



October 15, 2021

Greetings!

Our apologies to all for the delay in sending you this OH3 update. Last May, Bill had a full gastrectomy (stomach removal); and both he and I have been dealing with health issues that have slowed us down. Everyone's encouraging words and prayers have been greatly appreciated. We are committed to continuing this vital ministry, and if you are interested in helping with some of the chores (4 hrs/month or less), please let us know. Together, much good has been done for our needy brethren in Zimbabwe.

With that all said, this newsletter provides a synopsis of the emergency food aid OH3 has been able to provide since 1 Apr 2021, as well as funding for some one-time projects to help the Zimbabwe saints be more self-sustaining. None of this could have been done without your prayers and support, and we hope you find this information uplifting and edifying. There is a continued need for prayers and assistance for our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe.

How OH3 Operates

To give you some insight into OH3 operations, we want to reiterate that none of your donations are used to compensate anyone on the OH3 staff who are all volunteers. The OH3 focus is on emergency food support for saints in Zimbabwe although we sometimes get requests for Zimbabwe preacher support or medical assistance for a Zimbabwe saint. OH3 will sometimes refer these requests, without endorsement or solicitation, to others who might want to meet those personal needs; and if our help is requested by a donor, we process as "Donor Directed Support". Otherwise, our focus is on emergency food aid, one month at a time, to avoid creating a recurring dependency.

OH3 only accepts donations from generous, compassionate individuals like yourselves. We do not accept funds from the Lord's treasury. OH3 outlays fall into 3 major categories: (1) wire transfers for food purchases and distribution, self-sustainment efforts, and donor directed support, (2) wire and PayPal fees, and (3) bank and legal compliance expenses. OH3 operates on a month-to-month basis and strives to minimize retained funds. Funds are sent to vetted Zimbabwe preachers who purchase the food and make distribution to the saints. At the time funds are sent, the receiving preacher and at least one other local man are notified as a safety precaution. After distribution, vetted preachers supply OH3 with purchase receipts and pictures of the families that were helped. (Some of the pictures received are included at the end of this letter.) If receipts/pictures are not forthcoming, the vetted preacher is dropped from the list until compliance is achieved. If you would like to know more about our vetting and risk mitigation process, feel free to email us at oh3forstarvingsaints@gmail.com. We can email you a copy of our published "rules of engagement", or we can call you and answer any questions on the spot if you provide a phone number.



About Wire Fees

OH3 prefers donations via a paper check or a “regular” bank transfer via PayPal. PayPal does not deduct a fee for a “regular” transfer to OH3 made **using a bank account** whereas they do deduct a fee for an “instant” transfer or where a credit card is used for payment. (The highest PayPal charge for a single transaction in the Apr 2021 through mid-Oct 2021 timeframe has been \$22.30.) Please know that OH3 gives you credit for your full donation whether PayPal charges a fee or not.

Zimbabwe is a tough place to send money to. Some wire services don’t even do transfers to Zimbabwe, and the ones that do have a number of unpublished triggers that result in random refusals to transmit funds. In the past, it has sometimes required 24 to 40 hours of OH3 effort to get a transfer through. After a lot of searching and test transfers, OH3 is now using a \$30 subscription wire service with our bank that involves about 20 minutes effort and a \$45 charge per wire (recently raised from \$25 per wire). With these bank-to-bank transfers, funds arrive in Zimbabwe within 3 days. Receiving Zimbabwe bank fees vary but we now have a dependable service that rivals World Remit charges ~\$50 and beats Western Union’s ~\$115 for comparable transactions.

