

28 December 2022

Dear Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking all donors for your compassion and generosity in helping to feed the needy saints in Zimbabwe. We say this in every letter, but in reality, this can never be said too much. You are a true blessing for the Christians there, and they remember the OH3 family in their prayers. The saints you help are living day to day in dependence on God and on the assistance they receive for food. The preachers OH3 works 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.

In this electronic issue of the newsletter, a table of contents is provided with links to various topics to help navigation for a quicker read. Information for our newer subscribers that describes OH3 and how it operates is moved to the end of the letter. The front part of the letter will focus on aid sent since the previous newsletter, and we will try to give you a sense of the situation that our brethren in Zimbabwe currently face. The last OH3 newsletter was dated 1 October 2022. If you would like a copy of it, please don't hesitate to let us know. This edition provides a synopsis of the emergency food aid OH3 has been able to provide since 1 October 2022, and shows the current financial status of OH3.

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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Zimbabwe Funds Transfers

Thanks to the loving generosity of OH3 donors, we were able to meet all requests for mealie-meal and oil thru November and all but 2 in December (see Funds Transfer list below). Due to depletion of available funds, we were only able to send funds for mealie-meal but not cooking oil to Brother Silence, and as of 24 December, we have not been able to fund any of Brother Mahburi's nor Brother Chinyenze's requests (see reports below). Please know that OH3 operates on a "Lord will provide" basis and does not maintain a management reserve. We seek to fulfill funding requests as soon as possible after being received; and when we have multiple unfilled requests, we fulfill the requests with the oldest "Last Sent" date first. As you will see in our financial report, OH3 is not well-positioned for January. However, we expect our Lord will provide.

Depending upon family size and circumstances, OH3 typically provides a small family 20 kilograms (2.2# per kg) of Mealie-meal and 2 liters of oil (1 liter = 1 qt roughly) for 1 month. Sometimes these amounts are doubled when requested and funds are available, but never for back-to-back 2-month requests. A summary of the cash transfers made since the last newsletter is shown on the next page:



1 October 2022 to 28 December 2022

		#FAMILIES	Amount		Tracking
Requestor	Location Helped	HELPED	Sent	Date Sent	Number
Jack Chidza	Chipendeke 2 CoC	51	\$ 660	5-Oct-22	R86402756381
	Maithwa 65				
Silence Chiramba	Manica 15 Masvingo 45	185	\$ 2,870	13-Oct-22	R77321675708
	Mushandike 60				
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	92	\$ 1,670	15-Oct-22	R45769007145
Paidemoyo Gutukunuhwa	Gutaurare church	93	\$ 1,720	20-Oct-22	R83725060005
Wilesi Raphael	Nyahunzi church Tabhanga church	59	\$ 940	23-Oct-22	R89902504603
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$ 1,670	28-Oct-22	R12040078100
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	78	\$ 1,580	31-Oct-22	R12040022271
Musonza Mutandwa	Mupfure 35 Chirenje 50	85	\$ 1,110	7-Nov-22	R72344553190
Jack Chidza	Chipendeke 2 CoC	26	\$ 520	17-Nov-22	R80073667703J
Paidemoyo Gutukunuhwa	22 Miles CoC	35	\$ 660	17-Nov-22	R95554900326J
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	92	\$ 1,670	23-Nov-22	R92820589712
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$ 1,600	30-Nov-22	R12050075839
Paidemoyo Gutukunuhwa	Gutaurare church Mahusekwa 55	93	\$ 1,720	2-Dec-22	R13615747012
Farai Chingondi	Nyamakate 32	105	\$ 1,500	10-Dec-22	R85867361761
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Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC Maithwa 65	78	\$ 1,570	11-nec-55	R12050254919
	Manica 15	105	A 4 055	20.5	B4440000000
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo 45	185	\$ 1,890	20-Dec-22	R11423638648
	Mushandike 60				
Jack Chidza	Chipendeke 2 CoC	26	\$ 520		R29258236437
Paidemoyo Gutukunuhwa	22 Miles CoC	35	\$ 660		R60720936435
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	. ,	TBD	
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	92	\$ 1,670	TBD	

1417 Families at 17 different locations were helped this quarter.

No non-food transfers were made this cycle.



