

Email newsletter from Belinda Wilson, Our Neighbours Ministry, Bulawayo Zimbabwe

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Godknows is reunited with his grandmother and extended family.



World Race Team Ignite

Sharing in freshly harvested and cooked mealies (corn) at Children of Grace !

IUW Baby Zibusiso

has recovered from his short time in hospital.



Michael

has been identified for adoption and we await the processing of all paperwork.



Body Movement Exercises

Volunteers Casey & Katie assist IUW Carer Khetiwe with exercises to help strengthen Kuda's legs & core muscles for better body movement

We love outdoor play and thank all those who come and spend time doing this with us.



Beautiful Beanies donated

We received these beanies on a hot summers day but they sure came in handy last week when hit with a cold wet spell. Thank you to our knitting Grannies!



Chomolia from the Market

Persy holds a bunch of

3 New Babies at IUW

Nokuthaba, Blessing & Simpiwe

Total Count : 22

(4 girls & 18 boys)



OUR NEWS IN WORDS

Dear Friends

We hope our newsletter finds you well.

Our Neighbours Ministry's vision for 2015 is **3D Growth**. This will cover three areas: 1. Upwards – our personal relationships with Christ; 2. Inwards – growing in the way we work as a team, serving together well and effectively; and 3. Outwards – growth in the way we reach out with love to people and care for children, and some growth in terms of the amount of ministry impact we have given the large needs in the community.

Our first team of World Racers served with us in March. World Racers are young missionaries from USA who serve in 11 countries in 11 months. Many of their social media comments said Zimbabwe was the best so far (month 7/11) – they really enjoyed the variety, loved the children and the people. And we were blessed by their service too – speech pathology, body movement with a disabled child, harvesting corn fields, ferrying sand and water for building on community outreach, and encouraging the ladies in the bead empowerment project. Thank you for your service with us.

At Hearts of Love we have seen a significant increase in those asking for food assistance. The HoL team find it very challenging to see the needs of many of the people who come, with some people being in such desperate situations, with great hunger. And then for the team to seek how God would have them respond to these people and show His love, and what they can and can't do with the resources God has provided for us currently. To give people a feel for costs currently, it costs approximately US\$15 a week to provide a family of four with one basic meal a day of Sadza and Chomolia (maize meal with a green leaf vegetable and tomato relish).

Chomolia bought at the market - this is what Lydia started her small business with! Now she is able to buy food with the profit she makes.



Baskets weaved by Tyler

He sells these baskets to get money to pay rent and buy food!



Lighthouse Concert

The Junior Class performing a song of worship at their evening Concert at the end of March.



Lighthouse Concert

The Senior class performing a dance routine at the Concert.

A few weeks ago Lydia approached the HOL team asking for \$2 so that she could buy vegetables for resale. Early the next morning she bought a large sized bunch of chomolia, headed home and repacked it into smaller bunches. Lydia sells her vegetables for an affordable price of R2 at a spot where many people pass by returning home for the day. She now makes enough money to provide food for her family and can spend the morning at home doing her household chores. Where possible our desire is to empower people to support themselves and their families.

Another person recently assisted by the HOL team is Tyler from the soup kitchen. Tyler weaves baskets which he sells to earn a living. Although many people weave baskets, Tyler is partially blind due to cancer of the eye. Tyler recently requested accommodation assistance after he was asked to leave a local institution when he filed a police report of sexual assault against a fellow beneficiary. Whilst we were trying to source some accommodation, Tyler continued to look at other options and found a place to stay. He needed to pay a rent deposit of \$15. A few weeks later Tyler requested \$5 to start up his own basket weaving project and is now covering the costs of his eye medication and rent.

Lighthouse Christian Academy – The term came to a close at the end of March and six new students have completed their first term at Lighthouse. All students presented a brilliant evening concert with individual and group song and dance performances. A round of applause must go to the staff who worked hard with the students getting this concert together. Our “drummer” Knowledge has finished his studies at Lighthouse and we wish him every success as he goes out into the world.

Isaiah’s Umuzi Wothando – The children continue to grow and make us smile. We have had 3 new children placed :- a 14 month old little girl Nokuthaba (meaning "we have joyfully received"), 14 month old little boy



Drum away Knowledge

Wishing Knowledge the very best in his future endeavours.



Children of Grace Chicken Project

The Chicken Project is going well and we have just started selling our second batch of chickens.



Nomathemba

another precious IUW toddler has been fostered.

Simpiwe (meaning "we have been given") and a three month old little guy called Blessing. Baby Zibusiso is doing well after his short stint in hospital in February. In March one of our girls, Nomathemba, was fostered. We wish her and her mom a life of love, laughter and happiness. Also in March our eldest boy Godknows was reunited with his grandmother. We pray that he will settle well and develop great relationships with his extended family. Some prospective adoption families are experiencing delays with the processing of their paperwork and we would appreciate your prayers for them.

Esandleni Sothando – Much has been happening at Esandleni. About eight girls in Luveve are still being assisted with school fees and mentorship. In our new area of outreach as Esandleni, Burombo flats in Makokoba, 11 children are being given the opportunity to go to school. They have also done a small holiday program for the kids which was great. The ladies in the Makokoba bead empowerment project have been very productive and are looking into local market options and other options.

Children of Grace. Our chicken and agriculture project are going well – we have collected our third batch of chicks! We have seen a relatively good harvest of maize, green beans, carrots, butternut, tomatoes, beets and green peppers and we still have more in the field. Nothing better than eating freshly picked green beans and carrots! The maize was pretty good too! Well done Ernest and your team of helpers.

We are pleased to share some exciting family news and welcome babies Lean Tawasika, Tadiwanashe Chipomho and Shamiso Chiparaushe. God bless you and your families.

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Esandleni Bead Project

The ladies of Makokoba working hard on their bead necklaces and earrings.



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