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Dear Partner,

Happy New Year! Hope you had a Blessed Christmas!

Christmas Joy in an Oppressed Land

Yesterday, Pat and I returned from a trip to Zimbabwe.

In my twenty-seven year relationship with Zimbabwe, I have never seen the country in such a dismal state.

The electric and water is off more than on and that for days at a time. Fuel is not pumped at the gas stations, and only sold on the black market. Meat and dairy products as well many basic commodities are very scarce. The banks can only issue an equivalent of US\$5 a day due to a shortage of currency bills. You must dial a phone number many, many times, hoping that it will ring on the other side.



Pat with children



Girls playing with soccer ball gifts

And yet, I must say, in my thirty years of serving the Lord, I have never experienced God's gracious hand so evident upon us during our recent trip to Zimbabwe.

The Lord helped us time and again! He orchestrated every detail of our visit.

Food, meat, candy, balls and toys were secured in ways that were wonderful. We provided a full Christmas meal to 2152 children. Cadbury chocolate sold me their last stock of Crunchy bars. All in all we



Mark giving candy gifts to child

gave away 500 pounds of candy and 40 brand new soccer balls and many toys and thousand of books and pieces of Christian literature.



Children eating some of over 2,000 meals we provided

If you would like to see the video footage of our trip, please simply request it. We will provide it free of charge.

Thank you for providing for these poor children in Zimbabwe this Christmas, turning what would have been a bleak Christmas into a really blessed one!

Love and Best Wishes,

Mark Pat
Mark and Pat Roser

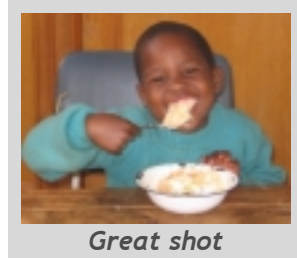


Gospel literature we distributed



Supernatural Help for Zimbabwe

God must have sent a legion of angels to help us. Personnel we needed to do the feeding program became available at just the right time. People we were trying to reach we either ran into them or they happened to reach us by phone. Even a government department responded to our request in record time. As a result we were able to do more than I had anticipated. We did seven locations around the country and I wanted to pass on Bryony's recent report:



Great shot

"In NEW HOPE VILLAGES, THE CHRISTMAS MEAL was held for the many children...the number registering was 1222, and what a time they had... At 1.00 pm lunch was served: rice, sadza, vegetables, chicken, and of course MEAT (an ox was bought for the occasion.) There was plenty of cool-drink available, and sweets were given out afterwards. There was plenty for those wanting seconds and more than they could finish...By all later reports in the area, the occasion was a great success and widely praised by the community.

We are grateful to Dr Mark Roser of UTTERMOST MISSIONS, who sponsored the event entirely. Certainly God's provision was evident, as rice, cooking oil, meat, salt, cool-drink, sweets, are not available to buy, yet they were found in sufficient supply. Thank you Mark and Edson Zimbandi, for your kindness to these children, not to mention the generous gifts of literature for the Pastors, and 18 footballs and netballs for the children. Certainly this occasion will be the topic of conversation for sometime in the area, as the people are very poor indeed and never see such food and in such quantity. Our God is able!"



Boys playing with soccer ball gifts