



Greetings!

We would like to welcome our new donors to this work of Christian love. As is our custom with these newsletters, we cover some of the basics of OH3 operations and provide an update of OH3 financials and the situation of our brethren in Zimbabwe. Our last newsletter was dated 15 October 2021, and if you would like a copy of it, please don't hesitate to let us know. May 11th was the 1-year anniversary for Bill's gastrectomy (stomach removal). He has lost over 100 pounds, yet he is doing well, and so far, there is no sign of residual cancer in his body. I have been dealing with health issues that have slowed me down somewhat, but overall we have been extremely blessed. 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, 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 15 Oct 2021, as well as funding for some one-time efforts to help the Zimbabwe saints. 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 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 can facilitate the transfer of funds as "Donor Directed Support". Otherwise, our focus is on food aid, one month at a time, to minimize 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 administrative 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 for transparency. After distribution, vetted preachers supply OH3 with purchase receipts and pictures of the families that were helped. (Some of the pictures received are included in this newsletter.) 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" for vetted preachers, 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. Please know that OH3 gives donors credit for their full donation for tax purposes 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 followed by OH3 accounts being blocked. Before implementing our current system of bank wire transfers, it sometimes required 24 to 40 hours of OH3 effort to get a transfer through. In 2020, after a lot of searching and attempts to use MoneyGram, WorldRemit, Western Union, XE, and XOOM; we settled on a \$30 subscription wire service with the OH3 bank that involves about 20 minutes effort and a \$45 charge per wire (originally \$25 per wire). With these bank-to-bank transfers, funds reliably arrive in Zimbabwe within 3 days. Receiving Zimbabwe bank fees vary and are deducted from the transferred funds. All in all, our current system is relatively expensive, but the best we can do. We are continually seeking alternative approaches to reduce these expensive fees. If you have recently used an international wire service that might be cheaper, please let us know.

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

Zimbabwe Wire Transfer Tracking List:

16 October 2021 to 30 April 2022

Requestor	Location Helped	#FAMILIES HELPED	Amount	Date Sent	Tracking Number
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	83	\$1,390	29-Oct-21	1788970015
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,600	4-Nov-21	1789068304
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	112	\$1,500	30-Nov-21	1790608993
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	87	\$1,450	8-Dec-21	1791019198
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,600	18-Dec-21	1791373547
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	1	\$1,500	27-Dec-21	1791607085
Farai Chingondi	Multiple	112	\$1,640	31-Dec-21	1791719440
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,650	17-Jan-22	1792552841
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	87	\$1,450	11-Feb-22	1793735247
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	112	\$1,500	11-Feb-22	1793736967
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,650	28-Feb-22	1794606998
Farai Chingondi	Multiple	142	\$2,115	1-Mar-22	1794653473
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	92	\$1,515	27-Mar-22	1795849551
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	112	\$2,000	27-Mar-22	1795849545
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,625	4-Apr-22	1796006359
Paidamoyo Gutukunhwa	Gutaurare church	103	\$1,650	7-Apr-22	WR123876891*



Requestor	Location Helped	#FAMILIES HELPED	Amount	Date Sent	Tracking Number
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	73	\$1,300	25-Apr-22	1797253861
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,625	29-Apr-22	1797389661
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	92	\$1,515	29-Apr-22	1797377371

*Emergency transfer with personal funds. Amount not included in Cashflow table.

OH3 Cash Flow Summary (16 Oct 2021-30 Apr 2022)

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:

15 October Balance	\$550.05
Donations	\$33022.92
Transfers to ZBW (ex.WorldRemit)	\$31125.00
Wire & PayPal Fees	\$768.57
Bank & Legal	\$252.68
Web Services (2 yrs)	\$432.00
30 April Balance	\$994.72

Report and Recent Food Requests

BETERA CHURCH OF CHRIST—MOSES MUKWADA

Since our last newsletter Brother Moses has made one food request. **This request has been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below

OH3

Greetings my brethren.

