

December 2024



Hello to all,

Although a little early may we wish you a Very Merry Christmas.

It was not long ago I wrote the November newsletter but as I prepare for another trip and a busy season, I thought today was a good day.

This year I planned and prepared all my Christmas cards by the 18 th of November.

I don't always send cards to donors as some say it is a waste of funds. (I don't use donated funds and I buy them on sale after the last Christmas LOL)

I like to send them to say a more personal thank you for the support given to our ministry for the year.

Due to the post office strike I would now like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a big thank you for your prayers and support. It is our joy to serve you in ministry to Zimbabwe.

I will be travelling to Zimbabwe January for 6 to 7 weeks depending on flight costs. I have been busy trying to get the best prices today.

Frank is unable to travel with me. Plan may be to travel back in September when the crisis of food is over.

Very difficult to go against your own principles of every dollar must make another in one way or the other. However this year as you know there has been no rain, drought and starvation. Even the animals are dying by dry riverbeds or have no grasses to eat.

Elephants being culled as they are starving, Their carcass's given to the villagers for food.

We have tried to do both. Putting investments into wells and planting for food as well as having 6 feeding programs. All are successful and running well.

Lives have indeed been saved and love shown.

Each program runs from one of our planted churches.

I thank Marie Smith, Theresa LeBarge and Kelly Wong for being on hand when I run into computer errors and such.

What would I do without you? I still have not absorbed how the inside of the computer and printers work. Don't think I ever will. But you allow me to do what I do know.

Thank you to Carol Chase and Noah, my grandson who keep pushing me to write stories. complete and become a book.

One day they will be

John, who I told you about in my last newsletter, has enjoyed living in one of the small houses at Rasper. A donor has fed, clothed and helped build his new one room house. He is smiling and gaining weight. Our kitchen staff at Rasper have looked after him well.



old accomadation falling down



John gaining weight and feeling much better



A picture of new house next newsletter.

I saved some funds for a Christmas Party at Rasper which I know all will enjoy. Hopefully some gifts from the two containers that were sent will provide some fun too,

MEMO container arrived this month and was distributed. Dr Paul Thistle Karunda Mission Hospital has taken over containers and will now work directly with MEMO who have been more than generous. Not only sending a container full of medical supplies but also paying ALL the fees necessary to clear them. Thank you MEMO I found the strain was influencing other decisions I needed to make. I will hopefully work with MEMO in as much as asking around different hospitals and clinics as to their needs and if they can use what they have before sending. Erick has also volunteered to sort and distribute for Karunda too as they do not need everything sent. MEMO does an excellent job labelling. Thanks always to Dr, Jerome Tom Baxter and Karen Parker as well as numerous volunteers for their hard work and perseverance.



Dr Paul Thistle receiving a few of the MEMO gifts.

There is so much more.

The container from CRW arrived in Beira today. This container is also being handled by Dr Paul Thistle. Karunda mission Hospital.

We are so grateful to him and his staff. Especially Pamela who deals with all the documents.

Again This has been handed over to Dr Paul Thistle with the help of Eric sorting for them.

It is definitely a full container with 1/3 containing Gleaners dehydrated food from Abbotsford. We have sent this before and it is amazing to see children and adults blossom after eating it for a few weeks. Even after a week they look healthier and their skin shiny again.

Pray for the safe arrival of this container with us.

Thank you Dell, her loaders and volunteers.

Go Go meaning granny passed away recently she was well into her 90's and enjoyed her last years being looked after

by Rasper staff in her "small house" that we built for such folk. Jesus and I have put ancestral worship behind me. Rasper has been so rewarding in this way with so many.

The last thing I remember her saying is. I now know



Still have these paintings for sale 24x18 \$300



15x13 Both by Stanley Sibanda



Trays by Kuda Chuma

\$50 \$40 15x 12 smaller 12 x 10 INCHES

Also have some soapstone figures

If interested e mail.

\$45 -\$55 each



Should you wish to support our work and in particular my January trip I would like to suggest you make your donation before the 20th of December so I have the opportunity to make plans. Our Website is back up and running and the EFCC Donation Box works well. Should you wish to donate by phone or website

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Thank you for your generosity this year. We have done justice to every dollar. Thank you for your prayers, love and support.

Sue

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS