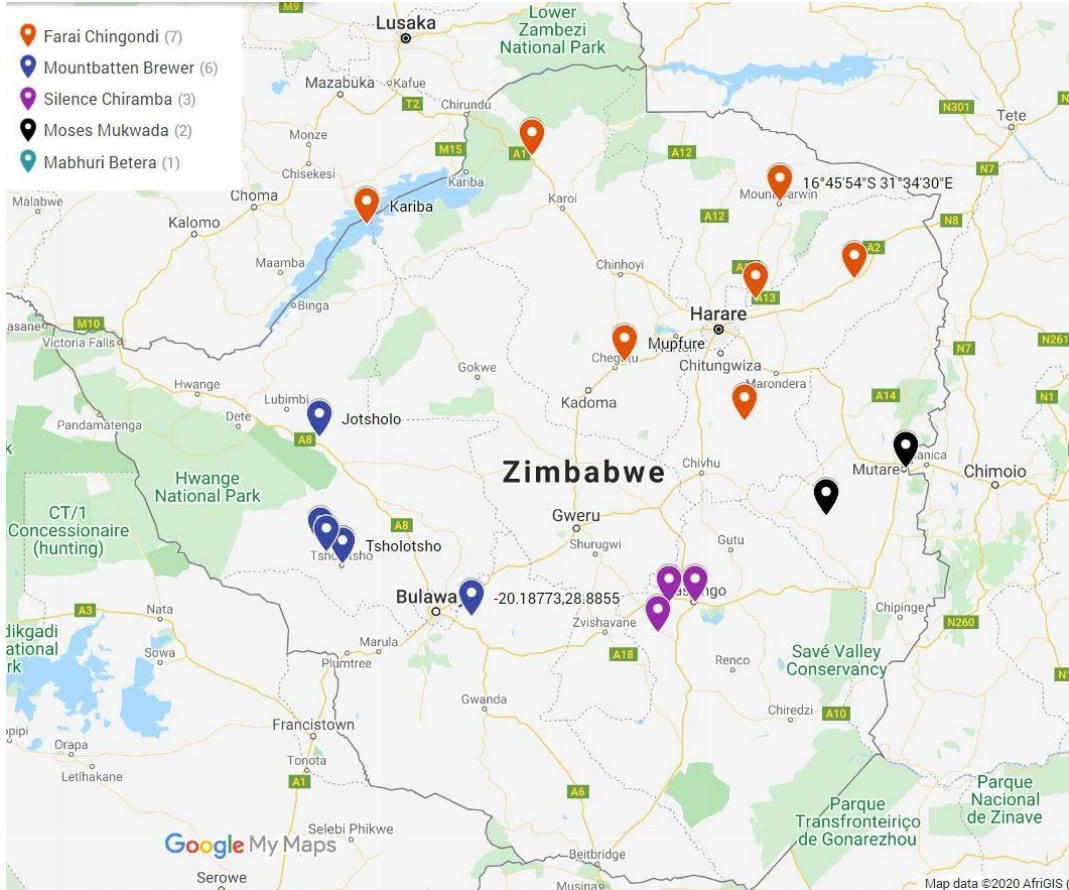
A summary of the cash transfers made since the last newsletter is shown below:

Zimbabwe Wire Transfer Tracking List:

1 April 2021 to 15 October 2021

Requestor	Location Helped	#FAMILIES HELPED	Amount	Date Sent	Tracking Number
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	105	\$1,095.61	3-Apr-2021	1771557563
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	78	\$1,050.00	10-May-2021	1772722963
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,600.00	10-May-2021	1772722961
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	35	\$2,887.50	5-Jun-2021	1773305810
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,800.00	23-Jun-2021	1775649899
Robert Chinyenze	Directed donation	1	\$200.00	2-Jul-2021	1782251617
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	105	\$1,800.00	3-Jul-2021	1783949619
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	71	\$1,700.00	14-Jul-2021	1785405428
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,600.00	29-Jul-2021	1786531922
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,600.00	15-Sep-2021	1787539713
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	115	\$1,350.00	15-Oct-2021	1788239719
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	83	\$1,350.00	13-Sep-2021	1787494348
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	30	\$850.00	15-Oct-2021	1788239734

A number of men assist multiple congregations. Hopefully the map on the next page will give you a sense of the breadth of OH3 support.



Depending upon family size and circumstances, OH3 can provide a small family 20 kilograms (2.2# per kg) of Mielie-meal, 2 liters of oil (1 liter = 1 qt roughly) and 1 kilogram of beans (when requested). Sometimes these amounts are doubled when requested and funds are available, but never for back-to-back 2-month requests. Here is a summary of OH3 funding:

OH3 Cash Flow Summary (1 Apr 2021-15 Oct 2021)

31 March Balance	\$490.00
Donations (Food Acct)	\$19885.61
Transfers to ZBW	\$18843.11
Wire & PayPal Fees	\$617.45
Bank & Legal	\$365.00
15 October Balance	\$550.05



Report and Recent Food Requests

A sample listing of our requests follows:

BETERA CHURCH OF CHRIST REQUEST- MOSES MUKWADA

We now have the water and it will go a long way for years to come with permanent water to use for irrigation. You bless us with that gift and Christian will go a long way use it to completely eradicate hunger here at Betera church. We only need the Maize seeds since we experienced the first rains and we ready just now to, start planting the maize. If possible, not later but now. Many Christians will fail start plant because the real seeds are expensive and unaffordable. 30 families immediately need the seeds and they will labor in the fields to, produce food for themselves. No need for us to continue asking for food aid. By supplying seeds once and we produce food for the whole year. We irrigate when water rains doesn't continue well. 30 families in need of seed at each family a 10kg, which cost \$27. Total \$810. This is the best way we have reduce continuous requests and we have achieved it this year. We have already harvested the bean sand sharing now with brethren. The earliest we get the seeds we will do better.

Moses Mukwada

NEED MET: FUNDS SENT 10/15/21

Food distribution at Betera church of Christ 7/21/21





ZIKANI CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD REQUEST—MABHURI BETERA

Dearest brethren.

I greet you all in Thy Name. Well, I Brother Betera Zikani Church of Christ on behalf of all the need Saints at Zikani I am sending my request for October regarding on relief funds.