OH3 Cash Flow Summary (1 Oct 2022- 28 Dec 2022)

Here is a summary of OH3 financials since the last newsletter:

30 September Beginning Balance	\$479.26
Donations	\$25062.90
Other income	\$0.03
Transfers to ZBW	\$24530.00
Wire & PayPal Fees	\$355.61
Bank & Legal	\$139.73
28 December Ending Balance	\$516.85

OH3 began this reporting cycle with \$479.26 cash. Generous donors contributed \$25062.90 to OH3, and other income came from bank interest. Over \$24,000 went to Zimbabwe starving saints in this calendar quarter. OH3 ended this reporting period with \$516.85 total cash on hand. OH3 donors have always been super generous. One brother sent a special donation in memory of his beloved wife, Myrna J. Warren who passed away on October 30th of this year. It is so uplifting to see the continual compassion and generosity of the Lord's people!

As we have said before, government rules intended to fight fraud and illegal money laundering by criminal groups can make it difficult for charities to transmit funds to Zimbabwe. Government rules force financial services to close users' accounts when secret thresholds are breached--even when transfers less than \$3000 are involved. OH3's risk management approach for dispersing funds helps us be compliant and get funds quickly and safely to our needy brethren. A copy of OH3's risk assessment using the US Department of Treasury's risk mitigation recommendations is included at the end of this report FYI.

Lastly, we are planning to have OH3 Donation Acknowledgements for IRS purposes mailed to all donors by mid to late January. If you do not get yours by 31 January, or the acknowledged amount is incorrect, please let us know. As always, if you have any questions about our financials or suggestions on how we can reduce expenses, please feel free to give us a call.

DONATIONS NEEDED

As mentioned earlier, OH3 Currently has 2 urgent requests that we have been unable to fulfill for December (\$1600 for Zikani and \$1670 for Chipendeke). Any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated.



LOCATIONS HELPED WITH FOOD

CHIPENDEKE2 CHURCH OF CHRIST—JACK CHIDZA

Chipendeke 2 is a small group of 26 families with 51 members. Chipendeke 2 is about 8 km from Chipendeke where brother Robert Chinyenze works. This group is called Chipendeke 2 because it is where a school, and clinic is. Since the last newsletter, Brother Chidza has made 3 food requests. Typically, \$660 is needed for both mealie meal and cooking oil for the 26 families at Chipendeke 2. To date all requests have been met. An email and latest pictures from Brother Jack are provided below:

21 Nov 2022
Hie brother and sister Sullivan
I write this email to thank you for helping the brethren with the food stuff. We truly appreciate it very much. I have attached the photos of the brethren at Chipendeke2 receiving the food and also the receipt. Thank you for you love. God bless you, Yours in Christ brother Jack





MASVINGO DISTRICT CHURCHES OF CHRIST—SILENCE CHIRAMBA (Masvingo 45, Mushandike 60, Maithwa 65, Manica 15)

Since our last newsletter Brother Silence has made 2 food requests. **Due to a shortage of funds OH3 in December, OH3 sent \$1890 of the requested \$2890.** Typically, brother Silence requests \$2870 for the 15 families in Manica, 45 families in Masvingo, 60 families in Mushandike and 15 families at Manica. Latest pictures from brother Silence are provided below

3 Nov 2022

On the part of churches here, as you may know, Zimbabwe has been going through tough times economically making life very difficult especially for the rural population. This has been coupled with recent droughts. Most people are hungry and assistance with food relief is greatly appreciated monthly. Most rural citizens survive on farming and when rains fail, their lives become more miserable, without food the children suffer from malnutrition. We really thank you OH3 for always assist them.







