

## CCIP-Zimbabwe Newsletter

Featuring Kennedy Mukwindidza's account of his recent trip to Zimbabwe

CCIP-Zimbabwe continues making a significant difference near and far! This year has been a little more difficult due to the current Corona Virus pandemic. There are months when business literary stopped and people were locked down. Only the brave and the hungry would dare go out there looking for food and water. Paul says it all on our behalf: *"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies."* 2 Corinthians 4: 8 – 10.

We remain humbled and strengthened by your support. You are the engine that keeps us going. For the first time since 2001, I went to Zimbabwe alone without a team. But I felt the weight of your presence because of your prayers. I visited all our projects around Mutare. They are all doing well given this very difficult environment they operate in.

**The sewing club** ladies are still making face masks and uniforms. **Two factors are of concern, they need more sewing material, yet the space from which they are operating is very limited.** To begin a new year, about 100 uniforms will be ready by the end of December. About 16 ladies are working from a very small room with two heavy duty machines, two light ones, and one over-locking sewing machine. (Thanks to Ed Dodge for his generous donation.)



Pilot chicken project



**The chicken project** is beginning to bear fruits. The members of the first one are beginning to pay back their loan every month, even though one of the members left. The second batch of layers will take a little longer time because layers take more time to mature and begin to lay eggs. 100 chicks were delivered when I was there. The ladies taking care of the chicks were very excited.

**The fisheries project** is doing very well especially the four ponds at Arnold's residence. I spent most of my stay fishing and witnessing people from the community coming to fish or buy fish. It was very refreshing and rewarding, knowing that people are benefiting from what we are doing.

I visited the two ponds at Chitakatira school and was not very happy about it. We lost about 500 fish there because it was not planned well, and there was not enough care especially when the

students were on break. In the future, I think we need to focus on ponds at people's residence, because there is more care and security there.

I was not able to go to Arnoldine Mission to visit our sunflower farmers. But there is some excitement because the farmers we given a grant of over \$60,000.00 to grow sunflowers. Things are beginning to happen. The Mutare Rotary Club was not able to get the funds for quick use with the farmers. One of the Wichita Rotary Clubs is managing the funds for Arnoldine farmers..

I was able to visit Chitakatira and Chishakwe Primary schools to meet with the headmasters and students we are supporting in their schools. It was heartwarming to see the smiling faces of little girls and boys running to



school in their uniforms knowing that they would not be forced to leave schools because their fees were not paid. They are very much appreciative of what we are doing bringing positive change to their lives. Due to the pandemic, the need is overwhelming! While the government is promising that they would not force any child out of school due to lack of paying fees. The headmasters and the Parents Associations are saying that they may fail to deliver due to lack of resources.

I could not come back without meeting the new Mutare District Superintendent to discuss his views of our restrained relationship with the District. Rev Tendayi Makono was extremely receptive and welcoming. He is inviting us to come back to our original love and desire to work together. He would like to see us develop a functional program at the **Zimunya Skills Training Center**. There is not much going on there, yet we have a beautiful facility that can be used to benefit people in terms of trainings, seminars, workshops and the like.

Before I left Zimbabwe I asked our team on the ground to prepare their needs for the year so that we can deal with issues in a more organized manner. They need to present a proposed budget so that we anticipate what we need to do during the course of the year. I got a laptop for the office so that we begin to document what we are doing.

We have 2022 ahead of us. We have the covid-19 raging. Hunger and poverty do not stop due to covid-19. God is calling us to be in ministry during this difficult time. Let us meet our challenges and be in the business of saving souls!

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