

Good Morning to all,

My goodness Summer is passing very quickly. I realised I need to get some information out quickly so I will deal with that first thing.

I know I said last year that we were holding our last Art and Craft sale and Pie sale etc but decided it was premature. I am not going to say "last" again until it's time to quit.

For those not familiar with these sales all are on the same day. Place your food order and pay for it and pick up on the day of the sales.

Here are your choices for this year. All are homemade and ready for the oven. Quiches and Pasties are cooked ready for heating.

Chicken Pies 5" shell \$5.00 each 1 serving)

Beef Pies 5" shell \$6.50 each

Ham and Cheese Quiche \$5 each (partially baked)

Vegetarian Quiche (partially baked)

Ground Beef Patties Plain (2 per pack) \$7

Ground Beef Patties Curried (Cooked) (2 per pack) \$7

Orders must be in and paid for by September 13th

e mail Zimbabwegecko@gmail.com

Preferably immediately.



Individual quiche



beef patties

The MINI GARAGE SALE will be on the same day.

May I once again ask you to bring gently used items to the church fireside room on Friday the 17th October then come and shop on the 18th. **NO LARGE ITEMS OR FURNITURE**

Thank You Any questions call Sue 604-531-3654

Art and Craft Sale

We would appreciate food orders, garage sale donations and of course you coming out to see the beautiful African Art as well as crafts. There will also be our usual selection of

baskets to win as well as the wine board.



**Featuring Authentic Zimbabwe
Artwork & Handmade African Crafts**

**OCTOBER 18 | 8:30 AM - 3 PM
WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH
1657 140TH ST, SURREY**

100% of Proceeds go directly to support the
artists and our humanitarian projects in
Zimbabwe.

**Original Artwork, Mini Garage sale, Handmade Cards, Crafts,
Knitted Items, Tablecloths, Basket Draws, Coffee & Cake,
Ornaments, & More!**

See you there!



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ZIMBABWE NEWS

There has been a lot of building going on as we have had generous donations to upgrade or build rooms for the faithful staff at Rasper. The donation was specifically given for that purpose.

Sekai's family is growing, and it was really no longer fit to have them all sleep in one room, so an extension was added much to her delight.

Marion the tearoom manager, has supported her two widowed sisters and her family in two rooms for many years. Her donor has given Marion a brand-new home with furniture and repaired the old home for the sisters. Marion seems to work everywhere and is a great hand to Pastor Tafudzwa. She will now be able to host guests and bible studies.

Pastor Effrey, who had fallen on bad times and who we met several years ago living in a chicken coop, now has a good home with bedrooms for sons and daughters separate from each other with real beds. He and his wife are delighted with a living room and furniture to sit on to use for counselling, bible studies etc. Effrey is now the lead pastor at Parklands 2 community that we started in February. Just like Rasper the church has started with a small group. 8 people go to church regularly in an area under witch doctors and other beliefs. Rasper started with 5 and now have 3 church groups around Zimbabwe. Rasper church itself has over 200 members. Fear is being replaced by faith and hope

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Marions new home and furniture



New Kitchen





Effrey and Rumbudzi's home

with their 4 children



bunk beds made by Parklands 2 new

workshop. Well done!



Effray and Rumbidzai Never had a bed like this before.
A real blessing for all.



Sekai's new house



WELLS

We have also had a generous donation for wells to be dug. We have already received permission to put one in the area that Duncan, our Farming God's Way instructor lives. It will make a huge difference to his work and teaching as well as bringing good drinking water to the community and water for the crops. The river in that area dries up by September and folk have to dig holes to reach water; however the holes they dig are also used by local and wild animals tainting the water and making it unsafe.



pipes to run water to the community



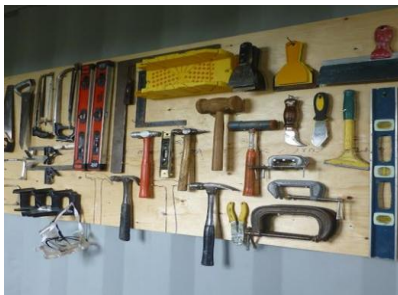
sample of Duncans work

Containers

Another container from MEMO in Thunder Bay Ontario, will be arriving in Zimbabwe at the end of this month bringing much needed medical equipment for hospitals that are in

a desperate situation. Not only medical equipment but blankets and sheets, toys and school supplies and 1000 other things. It takes many people to fill a container and MEMO has devoted folk who pick up, sort, fix, paint, sort and pack. It is an ongoing job that never ends but all worth it. A packed container brings life and saves the lives of recipients. Dr Jerome along with his daughter have written the book below. I was surprised to read of all they have accomplished and how many containers have been sent out by MEMO. You would find it an interesting read. It is available through Amazon in BC. Well done MEMO!! Books can be purchased through Amazon.

Where one container is arriving in Zimbabwe another is being packed in Victoria and will be leaving also the end of August. White Rock Baptist Church have given me a room to work in this summer. So much easier than trying to pack at home. Plus we have our house up for sale so nowhere to store all the boxes. The Victoria container is somewhat the same as MEMO with some medical supplies but also holds more of the everyday needs for schools and items for projects such as gardening tools for the gardeners. The men in the Tool department also put together specific tools for a carpentry shop. ie one carpentry shop is fully equipped at one time. also a team that put together specifically for sewing classes. It works out so well between the two organizations they compliment each other. These pictures are of an older container but shows how they are set up in the projects



Pastor Tafudzwa has been busy with the many start up churches but this month he was also busy with his wife Blessing in Parklands 1- putting in a preschool for the little ones. It is important they learn English before going to school as education is in English and if they start off well they continue well. We built toilets and put a fence around the school



toilets nearly finished



fence and gate nearly finished

Last month I reported that we had hired a manager for a short time to see if any of the rasper projects needed some new input. Yes they did. They are doing well but more can be done. Since Frank is no longer travelling to Zimbabwe it shortens my stay and 6 weeks is not enough to cover everything. However, I am working with the new manager and good ideas are being brought forward. Routine is so common we want to go beyond routine.

Well folk nice chatting with you I am sure I have more news but want to get the earlier information out to you right away so you can place your pie orders and collect for the garage sale and mark on your Calendar October 18th.

Thank you for your support. I will continue as long as you do. Blessings Sue and Frank p.s. Frank gaining strength and looking much better. - Thank you for prayers - It was a rough time.