



March 31, 2021

Greetings!

Apologies to all for the extended delay in sending you this OH3 update. Last Fall Bill received a diagnosis of aggressive stomach cancer, and that has taken much time and attention. He has just completed 4 rounds of chemo and has a gastrectomy scheduled for mid-April. Everyone's encouraging words and prayers have been greatly appreciated. We are 100% committed to continuing this ministry. 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 Aug 2020, 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. The longstanding COVID lockdown has just been lifted and thankful brethren are once again able to assemble together. The lockdown prevented men from doing day jobs for daily food. Hopefully, economic conditions will improve somewhat now. Thankfully, this has been a good rainy season which has been wonderful for those who were able to plant crops. The crops should be ready to harvest at the end of April. Until crops were harvested, there has been a steady request for sustenance for the brethren. 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, I 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 indorsement 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 Aug 2020 through Mar 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 \$25 charge 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 Transfer Tracking List:

1 August 2020 to 31 March 2021

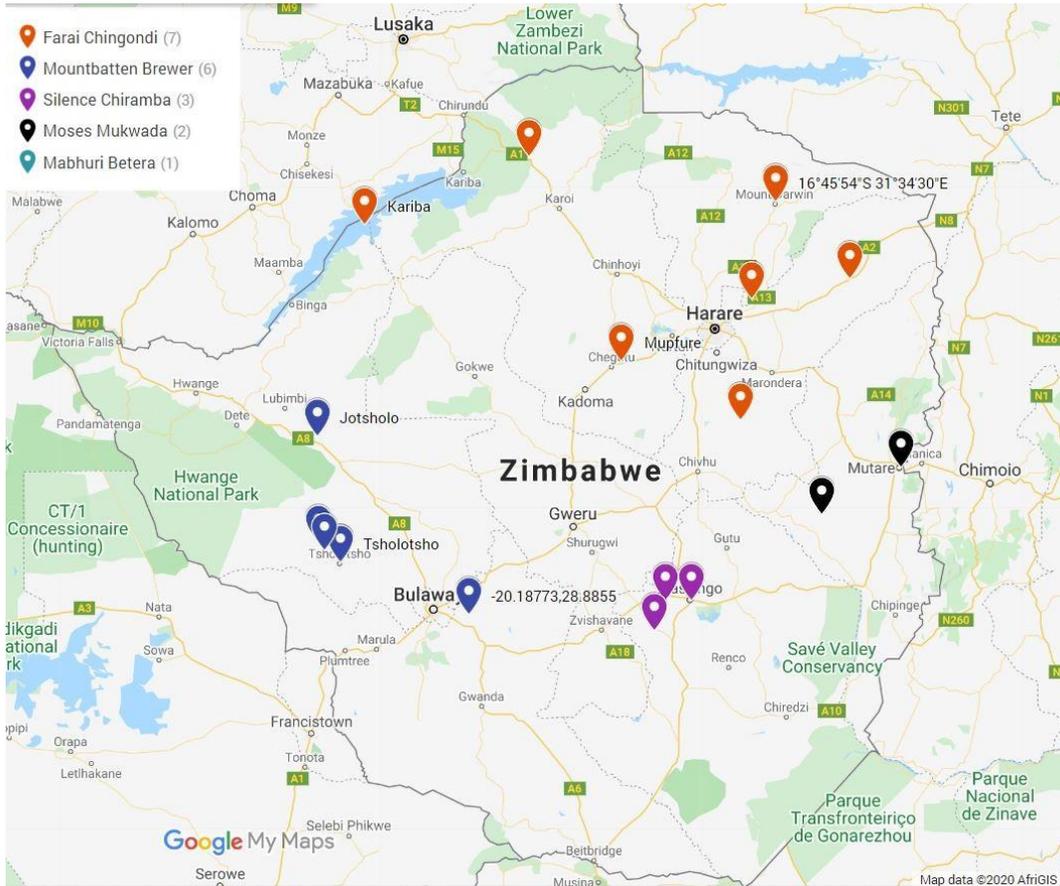
Requestor	Location Helped	#FAMILIES HELPED	Amount	Date Sent	Tracking Number
Moses Mukwada	Betera church	71	\$2320	3-Aug-20	wr68712053
Farai Chingondi	Mukosa 25; Chapinduka 23	48	\$1,035	11-Aug-20	wr69344253
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	92	\$1,840	11-Aug-20	wr69345404
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	75	\$1,320	24-Aug-20	wr70345481
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke church	75	\$805	4-Sep-20	wr71304398
Simbarashe Nyika	Rusape Drift, Makoni, et al	190	\$2,000	14-Sep-20	wr71990163
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	90	\$2,025	14-Sep-20	wr71988296
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	75	\$1,970	27-Sep-20	wr73055299
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	73	\$875	29-Sep-20	wr73230238
Farai Chingondi	seed food (Mutoko only)	186 16	\$3,370	27-Oct-20	5569801
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	96	\$3,490	27-Oct-20	5569801
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	75	\$2,000	16-Nov-20	5604415



Requestor	Location Helped	#FAMILIES HELPED	Amount	Date Sent	Tracking Number
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	90	\$2,645	16-Nov-20	5604388
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	71	\$1,310	9-Dec-20	5631491
Silence Chiramba (irrigation)	Masvingo area	96	\$3,985	9-Dec-20	5631540
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	75	\$2,085	16-Dec-20	5641807
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	75	\$960	21-Dec-20	1767717618
Farai Chingondi	see note	204	\$2,600	21-Dec-20	1767713584
Moses Mukwada (catfish+seed)	Betera CoC	71	\$2,990	21-Dec-20	1767717618
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$2,230	13-Jan-21	1768407555
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	71	\$1,555	20-Jan-21	1768861745
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC test	78	\$250	1-Feb-21	1769347610
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC balance	78	\$850	3-Feb-21	1769396387
Farai Chingondi	test transfer	159	\$250	4-Feb-21	1769418351
Farai Chingondi	balance of transfer	159	\$2,200	10-Feb-21	1769594759
Moses Mukwada (catfish fingerlings)	Betera CoC	71	\$1,000	11-Feb-21	1769627963
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	103	\$1,700	20-Feb-21	1769793157
Silence Chiramba	Masvingo area	80	\$1,050	27-Feb-21	1770140410
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$1,400	27-Feb-21	1770140466
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	78	\$1,100	10-Mar-21	1770367252
Silence Chiramba	donor directed medical		\$1,875	21-Mar-21	1770790144
Moses Mukwada	Betera CoC	65	\$800	31-Mar-21	1771447752
Mabhuri Betera	Zikani church	80	\$950	31-Mar-21	1771448062
Farai Chingondi	see note	159	\$1,436	31-Mar-21	1771448381
Robert Chinyenze	Chipendeke CoC	78	\$815	31-Mar-21	1771449046

Note: Brother Farai distributes aid to a number of small congregations at Mahusekwa (65), Mupfure (38), Chirenje (37), Mutoko (19).

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, 1 liter of oil (1 qt roughly = 1 liter) 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 Aug 2020-31 Mar 2021)

31 July Balance	\$2827.22
Donations	61548.18
Transfers to ZBW	60333.20
Wire & PayPal Fees	1772.26
Bank & Legal	1779.94
31 March Balance	\$490.00



Report and Recent Food Requests

Report from Silence Chiramba (Masvingo District, ZBW)

22 Mar

“Greetings from Zimbabwe.

It is my humble belief that I find you all well brethren. I am pleased to share with you all of the Lord's work activities have been carrying in the month of March. I also like to thank God being with me and my family throughout the period serving Him wholeheartedly despite the challenges we encountered in the work and daily needs. Below are the activities.

BIBLE CLASSES: We are still studying the book of Exodus, so far, the studies were very good and Encouraged and many saints are learning a lot in the history of the children of Israel movement from the land of Egypt to the promised Land. I also encourage brethren to know that in this book it shows that even though people fail, God is patient and continues blessing those who trust in him.

MIDWEEK STUDY: I was continuing teaching Exodus, but last Wednesday we started online teaching with a fellow Preacher in Arkansas (Brother Tim) in America he is teaching and I'm translating him, this week we are looking at his lesson on Jesus Miracle, Him and brother Jim Allen will be our guest speaker through online every midweek (Wednesday) through Google meet video for about an hour. I'm very much happy to have this teacher's helping me to spread the good news.

SUNDAY SERVICES/WORSHIP: I manage to preach on main service for the whole weeks and the lessons were so uplifting to the saints. Although challenges affecting our nation the saints remain steadfast in seeking the Lord's will, that's our priority to do his command (Mt 6:33)

This are some of my lessons I shared: 1) Letting your light shine:(Mt 5:13-16), 2) Did Jesus Forbid us to Judge others? (Mt 7:1-5), 3) The value of Baptism: Acts 19:1-7

ATTENDANCE: our attendance has increased significantly; we continue seeking your prayers on the new born babes in Christ. During midweek I'm doing my best to visit them encouraging.

