

January 2009

Dear Partner,

I hope that your Christmas was special and that your New Year has started with God's blessings! I wanted to share with you the life of one child, an orphan whose Christmas was special this year.

## Rutendo's Story

"Greetings! This week I was in an open place outside Harare with Millicent and Loveness, to remove a 7 year old girl from a situation of shocking abuse. This dear little thing had lived in plastic shacks all her life, moving around with her Mother, who survived by prostitution living with one man after another.



Where Rutendo once stayed

Early this year the Mother died of Aids, and Rutendo was passed on to the Mother's sister. There she stayed in her shack until the sister died. Then she was passed onto another sister in another shack, and she died also.

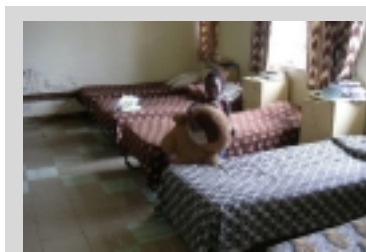
Rutendo was then taken back to one of the Mother's boyfriends, where she was physically, verbally and sexually abused by both the boyfriend... Food was withheld from her and she was starving. The people living around there in the shacks reported her case to us.



Rutendo with Millicent

Millicent followed it up, and found the reports to be true... The photos show her as we found her, dirty and thin. Her hair was already turning orange due to malnutrition and possibly HIV. She is so small for a child of that age. She had cigarette

burns on her arms. She threw her arms around Millicent and was happy to leave her environment without a question or any sign of regret... She showed no fear or doubt, just trusting us completely to take care of her.



Rutendo at Children's Home

We took her to the dormitory where she will stay and she was quite peaceful to be there. A big teddy caught her attention..... She has never had a toy in her short life... Rutendo will start on a mattress on the floor, until a bed becomes available. It is a very loving environment for the children and they are obviously very happy there. Rutendo has no relatives left. Her years of rejection are over and she will start a New Life this week. Thank you Jesus!"

### Bryony and Team

P.S. A little girl will have a Christmas she has dreamed of: shelter, warmth, food, friends and above all people who care for her. As the rain pours down, I can't but help think of those living in the plastic shacks not far from my house.

## Another Helpless Child Awaits Help!

Because of your compassionate giving, we are able to help our Zimbabwean partners like Bryony. They are literally saving lives and future generations.

Everyone doing something will change our world!

Love and Best wishes,

Mark Pat

Mark and Pat Roser



Another child awaits help

(You can mail your donation or give on-line at [www.uttermost.org](http://www.uttermost.org).)



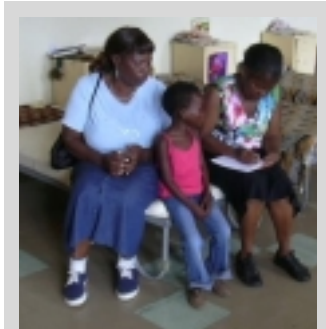
Fruit of Uttermost Missions' work in Zimbabwe...

## Saved lives and Changed lives

**R**ead Rutendo's story inside this issue.

There are multitudes of additional orphans awaiting a hope and a future.

Thank you for your help.



*Taking down details about Rutendo at the Children's Home*

### ***End-of-Year Giving***

#### **Please Note**

There is still time to make a donation to Uttermost Missions for tax year 2008. Simply date the check "December 31st" and mail it to the office so that it arrives before January 15.

Please let us know if you would like a summary of your contributions to Uttermost Missions during 2008. You can contact the office by phone or e-mail.