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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the missionary work that God has called us to do in Zimbabwe. As some of you may know, elections in Zimbabwe were held on 29 March 2008 and we were scheduled to travel to Zimbabwe on 27 April 2008. Because the results of the elections were not released in a timely manner, it created an unstable political climate throughout the country.

Despite the news and embassy warnings, we did not change our plans until we spoke to the pastors whom we work with in Zimbabwe. Pastor's Martin and Ivy Bernard of Thy Kingdom Come Ministries informed us of numerous military roadblocks in the city of Harare and throughout the countryside that would have restricted our movement in Zimbabwe. Also, if we were stopped, anyone traveling with us would have been placed in a potentially life-threatening situation due to the negative sentiment held by government officials of Zimbabwe against the United States and Britain. As a result of the current political unrest in the country, our next mission to Zimbabwe has been rescheduled to 3 October 2008.



The current president of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, (top left) has been the only president for the past 28 years. The country has suffered as a result of poor leadership.



Opposition candidate Morgan Tsvangirai, (bottom left) stated that over sixty of his supporters have been murdered since 29 March 2008. Tsvangirai claimed to have received more than 50% of votes cast in the last election, which would have given him an outright victory, but the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, staffed by Mugabe loyalists, claimed that while the opposition leader's tally was greater than the President's, it had not passed 50%, which meant a run-off vote was required. The situation is still unstable and there will be a second round of voting on 27 June 2008.

Please continue to pray for the people of Zimbabwe. The daily hardships caused by inflation, unemployment, and the lack of food have been "a nightmare" according to Pastor Ivy Bernard. Although money can be received in Zimbabwe through wire transfers, schemes initiated by money transfer agents have made it a requirement for them to travel to Botswana to retrieve funds in order to avoid paying a bribe. In any case, your donations have been a great help for them to purchase food and other necessities.

God is still in control regardless of the situation. 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 of Zimbabwe. ***Please send your tax-deductible donations to:***

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