



Victoria Falls

MISSION OBJECTIVES –

- To bring relevant Bible-based ministry in support of the Zimbabwean churches.
- To encourage and empower women in ministry.
- To discuss future financial and spiritual support from the UK .
- To further develop links between Lurgan and Portadown Apostolic Churches the church in Zimbabwe.
- To explore possible practical support projects

PRAYER POINTERS –

- Peace and restoration for the people of Zimbabwe.
- Smooth entry into Harare.
- The anointing of the Holy Spirit on all ministry.
- Wise distribution of financial aid.
- Daily protection whilst travelling.
- God appointments.
- Encouragement and strengthening for the churches.
- A fresh challenge and anointing for the church in Zimbabwe.



Mission Team

Pastor Marcus & Pat Thomas (Northern Ireland)



Marcus and Pat have three daughters and two grandsons. They have lived in Northern Ireland for ten years and lead two churches – The Bridge Community Church, Lurgan and The Apostolic Church, Portadown. These churches support Zimbabwe financially through monthly offerings and fund-raising events. Marcus and Pat have a passion for mission, both at home and overseas.

Pat, whose background is in languages and nursing, now works for Prison Fellowship Northern Ireland, which ministers to prisoners and their families. Until December 2008 she served as National Women's Leader for The Apostolic Church UK and has a strong desire to see women fulfilling their potential in ministry. An opportunity has just opened up for Pat to start a personal mentoring ministry with women.

Marcus, who previously worked as a consultant in the Civil Service, has been a pastor for fourteen years and this is his third visit to Zimbabwe. In 2007 he had the honour of officiating at the handover of autonomy to The Apostolic Church in Zimbabwe. He is also part of a team of four pastors who are providing leadership training in Italy. Pat accompanied him on a recent visit to Rome, where they were both involved in training leaders. Marcus is known in Northern Ireland as "the pastor with another passion." You will need to ask him what that other passion is!

One specific goal that Pat and Marcus have for this trip is to investigate the possibility of starting a practical self-help project in Zimbabwe. They have various ideas but they will have to speak to people and see the situation for themselves.

Two exciting recent developments for the benefit of Zimbabwe are –

- an offer of various medical supplies
- a gift of £1000 designated for children

A comment from Marcus – "After last years disappointment of having to cancel our trip to Zimbabwe, we are again really looking forward to this trip. Since last year God has brought a number of people into our lives who can help us both practically and spiritually in Zimbabwe. The possibilities are there and we are trusting God to start to put the pieces together."

PROGRAMME FOR ZIMBABWE MISSION TRIP

MONDAY 17th AUGUST – Leave for JO/BURG – Marcus and Pat fly out of Dublin Monday 17th August. They land in Jo/burg on Tuesday 18th August.

THURSDAY 20th AUGUST – arrive in Harare.

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST –
SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST –
Marcus and Pat will be ministering and visiting churches in the Harare area

MONDAY 24th AUGUST –
Travel to Bulawayo by bus!

WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST –
Training with Pastors.
Subject – Pastoral Care and Counselling. Both Marcus and Pat will be speaking.

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST –
Visit Bambadzi Church

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST –
Revival Service in Bulawayo.

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST –
Womens Celebration. Pat speaking.

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST –
Church Celebration. Marcus speaking. Also, fellowship and meal with Pastors and their wives.

MONDAY 31st AUGUST – Travel to Harare by bus!

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER – Private appointments with a senior Government Official in Zimbabwe and, also, with the Chief Executive of a Zimbabwean Bank.

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER – Fly out of Harare for Jo/burg. Arriving back in Dublin on Thursday 3rd September.

