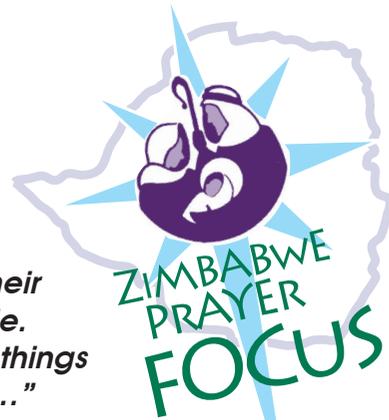


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*"My soul glorifies the Lord ...
He has brought down rulers from their
thrones but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty ..."*

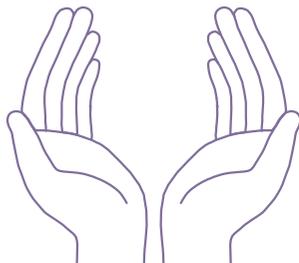


With the season of Advent upon us, we focus on the profound and disturbing words of Mary in the Magnificat. We are reminded that the arrival of King Jesus signals a new kingdom breaking in upon this world – a kingdom which overturns the old power structures and turns things the right way up. Jesus, the Servant King, shows us that the poor, the hungry and the exploited of this world have a special place in the heart of the loving Father.

GIVING THANKS...

Let us then give thanks for every sign of the Kingdom already among us -

- in the faithful, often sacrificial, giving of our supporters whose hearts have been touched by the Father's awesome love for the least, the last and the lost
- in the faithful and costly service of our team of volunteers on the ground in Zimbabwe
- in the awesome manner in which, when fresh challenges arise to threaten our operations, a new way forward is always revealed
- in the way our partner team in Bulawayo has been able to secure a reliable source of maize meal ...



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The American theologian Dallas Willard writes of the "divine conspiracy" between Jesus and his disciples – a conspiracy to undermine the structures of evil which have always dominated human history, with the forces of truth, freedom and love.

Our courageous partners in Zimbabwe live every day under the structures of evil – that are corrupting and dehumanizing. Fear of those who wield power undergirds the whole evil edifice - a fear now heightened by an ailing President and the desperate bids within the ruling party to succeed him.

Willard reminds us that "overcoming evil with good" is not just about individual effort but is a statement of what is already under way and in the fulness of time will come to pass on this earth, through the cosmic victory of the Servant King upon the cross.

INTERCEDING...

With this assurance let us pray with humble confidence for those in the front line -

- living and teaching the Kingdom values of integrity, servanthood and compassion
- preaching the liberating gospel of Christ to those bound by dark forces of evil and fear
- challenging corruption wherever they see it

TOWARDS THE DAWN ...

So we pray towards the dawn of a new era of truth, freedom and justice in Zimbabwe !

