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Streams renewing the desert



“Restore our fortunes, LORD, as streams renew the desert. Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.”
Psalm 126:4-6 (NLT)

These verses are particularly apt for our latest prayer update from Zimbabwe. The rains have indeed fallen over the last few months, sometimes torrentially. Whilst this is wonderful news, it has not come without its challenges for those subsistence farming and living on the edge of food poverty. We hope the following points will inform and guide you as together we pray for our team and the crisis in Zimbabwe:

1. We thank God that late rains have fallen over the past few weeks. We pray that rain will continue to fall over the next few months so that those who have only managed to plant their crops in January will be able to harvest them.
2. We pray for those areas that have received too much rain over a short period, that waterlogged fields will dry out and some of the crop will be saved.
3. We pray for our Bulawayo team, for strength and joy as they continue the work in the midst of very difficult and ongoing economic turmoil and lack of Government empathy for the plight of the Zimbabwean people.
4. We pray for safety for our team as they travel to distribute food. The rain has caused an already crumbling road network to disintegrate with huge potholes even on main roads, making travel dangerous. Please pray for alertness and protection for our team and the wider community in these unsafe conditions.

5. We pray for financial provision, that we will be able to sustain the increased level of food distribution whilst people wait for the harvest, and for wisdom for the UK and Zimbabwe teams as we make decisions regarding this.
6. We pray for Intuthuko Nutritional Garden. As our faithful supporters have funded a second borehole to increase watering capacity, we pray that a good underground water course will be found, enabling more people from the surrounding area to benefit from the garden.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the people of Zimbabwe, and for your on-going financial support.

The ZVSF Trustees and Zimbabwe team

The ZVSF delivery truck after sliding off a treacherous road – before being rescued by a tractor!



Some excited helpers at the school distribution point



Drilling the second borehole at Intuthuko



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