

CCIP-ZIMBABWE LENTEN SEASON NEWSLETTER

The Lenten season is 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday! It is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter. Through the example of Christ, believers move from a me-centered lifestyle to an others-centered lifestyle; completely transforming how others see the people around them and their relationship to them and God!

Terry and Alisha of reachinghandsministry visit CCIP projects in Zimbabwe

By Arnold Mukwindza

Greetings to you all, I trust that this note will find you all in the best of health. It is my pleasure to share with you the wonderful experience we had with Terry and Alisha the ladies working with reachinghandsministry.

They had a 5-day stay in Chitakatira at my dad's home where I live. It was a pleasure hosting these ladies who can live like the people they wish to work with.

From the airport it was straight to Foundation for farming where we saw demo plots of farming God's way.



We visited Chitakatira primary school and toured our projects that include the water, fish, garden, and girl child emergency room.

We were graced by the deputy headmistress and she shared her joys since we partnered with them to date, they also shared some of the outstanding challenges the school has.



We visited the Maonde offices, where women were redoing the uniforms that did not meet market standards. Terry who happens to be experienced in sewing was happy to see the women do their work and was so much willing to be part of the sewing project. She observed that the women needed more training and she is willing to be part of that. We also discussed power outages that are heavily affecting the women and she plans to see the possibility of solar as an alternative power source. They bought 13 Aprons made by some members of the sewing groups.



We had a chance to explore into agriculture and went to a group of 40 farmers who have a community garden about 7 miles from Chitakatira primary school in the south.

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The Agritex officer took us to the group, the village head and the local councilor were there, Terry discussed the possibility of training farming Gods way sometime this year and they welcomed the training.

However, the farmers had their own concern. They have a community garden they have been working on nutritional gardens but their borehole broke down, they are using the hand pump which cannot sustain such hard work considering their number, they need a solar pump and reservoir tank for their sweat to bear fruit. We will visit the site to assess the problem and land size.

We also visited Isheanesu children's home at Hilltop where they keep and feed children mostly primary and secondary, they also pay for their tuition.



They have a sewing self-sustaining project done by some of the children's guardian or parent.

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Each morning, we had a chance to tour Tariro gardens as we all lived there.



After all this work we had a bit of play and we visited Nyachowa falls near Chitakatira area and also visited Echo game park half way to Harare where we saw lions, zebras, giraffes and buffalo species.



They enjoyed their stay and praised the work we are doing here and wish we could continue to beat the effects of climate change that is leaving many families hungry and children out of school.