



WINTER WARMTH

- AN UPDATE FROM VOH ZIM – JULY 2010

We pray you are enjoying the heat spell in southern Ontario, and the summer warmth all over Canada. And while you go on vacations, bask in sunshine, grow gardens and begin to prep for the new fiscal and school years starting in September, we are finishing off our winter here in Zimbabwe. There are double quilts on our beds and it is painful to startle your feet with the 2 degree concrete and bare wood floors in the mornings after the toasty warmth of the sheets. By noon however we are basking in 18 degree sunshine again – a reprieve from the evenings and overnights.



Our over 300 children from the Chosen Ones feeding program are thought of with great concern during these months because of the single blanket on dirt floor that many of them sleep on, and so the morning porridge we provide and the activity of a classroom are a welcome start to their day – to warm a tummy, the hands and the heart. Our resident children rise from mattresses well off the floors, and start their day a little better off.

This morning we are sitting tiredly and quietly at home, having said goodbye to another Short Term Missions Team just yesterday. Again – our children were BLESSED!

👏 **The team erected a new playground amidst our Children's Homes.** This is so vital to keep our smallest children under the watchful eye of mom, and encourage them to not wander away to the school playgrounds! The joy on their faces as they climbed for the first time on the new teeter-totters, swings and climbing equipment was beyond description, as was the joy on our teams faces to see what was accomplished!

👏 **They taught English as a second language classes to over 20 local moms,** with children on Child Care Plus sponsorship. We have made a commitment to these women to carry this on and so help them to help their children who are learning school lessons in English.

👏 **They taught basic first aid to our house moms and to a crowd of over 150 CCP parents on a Saturday.**

👏 **AND...** they blessed our resident children with self made t-shirts; our Chosen One children with warm hats, underwear and treats; repaired stacks of mending; participated in coaching volleyball & youth services; and treated our workers to a staff lunch complete with maple syrup and butter tarts for a taste of Canada!

As the team spent time with our children, our construction workers began to build the foundations for the 1st Secondary School block of Cornelius Hope Academy Primary School. We hired a new House Mother and Winnie began her

intensive training. And in the last month, we have also welcomed 3 new little bodies into our Children's Homes! Please pray for Lisa, Rutendo & Denzil to continue to settle into their new home and with their new moms.



LISA is a little mite struggling with HIV and an enlarged heart. She lost her mother in May this year who was ill for months, and so proper feeding and care were impossible in her fragile state. At 14 mos. she still weighs less than 6 kg. but



To try to keep you better informed up to date with “up to the minute” news 😊, we have just started a blog on our webpage!

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now at the Village of Hope is seeing specialists, receiving nutritional supplements and heart medication. Her prognosis is guarded but we are believing God for a miracle for Lisa.



RUTENDO has been part of the Village of Hope since we arrived in 2005. In 2006 her father passed away. But we continued to support her single mother of 2 by providing her with work, and sending Rutendo to school. Her mother was ill for a long time, first with HIV, and in 2009 was then diagnosed with cancer. Mom's health

declined quickly and in April, she passed away. Rutendo quite simply had nowhere else to go and no one else to care for her, but for the Village of Hope. The tragedy and illness she has lived through have left her hurting and tears are never far from her eyes. Please pray for her as she heals.



DENZIL at 2 years, was abandoned by his mother, and his father travelled many months across country purchasing supplies across borders and bringing them back into Zimbabwe for resale. But being gone for such long periods left Denzil in some not so great situations and he needed a permanent home.

Prayer Requests this month /

- ✍ For Lisa's health; Rutendo's heart & healing; & Denzil's sense of peace and stability.
- ✍ For God's peace to reign in this nation, as Zimbabwe prepares for elections in late 2011.
- ✍ For our work permit reapplication, again in process. The current permit expires August 25th, 2010.
- ✍ For the ongoing developments of Secondary School and Medical Clinic at the Village of Hope – that every aspect of building and hiring happen with excellence in God's eyes.
- ✍ For our eldest son Nathan, as he settles into Edmonton, Alberta and begins Bible College in September. We miss him so very much!

We can't thank you enough for being a part of the Village of Hope, of our lives, and of the lives of children here in Zimbabwe. Please take a moment and write to us, we'd love to hear from you!
Many blessings!

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Abraham believed God and it was credited him as righteousness. Gen. 15:6
WE STILL BELIEVE! BELIEVE WITH US!