

Dear Zimbabwe Support Team:

The large number of positive responses from "Zimbabwe Night" on September 21st was very encouraging. Over 50 Creeksiders signed up to participate in one way or another in future Zimbabwe Mission activities and programs. This monthly report will serve to keep you informed of the ministry.

GOOD NEWS: ORPHAN FOOD SITUATION

The number of orphans is growing daily, and food is becoming more and more difficult to secure. When we met with the Zimbabwe Christian Fellowship (ZCF) leaders in July, this was one of the top priorities - to provide food for some 175 orphans in the greater Bulawayo area.

Based on your contributions, and those of several other churches around the nation, we are pleased to share this recent report from the African Outreach Ministries (AOM):

"... the goal of having enough finances to give each orphan family the basic food needs for 9-12 months has been reached.

Through the generous contributions of several churches and individuals, we now have enough funds to source food, both inside and outside of Zimbabwe. Some basic food items have been miraculously found in Zimbabwe, and other food stuffs will be trucked into the country from South Africa. **Continue to pray** that these external food items will be allowed into the country ... We will keep you updated on the progress of the food distribution and the unfolding crises in Zimbabwe."

There still is a need for money for clothing, supplies and other basic needs for the children, but it appears that their food is now assured for at least 9 months. We will let you know, as the situation changes. If you would like to continue giving for the basic needs of the orphans, please make your checks payable to Creekside Christian Fellowship and designate Zimbabwe Orphan Fund in

the memo section of your check. We will see that the money is forwarded appropriately.

E-MAIL FROM PASTOR EMMANUEL MWALE, ZCF, NKULUMANE, BULAWAYO

Dear George:

When times are hard people know the problem solver. Now people in Zimbabwe know God, and as I am writing this letter this afternoon there is a Christian combined prayer meeting for rains in our city.

There are still people who are behind believing in the dead, but 90% of the people go to God for assistance.

Continue praying for us. We will continue shining for God. God bless you, Mwale

PLANS FOR 2008 AND 2009

Plans for a Short Term Mission (STM) trip to Zimbabwe for 2008 are in the early planning stages. We are proposing a maximum trip of two weeks, some time from the end of June and/or in early July, 2008. This primary purpose will be to support the ZCF Leadership Bible School and to visit and encourage a number of local Christian ministries in the general area of Bulawayo. This trip most likely will not include a visit to Victoria Falls or any of the game preserves. Final plans will depend on the local political, economic and security situation prevailing at the time.

A longer, 3-week trip similar to

the STM completed this summer will be considered for 2009. That trip could include supporting the ZCF Leadership Bible School, several VBS type programs for children, traveling to at least two remote villages and some recreational activities, such as visiting Victoria Falls, Hwange Animal Preserve, or Chobe National Park in Botswana. Again, each STM will be subject to conditions in the country at the time.

RECENT HEADLINES ABOUT ZIMBABWE

These headlines from newspapers and websites around the world indicate the political and economic situation continues to worsen.

"Zimbabwe runs out of bread"

"Zim to unveil new currency"

"Zim, Iran mull coalition against bullies"

"The Zimbabwe crisis" - Zimbabwe continues to decline further into crisis, as its economy collapses, its opposition is beaten, and its people starve.

"Zimbabwe a disaster, says Merkel" - President Robert Mugabe presides over a disaster in Zim, but should still be entitled to attend a forthcoming Europe-Africa summit, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Friday.

"White farmers in Zimbabwe face possible jail sentences for defying eviction orders"

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