BETERA CHURCH OF CHRIST—MOSES MUKWADA

Since our last newsletter Brother Moses has made 2 food requests. Lately, \$1580 has been requested for 30 kg of mealie meal and no cooking oil for the 78 families at Betera. **To date all requests have been met**. Latest picture from brother Moses is provided below:

10 Dec 2022

There is great need for food especially this time when we are approaching towards the end of the last months to the next season. Brethren at Betera Church demands our hearts love at the moment now. Most families are already in bad situation. Try an immediate help I have delayed since my movements in town are limited these days because of my health. I have 3 days here in town to receive my preaching support.

If possible that you can help out please do it so now that I can purchase and transport once. The budget has not changed since our number of families has not yet increased

Please help brethren the situation hasn't change in Zimbabwe.





ZIKANI CHURCH OF CHRIST—MABHURI BETERA

Since our last newsletter Brother Mabhuri has made 3 food requests **Due to a shortage of funds, only 2 requests have been met, and the December request has not been met.** Typically, \$1670 is needed for both mealie meal and cooking oil for the 80 families at Zikani. Latest pictures from Brother Mabhuri are provided below:

2 Dec 2022

Dear Brethren.

I would like to thank you for your support in food help to us. I Brother Betera on behalf of the Saints at Zikani Church of Christ I say again Thank you very much for your good caring. May God bless you all in Thy name Amen. Well successful withdrawal the money, purchasing, and distribution of food.

Yesterday on Sunday we are all very excited to see and receive the food. All are very happy to have a big help for some were already starving. Below are some of the pictures showing Saints who are standing behind their portions. Again, the receipt of the purchased goods. I have sent six pictures if they did not all show up tell me to send some if needed. The distribution was done at Sister Evelyn Chipindirwe's homestead and a small part of it at Brother Learn more Mubuwa"s. God bless all.







CHIPENDEKE CHURCH OF CHRIST—TAKUDZWA ROBERT CHINYENZE

Since our last newsletter Brother Robert has made 3 food requests for Chipendeke. Due to a shortage of funds, only 2 requests have been met, and the December request has not been met. Typically, \$1660 is needed for both mealie meal and cooking oil for the 92 families at Chipendeke. Latest pictures from Brother Robert are provided below:

2022 report summary

The writer of Hebrews wasn't lying when he says "the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword" I have witnessed this during the course of the year when we took the gospel to different villages, both new areas where the church doesn't exist and old areas. We have worked very hard for His cross, young preacher's classes were conducted, camp meetings were conducted, couples classes were conducted, ladies lectureships were conducted, men's classes were conducted, no stone was left unturned in the villages, I joined hands with a number of preachers in spreading the gospel and it yielded a lot, villages like Chinota, Zvavanhu, Chiwere Gutaurare, Chipendeke 1&2, Matika, Nyamakamba, Muduma, Mambondiyani, Chikara, Matiza, Gwese, Bvirindi, Matika, Dream house ,22 Miles, Uzumba, Nyakunu all these places we visited has produced a lot of fruits as the Lord gained a lot and Satan continues to lose the battle, I have been going through every report I have been writing to you and I found out that I witnessed 364 baptisms in all the villages I mentioned above. Different lessons and sermons were delivered







GUTAUARE CHURCH OF CHRIST—PAIDEMOYO GUTUKUNUHWA

Since our last newsletter Brother Paidemoyo has made 2 food requests for Gutaurare. **To date all requests have been met**. Typically, \$1720 is needed for both mealie meal and cooking oil for the 93 families at Gutaurare. Latest email and pictures from Brother Paidemoyo are provided below:

1 Dec 2022

Hopefully you are doing well brethren. I just want to remind you on relief food for Gutaurare brethren. As the brethren are struggling with hunger. I understand that you are always busy and have limited funds as well. Thank you for your love brethren be blessed for the great work you are doing in him brotherly Paidemoyo.









MASHONALAND AREA CHURCH OF CHRIST—FARAI CHINGONDI (Mahusekwa 56, Mutoko 18, Nyamakate 32)

Since our last newsletter Brother Farai has made 1 food request, and it was met. Typically, \$2070 is requested for the 105 families in his region. Although Brother Farai's health is not all that good, he is active in the Lord's service. Please remember Brother Farai in your prayers. Latest email and pictures are provided below:

3 Dec 2022

Here is my work Report for the month of November 2022. We had 7 restorations from two of the congregations I work with and 3 baptisms. I did spend many days in Hospital in November. I am not responding well to different types of combinations the doctors are trying. I have resorted to use a combination of Hospital drugs and Traditional Herbs and also Chinese herbs. Traditional Herbs lowers blood pressure just for a short time and it shoots up. As for the irregular heartbeat it is improving. I am still having feet swelling and numbness on my right-hand side. My family is doing fine. We are now in our rain season a lot do not have seed and fertilizer. In some areas they no longer need seed as the season running away.







22 MILES CHURCH OF CHRIST—PAIDEMOYO GUTUKUNUHWA (New)

Since our last newsletter, Brothers Paidemoyo, Takudzwa, and Jack have pleaded for food for a small congregation called 22 Miles. This group is situated about 22 miles from Mutare town and is made up of 35 families. These men rotate as preachers there, and they have agreed to have Brother Paidemoyo take ownership for requesting and delivering food to that group. Since our last newsletter. 2 food requests were received for 22 Miles. All requests have been met. Typically, \$660 is needed for both mealie meal and cooking oil for 35 families. Latest pictures from Brother Paidemoyo are below:

1 Nov 2022

Hello brother Bill. , I would like to ask for food relief for 22 miles congregation. This congregation is mostly affected by hunger as the other congregations It is situated about 22 miles from Mutare town. You can ask brother Takudzwa Robert Chinyenze, and Brother Jack Chidza they can confirm the situation on the ground. The congregation has 35 families.

Your consideration of this congregation is of great importance in him brotherly Paidemoyo.







MUPFURE AREA CHURCH OF CHRIST—MUSONZA MUTANDWA (New) (Mupfure 35 Chirenje 50)

Since our last newsletter, OH3 vetted another preacher, Musonza Mutandwa and the congregations he serves. One food request has been received, and. **to date all requests have been met**. Typically, \$1110 is needed for 10 kg mealie meal and 2 liters cooking oil for the 85 families. Latest pictures from Brother Musonza are provided below:

Brethren in Christ

I do hereby request for food assistance help for the saints I am working with here. The congregation I am working with 50 families for Chirenje and 35 families for Mupfure. We did not have adequate harvest because of shortage of rainfall. Thank you for understanding our plight. In Him, Mutandwa Musonza







MAHUSEKWA TOWENSHIP CHURCHES OF CHRIST—WILESI RAPHAEL (New) (Nyahynzi & Tabhanga 59 total)

Since our last newsletter, OH3 vetted another preacher, Wilsei Raphael and the congregations he serves. One food request has been received, and. **to date all requests have been met**. Typically, \$940 is needed for 20 kg mealie meal and 2 liters cooking oil for the 59 families. Latest pictures from Brother Wilsei are provided below:

19 Oct 2022

Thank you so much for your love. Brother Fanuel Bobo has been preaching here in Mahusekwa for a very long time, over 15 years now. Brother Takawora Eliot has been preaching since 2013. Nyahunzvi and Tabhanga churches are in some villages close to Mahusekwa township, which is 40 away from Marondera. It is in Mashonaland East Province, Mahusekwa. These churches were established in 1014 and 2015 respectively. I helped plant these churches, working with brother Wilson Magaya. I will buy the food and distribution with the help of these two preachers and the leading men in the churches they work with. I will send the pictures after the distribution. Brotherly, Wilesi







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 medical assistance or other support. OH3 occasionally refers these requests, without endorsement or solicitation, to others who might want to meet those non-food related needs; When our help is requested by a donor, we can facilitate the transfer of funds on the donor's behalf as "Donor Directed Support". Otherwise, our focus is on food aid, one month at a time.

