hearts of the people who God has directed us to will be softened to receive the Word of God. Pray that we will help the people empower themselves economically through creative and witty ideas. Pray that there will be supplies available to continue work on the children's home. Pray that communications over the phone from Zimbabwe to the USA will work. Pray for favor going through customs. Pray that we will not lack any funds to do what God has planned for us to do. Pray for our family and friends in the USA that they will not be concerned for our safety because we are in God's hands. Pray that our daughters, Kasi in California and Kaila in Arizona, will be safe while we are away. Continue to pray that all spiritual strongholds be lifted. Pray that the vehicles that we will be using will be in good working order. Pray that we will have fuel available to travel. Pray that we will have favor everywhere we go. Pray a safe return. Pray that when we do return that we will recover quickly from the trip and that opportunity will open for us to speak at other churches.

***Dr. Tracy and Linda Sharpe***



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## Hunger road trip of rural Zimbabwe



**Aid worker Matthew Cochrane shares his impressions about the Zimbabweans he met while visiting the country's south-east Masvingo province.**

“My first impression driving through Masvingo province is how dry and bare it is.

The countryside is brown. Riverbeds are full of rocks and sand.

Supermarket shelves are also bare, apart from a couple of boxes of tea.”

Masvingo is about a three-hour drive from the capital, Harare. “My colleagues at the Red Cross branch in Masvingo town visit people living with HIV/Aids in their homes. They also look after children who are considered to be vulnerable as well as those who have been orphaned by the disease.

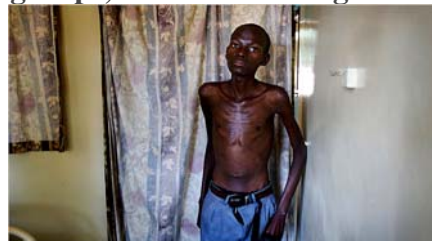
Living close to the clinic is an HIV-positive mother, Tendai.

Tendai has been living with HIV for the past three years. She has been receiving

retroviral treatment but now without food it is having an extraordinary effect on her life. She explains she often has to go for three or four days without anything to eat. And because the body needs food to absorb the drugs, she now regularly has to be hospitalized because her body cannot cope. She is visited everyday by Red Cross volunteers who bring food when they can, although it is not always possible and even they have to go without.



## Zimbabwe lifts ban on Aid groups, but its effect lingers



A 17 year old HIV patient in rural Zimbabwe hospital

The Zimbabwe government recently lifted an almost three-month-old ban on the

work of aid groups. The government had imposed the ban because it claimed some of the groups had been backing the opposition during a bitter election season in which President Robert Mugabe was fighting for his political survival.

The suspension of the groups' field operations deprived more than a million orphans, schoolchildren, the elderly and other impoverished Zimbabweans of food and other basic assistance, according to the nations that donated the aid.

The groups have long said they provide aid based solely on need, not politics. But Zimbabwe's minister of information, Sikhanyiso Ndlovu, reiterated the charge that some of the international aid groups had backed the opposition against Mr. Mugabe, providing food only to opposition supporters and funneling aid money into the coffers of the opposition party. The aid groups have challenged the government to prove its case.