

5/20/20

Dearest Brethren,

Greetings! Many of you have stood with us in our endeavor to help our Zimbabwe brethren since 2008, when OH3 was started. The need was obvious when evangelist travelled to Zimbabwe and found many starving Christians in desperate circumstances.. Because of your loving benevolence, many lives have been saved and countless souls have given glory to God for their deliverance.

In review, I sent out an email emergency request for benevolence in January and followed up with an email update on April 1st. I'm sending another update now, 45 days later, to keep you abreast of the distribution of funds for food and for the deep appreciation shared by the saints in Zimbabwe.

Thankfully, your faithful monthly as well as one-time donations relieved the desperate food needs. 828 Christian families received the needed assistance, in just the 1st 5 months of this year. You have made a profound impact, blessing our needy brethren with the reassurance of God's love.

The following is a record of OH3 disbursements:

Summary for 2020:

2/2/20 Moses Mukwada- Betera church -63 families

Meal for 2 months- \$2520.00 (40kg @\$20=\$1260/month

For 63 families)

4/14/20 Moses Mukwada –Betera church-63 families

Meal for 2 months-\$2520

2/3/20 Silence Chiramba- Mushandike and Maithwa churches,
Masvingo area

Meal for 1 month for 83 families- \$2988. (\$36.00 per 50 kg bag meal plus \$350 transportation-\$3338.00)

2/6 Mountbatten Brewer- 4 churches in Tsholotsho area-
Sikali group, Matshula group, Gombalume group, Nsedlwin group -246
families - (50 kg @ \$28=\$1400
\$300 transportation- total \$7,680)

4/13/20 Silence Chiramba- churches in Masvingo area
86 families – \$14.88 per 25 kg = \$1279.68
Additional request for oil and beans – \$472.00 This is to help
malnourished children. \$1700 total

3/4/20 Mabhuri Betera- Zikani church 75 families
Meal 40 kg @\$21 each x 75 families = \$1695

4/17/20 Mabhuri Betera –Zikani church 75 families
Meal 40 kg @ \$22 each + \$120 transport = \$1770

4/9/20 Farai Chingondi -137 families at 4 churches
46 Mahusekwa, 38 Mupfure, 33 Nyamakate, 20 Mutoko
Meal 20 kg @ \$12 each x 137 families = \$1644
2 liter cooking oil for family \$479
Request beans for Nyamakate - \$2.00 per 33 families
This is because they have children with malnutrition
Transportation to Nyamakate \$80, Mutoko \$60
Total \$2,330

Total amount sent in 2020 as of 5/18/20 report-\$23,553.
This does not include wire fee charges.

Appreciation Notes

Here is a copy of the 5/1/20 Appreciation Note from Moses Mukwada and saints at Betera church:

To OH3

Greetings to you in the Mighty name of our loving Lord AMEN. On behalf of the saints at Betera church, I am seized with pleasure to give you this update with regards to acquiring mealie meal for the welfare of Betera Church. With the tightening socio-economic conditions in Zimbabwe worsened by Covid19 restrictions, we experienced delays in the acquisition of mealie meal for our members but thanks be to the benevolent Lord who is our sure Provider. The supplier who had initially reserved a mealie meal order for us unfortunately ended up selling the reserve after we delayed by a day to make payment to secure the reserved order. By the Grace of God however, we managed to acquire 476 by 10 kg pockets of mealie meal @ US \$5 each from another supplier on the 26th of April 2020 then we made the distribution on the 27th of April 2020. This was an allocation for two months for our members. Some big families got 60 kgs of mealie meal whilst others got allocations ranging between 50, 40 and 30 kgs depending on size of family. The saints at Betera Church of Christ lack the most suitable words to thank you Dear sister for the wonderful acts of mercy, which you are continuously performing towards our welfare. Please convey our utter gratefulness to all the brethren who always cooperate with you to ensure that resources are channeled for the welfare of saints at Betera Church of Christ. May you kindly find attached relevant receipts and pictures. Kind regards as we keep praying for your prosperity.



Silence Chiramba

Photos of saints receiving food at Maithwa and Mushandike churches:



Thank you note from Mountbatten Brewer

“I have been asked by brethren in Tsholotsho area to send their sincere thanks and appreciation to you as a team and to all brethren who contribute towards their needs. I dearly stand with them in thanking you all”.

Gombalume brethren



Sikali brethren



Thank you note from Mabhuri Betera:

I would like to send my thanks to you and all who contributed to this relief help to Zikani Church of Christ in Zimbabwe region 5 the hottest one. May God continue His blessings to you so that you also continue with this good work you are doing to us and all who are also being helped.



Thank you note from Farai Chingondi

The brethren are very thankful for your kindness and love. I had a challenge at Mutoko because of the virus the village head had refused us to distribute the food, we managed to distribute 13 portions the other members could not attend but we instructed the men there to deliver the food to the homes of the needy families. I have been cleared today to take food to Nyamakate; I hope the authorities on that side will allow us to help the needy saints on that side. Food situation is very bad. Crops gone, no rain!



Distributed food after Sunday worship at Mupfure



Mahusekwa brethren receiving food



Dearest Brethren,

Hopefully, the pictures show the gratitude of our Zimbabwe brethren. The President of Zimbabwe just declared that the country remains on lockdown because of the virus. However, many brethren work day jobs, earning just enough to buy their daily food. They are not able to work and many are confined to their homes without food. Also, the government has decided at this time to raise the price of basic staples, making them unaffordable for most people. I wish I could report that there is no need but unfortunately the situation is not good for our Zimbabwe brethren. Please pray for them to draw closer to God and to remain faithful. Please pray for the lockdown to be lifted so that they can work; for needed rain for their crops; and for their spiritual and physical protection.

I realize that times are tough for many Americans. We understand that many cannot donate funds at this time. Please know that your prayers are deeply appreciated. We are striving to be good stewards of your

contributions. We have received pictures of receipts for all purchases. We send only to trusted brethren who have a love for helping their spiritual family. Your continued help would mean so much to the needy brethren in Zimbabwe. Obviously, this work cannot go on without you. Thank you so very much for your continued interest, sacrificial love, merciful benevolence, and prayers

At this point, our bank account has \$4200. We already have requests that will use most of that amount. If you are able to donate, the information on sending funds is below:

Ways of donating:

By mail:

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

By PayPal

Unless you fund your donation with your PayPal Cash or PayPal Cash Plus balance or a bank account linked to PayPal, we don't recommend this method as PayPal reduces your donation by charging a "funding fee" of 2.9% of the total plus of a transaction fee of up to \$4.99.

If you use PayPal, send to: oh3forstarvingsaints@gmail.com

Finally, OH3 is a 501c3 charity. Your donations are tax deductible, and I am happy to send letters on request for tax purposes. Please keep us up to date with your email, so we can continue sending these reports to you.

Joseph Sullivan is donating his time and efforts and has put together a website for OH3 it is <http://www.openheartshelpinghands.com//>
He is also working on a Facebook page.

Again, thank you very much for your prayers, support and loving concern!
In Him,
Jeanne Sullivan -Treasurer (jfamily2@gmail.com)