BAPTISM: We have 4 souls added to Christ 2 girls 1 men 1 lady

FAMILY UPDATE: We are all well though ups and downs of life but we continue clinging to Christ. And my family and I continue to thanking you for the daily prayers and will continue doing the same to you. I also had challenge of break in on my house because I don't have proper security I pray and hope will save or find help to finish my house because sometimes it affects me to left home alone going to Lord's work.

BRETHREN: our brothers and sisters here are doing well, we have 1 men suffering from head problem after accident, I managed to visit him while at hospital and at home comforting him and giving him hope and prayers. Below you can also see pictures of the Lord's work in Masvingo.”



Worship Service 21 Mar Masvingo church of Christ



Baptism 7 Mar Masvingo church of Christ



Food request from Silence Chiramba (Masvingo District, ZBW) 31 Mar

OH3 has no funds to meet this request at this time

“Greetings from Zimbabwe. Just arrived home from village, past few ago I was offline on email to update you on our fellow Brother Maxwell. Thanks very much for the helping, the day I withdrew the funds I called Brother Tawanda and Maxwell wife and hand over them the funds to go and do payment. This week Friday Maxwell will back home from information I gathered. And proof of payment will be sending to you for transparency. Myself was having tight schedule with Brother Tim Estes and Brother Jim Allen translate their lessons to brethren in Mushandike and Mathiwa. Now I'm in Mathiwa. Now back home.

One more thing major request, is food. And this is going to be the last help. Because the following month everyone will be able to harvest and their own food will take them far some may reach December If they kept it wise. I'm glad to have Oh3 help. And myself too when I help. Because harvest I'm going to support other families.” **(Silence’s last request was for 20kg mealie meal and 2 liters cooking oil for 103 families ~\$1,670)**

Four of our most recent food requests are listed below: Due to a shortage of funding, OH3 was only able to send these men 77% of the funding needed to purchase 20kg of mealie meal per family.

Request from Farai Chingondi (Mukosa & Chapinduka, ZBW) 14 Mar

“Greetings from Zimbabwe. Thank you so much for all the help you have been giving us during the hard times of drought. I hope you will continue to help when we have a need. We are kindly asking you to send the last help that will take people to harvest. Please if you can, the help is seriously needed. There is no change on our request as compared to the last one.

Mahusekwa 65, Mupfure 38, Chirenje 37, Mutoko 19. Total families 159



Food Distribution at Mahusekwa church of Christ



Christian Sister at Mahusekwa church of Christ



Request from Moses Mukwada (Betera, ZBW)

14 Mar

“**Hope** you are in good health. You are always in our prayers for the good work you are always doing in Lord's vineyard. I request for emergency relief assistance for Betera church. They did not receive any help last month and the current situation requires immediate help. Families 65 30kgs Maize meal per family Kindly assist our dear brethren. For transparency copy to beterachurchofchrist@gmail.com, tinayebetera@gmail.com”

Received 5 Feb: “I sorry I don't have pictures of brethren receiving. I was just robbed by robbers last Sunday night and they took my phone and my two hundred USD185 which I had just received from any individual who support me. I only thank God they didn't kill me to death. I only sustained deep cuts on my forehead. I am now better.”



[Brother Mukwada](#)

Request from Mabhuri Betera (Zikani church of Christ ZBW)

4 Mar

“Dearest Brethren. I greet you all in Thy Name. Well, I Brother Betera Zikani Church of Christ on behalf of all the Saints at Zikani I am sending My request for March regarding relief funds. I am very glad of you in helping us if it was not, we will witness and talked may stories about the hunger which are hitting Us here in Zimbabwe at Zikani Church. We thank you May our loving God bless you.



The total need Families at Zikani are (80) 40kg meal mealie per each. Again, on cooking oil if possible, it's 80 plus transport from town to Zikani. All the pictures will be sent after buying and giving to the Saints, i.e., receipts, truck loading and Saints receiving meal mealie and cooking oils.

God bless you all.

Bro Betera Zikani Church of Christ”



Food Distribution at Zikani church of Christ



Food Distribution at Zikani Church of Christ



I realize that times are tough for many Americans. 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 send to trusted brethren who have a love for helping their spiritual family.

At this point, our food account has \$490. Your continued help would mean so much to the needy brethren in Zimbabwe. Thank you so very much for your continued interest, sacrificial love, merciful benevolence, and prayers.

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. If you did not receive a letter back in January for 2020, please let us know. 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, thank you very much for your prayers and support!

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