I got the report of the distribution today through my WhatsApp. All went well in the distribution of the food. I got the report of the total withdrawal from the bank statement and is attached. Also, the pictures. Although they are not as good as I used to take. All lot of appreciation towards your help has been to all those who has contributed. T
The total withdrawal was \$1230 and the transporter charged \$120.

Moses Mukwada



Since the last newsletter, a special request of a medical need was made for Last Mukwada, and a donor directed contribution was facilitated by OH3 for the surgical amputation of dead flesh on Last's leg and knee and implanted artificial knee joint. Brother Moses' report is below:

OH3

With all my heart thanks is send to Open Hearts Helping Hands for facilitate the medical needs of Last Mukwada. Very sorry for all the delays in reporting back but I am thankful that all necessary treatments have been given for his betterness. I also had troubles with my wife's health and God was in it for all of us. Brethren at Betera church of Christ tried their level best to visit and care for him while his days at the hospital. It was not easy since hospital visitation were difficult due to covid 19 restrictions in most of the private hospitals. Last Mukwada has been faced with challenges, since he is facing a situation which cannot resolved easily. The doctors conclude putting an artificial knee joint cut with removing the



affected flash. I have no good explanation of wonderful amputation done. I could not believe it. He is feeling good. They have taken time with him of 1 and half months.

Although Last has been facing challenges of his health situation which cannot be resolved easily. He has also test HIV positive believed to be bone with it. Doctors believed is the root cause of all the problems of his life.

Thanks, you brethren for your loving hearts towards our Zimbabwean saints. Life has been a challenge due to drought causes by climatic changes and our Zimbabwe economic mismanagement governancy of those in political positions. For Him...Moses Mukwada



REQUEST MET





ZIKANI CHURCH OF CHRIST—MABHURI BETERA

Since our last newsletter Brother Mabhuri has made six food requests. **All requests have been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below

Dear Brethren.

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope and trust this mail will find you fit and strong.

Following the money send through the bank, successfully withdrawal was 1565usd. Then us usual 175usd for transport, 1040usd for meal meanie and on cooking oil was a little bit short to reach our number I bought 77x2ltrs cost 354.20usd. The bank changes and the transfer as I worked it took around 60usd.

Below are some of the pictures of Brethren standing behind their foods, done this last Sunday on brother Tomas Masarirambi's homestead, he resigned near where we gather. Again, one small picture was for those who stay far along the road we did this to shorten their carrying. Again, the receipt for the purchased goods.

Well, all were very happy of receiving from you they clapping hands and cheerful. On behalf of all the need saints at Zikani Church of Christ I thank you very much, May God continue bless all the organisation to continue this nice job to us.

My regards to all in Christ over there.

Bro Betera.





Zikani Church



CHIPENDEKE CHURCH OF CHRIST—TAKUDZWA ROBERT CHINYENZE

Since our last newsletter Brother Robert has made five food requests. **All requests have been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below

Brethren

I thank you so much for the good work you are doing brethren of remembering the poor, a thing which the apostle Paul also speaks off in Galatians 2:10, thank you once again. The purchasing, transportation and distribution was done on Wednesday. Brethren, you also come to my rescue when things are tough for the brethren. Takudzwa Robert





GUTAUARE CHURCH OF CHRIST—PAIDAMOYO GUTUKUNUHWA

Since our last newsletter Brother Paidamoyo has made one food request. **This request has been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below

Sun, Apr 10, 2022:

The brethren have beautiful smiles in their homes as the distribution was done with the help of the men. We are very Happy with the help. I bought 206 x10kgs of mealie meal and 103 x2litres cooking oil.

Enjoy your view of pictures.in him brotherly
Paidemoyo.





MASVINGO DISTRICT CHURCHES OF CHRIST—SILENCE CHIRAMBA (Mushandike, Maithwa , Manica)

Since our last newsletter Brother Silence has made two food requests. **All requests have been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below



In March of this year, a special request was made for Maxwell Bindi, a brother who assists OH3 in the purchase and distribution of food. This request is included on the next page. If anyone would like to support this need, please let us know, and a donor directed contribution will be facilitated by OH3.



From Maxwell Bindi

18 Apr 2022

Greetings from Zimbabwe, I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday. We always pray for you all.

