

Dear friends,

Warm greetings to you all. I hope this email finds you well. We are doing well here in Bulawayo. My parents were here with us during April, which was really lovely.

This newsletter I felt it would be good for me to focus on sharing some of our Visions and Goals for 2013, and give more information on the finances for Our Neighbours Ministry.

However, I have to mention a few quick updates also. This month (actually April, when I wrote most of this), the team who do outreach in Trenance and Mazwe organised to go with 'The Jesus Film' and show this in these areas. 25 people in Trenance and 30 people in Mazwe received Jesus at these times! We praise God! *

We also had 6 guys and 'Sir Gobvu' from Lighthouse Christian Academy go to the ACE Convention in Harare a little while ago, and excel. They received Gold medals in the 6-a-side soccer, 2 relay events, long-jump and checkers, Silver in team worship, singing quartet, 200m, and Bronze in preaching, vocal and solo guitar, puppetry, and checkers. And we had our Term 1 award ceremony and one of the most improved students is a boy who is approximately 12 years old (age not known exactly), and Lighthouse is the first time that he has ever attended school for any length of time in his life. Exciting stuff hey!

We've also had an adorable little baby, Stephanie (that's her on the right), come to stay with us at Isaiah's recently. She was found alone within Bulawayo, and we feel privileged to be able to love and care for her. Please pray for a family for her to come forward in time, to adopt her. And since I took a little while to complete this newsletter, we also had a beautiful baby boy come to Isaiah's.



Vision and Goals for 2013

Right, so let me share just some of our vision and goals for 2013, for your info:

- To start another Forever Family Home, for older children from the Babies Home, where family reunification or adoption isn't forthcoming, and possibly other orphans;
- Provide greater awareness in the community of the needs of abandoned and orphaned children, and to encourage people to consider fostering and adoption;
- Provide scholarships for another 10 or so extremely vulnerable children, who have missed much schooling, to attend Lighthouse Christian Academy;
- To establish a study centre in Luveve for the Esandleni girls, to significantly assist them in their education;
- Provide further training on loving parenting to carers;
- To establish an empowerment project with some of the vulnerable families being assisted through Esandleni Sothando;
- Upgrade the equipment we have for the Health Information Service, to best serve the needs of the people being assisted;
- Establish one new group empowerment project for the vulnerable people we are assisting at Hearts of Love;
- We have a number of goals in terms of growing the support, finances and partnerships we have; and
- To better serve, and to grow relationships, with those people who come to our Soup Kitchen.

If you are interested in receiving the complete vision and goals for this year for each area of Our Neighbours Ministry, or any particular area, please let me know. I'm excited about this year, and hope you are also.

Financial Update for ONM

I've been feeling, as have others, that it'd be good or right for us as a ministry to occasionally share more details (than we've done in the past) on our budget, pledged donations, and the current financial situation of the ministries.

In fact this is good also in terms of us being transparent in financial matters, and accountable, which we really value (speaking of values, let me attach the Core Values of ONM that we recently finalised, for those who are interested in these).

So, I can summarise the current month by month financial situation for ONM as (all figures in US\$):

- We currently have pledged donations of approximately \$12,500 per month;
- In 2012, in addition to amounts that were specifically pledged, we averaged approximately \$8,000 per month in donations;
- In the first 2 months of 2013, we have spent an average of \$24,000 per month (excluding goods in kind);
- In terms of the Babies Home, given that we have a number of sponsors per baby, we have 47% of the ideal number of baby/child sponsors currently; and
- Given the budgets that the ministry leaders have put together for 2013, and what would be ideal for all it is thought God would have us do this year as ONM, we have an ideal budget of \$30,000 per month currently.

Finally, the current financial situation for ONM, as I send this newsletter out today, is that we have approximately \$5,000 in terms of bills/amounts due/needed currently, or very soon. We have a small debt currently also, but this was only taken given donations that have come in to ONM outside Zimbabwe, that are currently being transferred to Zimbabwe. So, it's 'hand to mouth' so to speak at the moment, but we can continue to share that God provides for all of the needs of His work.

So, I think that about sums it up in terms of finances. I would definitely want to at this point praise God for His amazing provision for all of our needs, always. And, I'd also want to thank so many of you, so much, for your amazing support and partnership with ONM.

For your information also, here is the summary financial report for ONM for 2012, showing monthly totals by ministry area.

ONM Financial Report 2012													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	2012 Year
	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US	\$US
Cash balance B/Forward	6,544.25	5,041.64	(1,832.36)	569.83	15,122.58	6,465.42	27,007.90	21,282.59	13,829.14	4,742.94	1,792.33	1,711.19	6,544.25
INCOME													
Foreign Donations	14,755.00	7,550.74	18,861.76	27,674.98	11,706.35	41,567.28	11,930.65	9,436.96	10,248.37	16,783.20	19,108.51	28,407.33	218,031.13
Foreign Capital			10,051.00	20,000.00	37,013.00	1,634.50	2,452.00	155.00					71,305.50
Profit on Exchange	(0.31)	0.06	(0.03)	(0.43)	(0.22)	(0.38)	0.04	(0.21)	(0.12)	0.08	0.17	(0.14)	(1.49)
Cash donations (in Zimbabwe)	2,060.00	1,842.13	2,527.25	2,524.13	280.00	1,787.25	3,010.00	1,386.50	2,434.25	1,897.99	1,055.00	905.00	21,709.50
Goods in kind (non-cash)	742.54	1,349.14	681.93	2,081.43	833.83	2,269.51	1,346.53	2,564.24	651.77	2,621.04	809.05	969.39	16,920.40
Total income	17,557.23	10,742.07	32,121.91	52,280.11	49,832.96	47,258.16	18,739.22	13,542.49	13,334.27	21,302.31	20,972.73	30,281.58	327,965.04
EXPENDITURE													
IUW	11,612.50	9,011.89	9,233.69	9,705.05	11,843.66	10,460.42	11,486.09	10,988.34	9,944.42	12,004.81	11,232.71	12,563.38	130,086.94
Capital			10,051.00	20,000.00	37,013.00	1,634.50	2,452.00	155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,305.50
North End Boys	2,028.01	2,373.21	2,095.10	1,649.83	2,496.48	1,863.14	2,355.56	1,790.70	2,109.48	2,084.78	1,640.05	2,275.39	24,761.71
Hearts of Love	4,231.30	5,061.34	4,486.99	5,242.60	5,563.44	9,881.33	6,665.64	6,766.39	8,327.45	6,745.78	5,414.40	6,490.89	74,877.52
Lighthouse Christian Academy	1,188.04	1,169.63	3,852.95	1,129.90	1,573.55	2,876.30	1,505.25	1,295.52	2,039.12	3,417.56	2,766.71	1,657.37	24,471.87
Total expenses	19,059.85	17,616.06	29,719.72	37,727.36	58,490.12	26,715.68	24,464.53	20,995.95	22,420.47	24,252.92	21,053.87	22,987.03	325,503.54
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,041.64	(1,832.36)	569.83	15,122.58	6,465.42	27,007.90	21,282.59	13,829.14	4,742.94	1,792.33	1,711.19	9,005.75	9,005.75

The other areas of Our Neighbours Ministry are going well, and as much as I'd love to share more, I'll do this another time.

Looking forward to when I next get to connect with you.

Thank you for your love, prayers, support and partnership with us.

Love and God bless,
Martin

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Attachment – ONM Core Values