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) cash 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.

OH3 's Anti-Fraud Risk Assessment

The next page shows how OH3 uses the US Treasury Department's recommended guidelines for avoiding fraud in dispersing funds overseas. The colored boxes reflect OH3's self-assessment, and the numbers for each level of risk were added by OH3 to help calculate an overall risk level. OH3's overall calculated risk level using this tool is 1.36, i.e., slightly above Low Risk. This item is shown in this report for your information. Please feel free to call Bill Sullivan if you have any questions.



Low Risk (1)	Medium Risk (3)	High Risk (5)	
The grantee has explicit charitable purposes and discloses how funds are used with specificity.	The grantee has general charitable purposes and discloses how funds are used with specificity.	The grantee has general charitable purposes and does not disclose how funds are used.	1.36
The charity and the grantee have a written grant agreement that contains effective safeguards. For example, provisions addressing proper use of funds by the grantee, delineation of appropriate oversight, and programmatic verification.	The charity and the grantee have a written grant agreement with limited safeguards.	The charity and the grantee do not have a written grant agreement.	1
The grantee has an existing relationship with the charity.	The grantee has existing relationships with other known charities but not with this charity.	The grantee has no prior history with any charities.	1
The grantee can provide references from trusted sources.	The grantee's references are from sources with which the charity is unfamiliar.	The grantee can provide no references or sources to corroborate references provided.	-1
The grantee has a history of legitimate charitable activities.	The grantee is newly or recently formed, but its leadership has a history of legitimate charitable activities.	The grantee has little or no history of legitimate charitable activities.	1
Charity performs on-site grantee due diligence through regular audits and reporting.	Charity performs remote grantee due diligence through regular audits and reporting.	Charity performs no grantee due diligence, or due diligence is random and inconsistent.	3
Grantee provides documentation of the use of funds in the form of video, receipts, photographs, testimonies, and written records.	Grantee provides documentation of the use of funds. Documentation may only include receipts and written records.	Grantee provides no documentation of use of funds.	1
The charity disburses funds in small increments as needed for specific projects or expenditures.	The charity authorizes grantee discretion within specified limits.	The charity disburses funds in one large payment to be invested and spent over time or for unspecified projects selected by the grantee.	1
Reliable banking systems or other regulated financial channels for transferring funds are available and used by the grantee, subjecting such transfers to the safeguards of regulated financial systems consistent with international standards.	Reliable banking systems or other regulated financial channels for transferring funds are not reasonably available for the grantee's relevant activity, but the charity and the grantee agree on alternative methods that they reasonably believe to be reliable, trustworthy, and protected against diversion.	The grantee does not use regulated financial channels or take steps to develop alternative methods that the charity and grantee reasonably believe to be reliable, trustworthy, and protected against diversion.	1
Detailed procedures and processes for the suspension of grantee funds are included within the written agreement and enforceable both in the United States and at the grantee's locale.		There exist no procedures or processes for suspension of grantee funds in the event there is a breach of the written agreement.	1
The charity engages exclusively in charitable work in the U.S. or in foreign countries/regions where terrorist organizations are not known to be active. 'The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of F	The charity engages in some work in foreign countries/regions where terrorist organizations may be active.	The charity primarily engages in work in conflict zones or in countries/regions known to have a concentration of terrorist activity.	3



Ways of donating

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. (PayPal requires your bank routing number and checking account number--located on the bottom of your checks--to sign up for bank transfers.) Signup is accomplished through your personal PayPal account menu. If you need help with PayPal, email OH3 with your phone number and a good time to call; and we'll call you and help talk you through the setup process. (This quarter, PayPal deducted \$134.77. from your donations in fees). But, with all that said, if you are not comfortable setting up a bank transfer with PayPal, please know that OH3 gives donors credit for their full donation for tax purposes whether PayPal charges a fee or not.

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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). 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.