I am very glad of you in helping us at Zikani Church. We thank you May our living God bless you. The total need Families at Zikani are 80×6.50 per 10kgs meal mealie $\times 2$ per each equal to 13.00 usd per family. Sub total 1040.00 USD. Again, on cooking oil it's $80 \times 4.60 = 368.00$ USD plus transport from town to Zikani 150.00 USD total amount 1558 00. This excludes bank charges. The demand for food is now going higher but for now 20kgs and a bottle of cooking oil will be ok. Will let you know when increase needed. Thanks very much for helping us. May God continue His Blessings to you. All the pictures will be sent after buying and giving to the Saints, i.e., receipts, and Saints receiving meal mealie and cooking oils.

I did send the figures as it was sent last month. Surely it is helping a lot as I ask brethren here. Many are saying they are adding one bucket of millet meal mealie to finish the month. So, it's serving us a lot. May God bless you all.

Regards to all in Christ.

Brother Betera

NEED MET: FUNDS SENT 10/15/21

Food distribution at Zikani church of Christ 8/22/21





CHIPENDEKE CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD REQUEST—ROBERT TAKUDZWA

Brethren

10/16/21

I always thank you for your help towards the less privileged here and like before I always come to you for your rescue on critical times. On behalf of the Chipendeke brethren I have again come to you for help. A total of 83 families are in need of 20kg mealie meal and the cost is \$5.5. Transport has gone a little bit high because the pickup truck I normally use is not around the owner has traveled and will be back after a month so the total for transport is \$60. If resources are still available cooking oil is of great importance as you know that we normally feed on dried vegetable leaves as most of running water is drying up except for bigger rivers also the sun is very hot making gardening difficult and the cost is \$4.5 per 2lit. Your help during such times is highly appreciated.

God bless.

Robert Takudzwa

NEED OF \$1346.50 NOT MET



Food Distribution at Chipendeke church of Christ 9/20/21





MUSHANDIKE AND MATIHWI CHURCH OF CHRIST SEED AND FERTILIZER REQUEST- SILENCE CHIRAMBRA 8/16/21

Greetings from Zimbabwe, Farai and myself today managed to go for quote for farm inputs. Both seeds and fertilizers for brethren in Masvingo at Mushandike and Matihwa costs total of \$7668

10kg seeds costs: \$33.68

50kg fertilizer costs: \$33

Mushandike and Matihwa we have total of 115 Families.

To have inputs it is helping everyone because everyone has enough food no more requests for food aide. So, we decided to let you know again kindly seek your consideration again so that start November they start planting again for next year, so this is the best time for purchasing inputs.

OH3 Response 10/15/21- Bank wire of \$1350 sent on 10/15/21. Amount intended to cover 50 kg of fertilizer for 40 families. This is the best that we can do at this time. If our donations pick up, we will endeavor to send you the remaining \$1433 you need.

NEED OF \$1433 NOT MET

Food distribution for Mushandike brethren 6/20/21





MUHUSEKWA, MUPFURE, CHIRENGE, MUTOKO, NYAMKATE CHURCHES SEED AND FERTILIZER- REQUEST -- FARAI CHINGONDI

Cost of 10 kg seed bag- \$33, cost of 50 kg fertilizer \$33 for 170 families. \$11,220

OH3 RESPONSE: Planting their own crops provides brethren future food. Last year, the rains came. However, some crops did not do well because no fertilizer was available. Other crops drowned in the deluge of rain. Rainfall is unpredictable although rains are already blessing those who have planted crops. We prioritize sending mealie meal and oil as needed ahead of any help with seed and fertilizer or any other self-sustainment efforts. OH3 simply couldn't handle this large of a request. Brother Chingondi said he understood. He still hopes that funds for fertilizer (\$5610) can be sent with brethren finding their own seed source.

NEED NOT MET

Please know that your donations are needed and extremely appreciated by our needy brethren in Zimbabwe. We are acutely aware of our own inflation and national economic difficulties. However, I am humbled when I read of brethren eating dried leaves. We cannot fathom their conditions, just as they cannot contemplate our abundance. Their contentment with so little is a wonderful reminder of Paul's dependence on Christ - Philippians 4:11-13. The preachers we know are active in door-to-door evangelism, are zealous in presenting the pure Word of God, both in the bush and rural areas. The weekly reports from the different preachers almost always include baptisms at each church with good spiritual growth.



Ways of donating:

By mail:

Open Heart Helping Hands
P.O. Box 341514
Tampa, FL 33694

By PayPal:

Send to: oh3forstarvingsaints@gmail.com

NEW: Amazon Smile.

Amazon has a program that its customers can designate a charity, and a portion of the customer's Amazon purchases will be donated to that charity. This program is at no extra cost to the user. If you are interested in identifying OH3 as your charity, follow the instructions at this [link](#). Then search for OPEN HEARTS HELPING HANDS, INC. and pick the one at Odessa, FL

Finally, OH3 is a 501(c)3 charity. Your donations are tax deductible, and OH3 now sends all donors an annual verification letter for tax purposes. Also, please keep us up to date with your email and mailing addresses, so we can continue sending these reports to you. Please feel free to email oh3forstarvingsaints@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can serve you and our Zimbabwe brethren better.

Again, may our Lord bless you for your loving kindness and willingness to share His blessings with our needy brethren. Thank you so very much for your continued interest, sacrificial love, merciful benevolence, and prayers.

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