

THINGS TO TAKE FORWARD -

Employment for some of our women-

Through a fair-trade company that we have linked with, there are possible opportunities for some of our women in Harare and Bulawayo to have employment on a piece-work basis. These discussions started in Harare and will continue in the next few months.

Equipping a Medical Consultation Room in Bulawayo-

The Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) has a vision for a consulting/dispensary service to pastors and their families in and around the Bulawayo area. The AC of Zimbabwe is a member of this cross-church grouping. Some doctors in Bulawayo have come together and are willing to give their services free of charge, but there is a lack of equipment. Efforts will now be made to provide the required resources for this consultation room.

Sending Medical Supplies to Harare-

At present, a large amount of medical supplies is being held in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, ready for Zimbabwe. Through a meeting with the Salvation Army in Harare, a transit route has been identified. This will now be taken forward.

Discussion Papers on Women in Ministry –

The leadership of the AC in Zimbabwe, are discussing the role of women in the church. The papers that have been prepared in the UK in recent years on this subject will be electronically sent to Zimbabwe.

A Web Page to be prepared –

A one page web-site will be designed for The Apostolic Church in Zimbabwe. It will be linked to the following sites - The Bridge Community Church, ActionOverseas, The UK Apostolic Church.

Discussions with Book Aid –

Through existing links with Book Aid, Northern Ireland, the possibility of sending good Christian books and study material to Zimbabwe is going to be investigated. The material will be sent to the EFZ Resource Centre, Bulawayo.

Training Material for Children's Workers –

Pastor Chris Sibanda, Children's Coordinator, AC Zimbabwe, would like to train some of our people to be children workers but lacks training material. Again, through various contacts, efforts will be made to meet this need.

Purchase of a Peanut Butter Making Machine -

Some preliminary discussions have taken place on this purchase with Pastor Phineas in Bambadzi. Before anything is purchased, we will wait for his response.



Mission Team

Pastor Marcus & Pat Thomas (Northern Ireland)

OVERVIEW OF VISIT TO ZIMBABWE -

Marcus preached in the following Apostolic Churches (AC) - Harare (2), Pumula, Luveve, Bambadzi, Epworth. At Luveve the service was held in the open-air, with an elder holding a light for Marcus to see his notes. At one of the services in Harare, the Holy Spirit moved in and there was a time of spiritual impartation to those seeking the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Marcus & Pat spoke at an AC Pastors/Wives Fellowship Mtg. Pat spoke on the role of women in ministry. Marcus shared from Romans chapter 16.

Marcus and Pat taught at a Workshop on Pastoral Care. AC Pastors & their wives were present. The topics Pat covered included listening, prayer ministry and women in the local church. At the workshop, up to date copies of EDWJ and Word for Today were given to the pastors and their wives. The EDWJ were kindly donated by Crusade for World Revival.

Pat preached in a Women's Meeting in Pumula. During their time in Zimbabwe, Marcus and Pat ministered to over 600 people in all the events that they attended..

A visit was made to an HIV orphanage outside Harare and a gift was left for the work.

Through various private gifts and local church funds, food was purchased for needy families in our churches and financial help was given to some of the pastors.

A visit was made to Mrs Wallace, the widow of Pastor Wallace. For anyone who remembers Mrs Wallace, a DVD of the visit is available from Marcus.

There were meetings with representatives of various organisations, while in Zimbabwe, to provide future avenues for practical support -

Mr Offer Bar, Harare
Major Howard, SA, Harare
The Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe
The Prime Minister of Zimbabwe
Pastor B.Douglas, New Zealand



Loading the truck with Ps Martin from Harare, with food for needy families in our Harare & Epworth churches. Food was also bought for our people in the Bambadzi church & in our Bulawayo churches. Overall, \$1000 was spent in buying meal, oil & fish.

Children/young people from an orphanage, outside Harare. Marcus & Pat, with some friends, visited the orphanage on their first Sunday in Zimbabwe. The orphanage is run by a Christian couple. Because they cannot afford to purchase the necessary drugs, the children are being treated with herbs etc to boost their immune systems. They are experiencing some remarkable results.



Inside of our Bambadzi church, which is near the Botswana border. Since Marcus' last visit in 2006, the church now has a concrete floor and windows. There were about 60 adults/children in the mid-day service. Before starting the three hour journey back to Bulawayo, we crossed into Botswana and then returned to enjoy some meal-me rice & chicken with the church people. The pastor of this church is called Phineas.

On our last day in Zimbabwe, we had the privilege of going to the home of the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Morgan Tsvangirai, and spending some time with him. The picture shows Pat presenting the PM with a Bible from the Bridge Community Church, Lurgan and the AC Portadown. We were able to pray with him before we returned to our hotel.



The wives of the pastors of our Bulawayo churches. The pastor and their wives had organised this time of fellowship. We all met at the home of Pastor Amos and Sihle Sibanda. The leaders presented Marcus and Pat with some beautiful African crafts as thank you. During the evening, we all watched an ActionOverse (AO) DVD from 2006!! The evening ending with everyone praying a prayer from the Welsh revival for God to pour out His Spirit in Zimbabwe.