

ZIMBABWE VICTIMS' SUPPORT FUND

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Crossing the Nile

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Send the money to Zimbabwe !



That was the goal of a bunch of young adults who came from all over the country to Priory Methodist Church in Bedford, bringing their cornets, horns, euphoniums, trombones and percussion, to raise money for ZVSF.

They were members of the National Methodist Youth Brass Band who travelled at their own expense, and even covered the costs of their meals, to ensure that every penny from their concert would provide food for those who live with poverty and hunger in Zimbabwe.

The concert was brilliant, and packed with people, so was their contribution to Sunday worship.

A few weeks later the Bedford Gallery Quire, with eighteenth century instruments and outfits, added to the funds with a 'Truly Traditional Christmas Concert' of music from that period, as a Christmas gift to ZVSF.



As the Brass Band do, we try to keep our administration costs to a minimum so we will aim to distribute reports by email wherever possible. If you have not already done so, please email Chris Sworn (zvsf.sworn@btinternet.com) by the end of April. This will confirm that we have your correct email and that you are happy to receive reports electronically. Thank you

Treasurer's Report

Below is an abbreviated version of our accounts for 2013; they are yet to be audited and will be placed on the Charity Commission website when that is done.

Receipts and Payments	2013			2012
	Unrestr'd	Restr'd*	Total	Total
Income				
Donations	64,390	11,144	75,534	57,123
Interest	14	0	14	6
Total income	64,404	11,144	75,548	57,129
Outgoings				
Remittance to Zimbabwe	63,393	3,104	66,497	63,028
Remittance fees	175	0	175	153
Stationery and newsletters	808	0	808	
Website	452	0	452	
Fundraising				422
Tax on interest	1	0	1	1
Vehicle purchase		7,000	7,000	
	64,829	10,104	74,933	63,604
Cash funds at end of last year	4,988	0	4,988	11,463
Cash funds at end of this year	4,563	1,040	5,603	4,988
Assets and liabilities				
Cash funds at end of year	4,563	1,040	5,603	
Gift Aid due	3,300	2,000	5,300	

* Restricted funds for 2013 were for the purchase of vehicle

Our finalised accounts and annual report for 2012 are on the Charity Commission website – the easiest way to find them is to go to <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/>, search for our charity and request 'Accounts' from the bottom of the page.

As you can see, the figures confirm Graham's statement that we have been able to maintain our remittances to Bulawayo. Thank you so much.

Christine

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On the road again ...

I believe it was Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, who once said, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."

Time and again we have seen this truth played out in an otherwise hopeless situation – and most recently through your generosity, in the provision of a vehicle for Pastor Albert Chatindo and his team of Pastors.

In our 2013 Mid Year Report we drew attention to the fresh challenge presented by the seizing up of Pastor Albert's previous vehicle after 400,000 kms use over the poorest of rural roads. We started a separate appeal for a replacement vehicle alongside the ongoing – and still desperately needed – relief feeding. The response of our supporters and other Christian groups, from places as far apart as Beldon in Australia and Arvika in Sweden, can only be described as inspirational. As a result of your sacrificial giving I can report that a second-hand Toyota Landcruiser Colorado, 4-wheel-drive, in very good condition, is now being shipped out from Sheerness to Walvis Bay in Namibia. It will be collected by Pastor Albert and driven into Zimbabwe. It will be a huge relief to him to be back on the road again with his team, distributing relief food to

thousands close to starvation, as well as bringing the good news of the One who is "the bread of life".

And I imagine you will be interested to know that this same vehicle was travelling between Walvis Bay and Damietta, on the north African coast, only a few months ago. Yes that's right. Chris Sworn, our Secretary, covered that route in the same Landcruiser between September and November last year. He did so in company with several friends and has written up an excellent, illustrated, travelogue of that experience which you will soon be able to view on the "Events" page of our website.

Very generously, on his return to the UK, Chris made the vehicle available to us, donating all the money we paid for it back into our general funds, enabling us to meet the quarterly instalment due to our partners in Zimbabwe for relief feeding. So a vehicle is being provided for God's work and at the same time the feeding schemes are being continued, without missing a beat.

How thrilling it is to find ourselves at the interface between deep human need, the answering compassion of the loving Father and the generosity of those whom he prompts as his human agents.

I hope to be revisiting Zimbabwe myself in a few months time and will do my best to provide you with a photo or two of Albert and his team and the vehicle in use in the Lord's work.

Finally, as much to bring myself down to earth again as anything else, and to remind us all of the continuing challenge, I feel I must quote from Chris Sworn's travelogue concerning his recent and first-hand impressions of Zimbabwe. He concludes:

"Despite our empathy for Zimbabwe and its people, we were depressed by the five days we spent there – nobody we met was happy with the outcome of the election and, indeed, most were full of foreboding about the future. The country was as beautiful as ever, but there were no tourists, there was precious little activity in the fields and on the farms, and there were signs of poverty everywhere."

Dear friends, our work is not yet over ...

In the Ndebele language: "Sithandazela, sisebenzela ukusa kwe Zimbabwe enthsha" which roughly translated means "Praying and working for the dawn of the new Zimbabwe!"

God bless you.

Graham