I hope my message will find you well. I got some help through brother SILENCE and I'm lacking \$1350 to roof my house and finish it. Some of my family still at SILENCE place I feel for him that I'm giving him too much load I'm kindly seek your help not on OH3 account since rules says that you support food only.

Surely my brethren you are my last hope I don't even know anyone to inform them about my problems.

Yours faithful

Maxwell

From Silence Chiramba

6 Mar 2022

About brother Maxwell the treatment goes well but after surgery the doctor advised him to not do heavy job and other things to avoid yet where he works that's his position, so his company decided to stop him because his boss sees that they is no need to stress him.so the company agreed to offer him paying fees for the 2 children only.

About his family below I managed to visit his home late this evening to take pictures because I find it good to take picture in front of his house, they are total of 7 including his mother who is now old. They stay close to my rural home, since they were facing problem of accommodation, I gave them my 2 rooms until they managed to roof their home because it was hard for them to squeeze in their hut. So, if they is a way you can help him kindly seeking your hand. About his receipt for treatment, I believe you receive it but I can't remember in which email. Only that my phone I deleted emails because of storages but I advised him to check invoices or to re visit the surgery for another invoice.

Thank you so much will be patiently waiting to hear from you, and if they is anything I didn't mention well on information you need Please let me know.





MASHONALAND AREA CHURCHES OF CHRIST—FARAI CHINGONDI
(Mahusekwa, Mupfure, Chirenje, Nyamakate)

Since our last newsletter Brother Farai has made two food requests. **All requests have been met as of 30 April.** The latest report is shown below

Greetings from Zimbabwe.
Here are pictures of Mupfure food distribution.





THANK YOU!

Dear Donors,

Thank you for your generosity and love for the needy brethren in Zimbabwe. Please know that your donations are needed and extremely appreciated. OH3 is acutely aware of America's own inflation and national economic difficulties. Yet you came through and responded graciously to the last emergency email request. Those two churches and brethren received the needed funds for food. Thank you so very much! We are humbled when we read of brethren eating dried leaves. We cannot fathom their conditions, just as they cannot fully comprehend our abundance. Their contentment with so little is a wonderful reminder of Paul's dependence on Christ --Philippians 4:11-13. Although they have been working hard toward self-sufficiency, they cannot grow enough food at this time because of the climate conditions. Their severe drought caused the planted fields of corn to wither and die. When they do receive occasional rain, it comes in flash floods often washing away the fields and damaging huts. Zimbabwe inflation was extremely high in April at 96.4%. The food is extremely expensive for them. They are living day to day in dependence on God and on the assistance, they receive from us for food. The preachers we work with are active in door-to-door evangelism and are zealous in presenting the pure Word of God--both in the bush and in rural areas. The emails from the different preachers almost always include baptisms at each church with good spiritual growth. Here are excerpts from some of the emails we get.

The Lord's works is progressing well with a quite number of new members being added to the His Church. It's all as a result of intensive home study groups I'm conducting in the villages and online lessons with brother Jim and Tim. I managed to preach on main services and teach Wednesday's studies at Matihwa and Manica. At Mushandike we continuing lessons with Tim and Jim because these 2 congregations don't have network for online services but Lord's will in few weeks internet will be connected so that the Gospel can be spread. Glory be unto God for the continued commitment of the saints in assembling, especially during this hard year in Zimbabwe most affected by hunger. I'm glad everyone is coming and continuing to do Lord's will. 4 Baptism recorded during this month ,1 men and 3ladies

Silence Chiramba

I greet you all in Thy name Amen. Today Sunday at Zikani we gathered well. Hope and trust as well to you over there. Well during the mid weeks I was visiting house to house for Members preaching and teaching the word of God. Again I was doing some survey on their fields ... crops are now completely wilted off. May God bless us all. My regards to all.

Brother Betera

Brethren,

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. 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. 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. Your help during such times is highly appreciated. God bless.

Takudzwa Robert



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 \(https://bit.ly/3Mh2cz9\)](https://bit.ly/3Mh2cz9). 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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