

Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund
SPECIAL APPEAL
BULLETIN No 1

The ZVSF Special Appeal was launched just a month ago and there has already been a magnificent response from our supporters. We still have a mountain to climb but we have made an excellent start. You will recall that we set ourselves a very ambitious target of £ 115,000 for relief feeding between now and March 2021. We also committed to purchasing a sturdy and reliable second-hand 4x4 vehicle for Pastor Albert to facilitate the distribution of relief food and to sustain this very special ministry.



Right now our partners in Zimbabwe are busy sourcing the increased tonnage of mealie meal and scouring the market to secure the best deal possible on the vehicle. We expect to have more news for you on both fronts within the next few weeks, to include in our next bulletin. Meanwhile we are pleased to share with you news of another project set up some months ago. This is to provide a highly nutritional food supplement called e'pap to some seriously malnourished children.

Earlier this year a report by UNICEF and the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency revealed high levels of privation in rural areas where 76 per cent of children live in abject poverty. Statistics suggest that almost half of these children do not have enough of the right food to eat. We should not wonder then that fewer than 20 per cent of toddlers aged between 6 and 23 months receive a minimally adequate diet, or that about 1 in 4 children under 5 years of age are stunted and at risk of impaired physical and cognitive growth.

Therefore when we heard that a church in Bulawayo did not have the funds to sustain the regular supply of e'pap to a number of at-risk toddlers in the informal settlement at Killarney (just outside Bulawayo) we were happy to be able at that time to take on this extra commitment, on a one-off basis, for six months. The project is now underway and the photos show the sheer delight – almost disbelief – of the children receiving this good, nourishing food supplement, which is rich in minerals and vitamins and used in many countries of Southern Africa to combat malnutrition.

I need hardly say that this project and all our work is only possible through the continuing generosity of our supporters who have a real heart for these people in desperate need.

Our warmest thanks to you all.

Graham Shaw

30th October 2020

For those who would still like to contribute to the Special Appeal the ZVSF bank details are as follow:

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd
Sort Code: 40-52-40
Account name: Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund
Account No: 00022807

Or you can send a cheque to Graham Matthews, our Treasurer

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