

AOM UPDATE: ORPHAN CAMP OUTSIDE BULAWAYO

1. ORPHAN CAMP

Janelle and Allen just returned from a very successful orphan camp outside of Bulawayo in the Matopos Hills. The River Glen Presbyterian Church from Naperville, IL, sent over a 9 member team led by Pastor Boumgarden. The team also included Lynn Nuzzo, the Children's minister, who oversees the 50+ orphans that the church members support. There were lots of logistical problems that had to be overcome, but in the end "all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord." The camp was a tremendous success with 50 junior school orphans going on the camp. The River Glen team were all amazing in their personal interactions with the children and their organization of the camp program. If you would like to read the Blog that the church updated throughout the camp, go to riverglen.blogspot.com. God gets all the glory for keeping the Averys and River Glen team healthy and safe during all their travels.



2. FOOD CRISIS FOR ORPHANS:

As many of you know, Zimbabwe is facing a tremendous food crisis since the government introduced price controls. Many stores have sold out all basic food items or have been forced to close down completely. One rural church leader said that this month was "step one," but they did not know what would happen after this month when the last of the basic food items were no longer obtainable. Many will cross over the borders to buy food, if they have a passport and foreign exchange. But, the orphans will be the most vulnerable section of the society. AOM's staff in Bulawayo may possibly be their only hope for getting food. The crisis in Zimbabwe cannot go on much longer simply because the country will run out of basic food items. Change is coming, but only God knows what it will look like or how many people will have to flee the country or perish. We are asking anyone who would like to donate to a fund designated for purchasing food for the orphans to send your donation to AOM and indicate that the gift is for the food fund. The AOM address is: AOM, 4911 Westonridge, Fresno, TX 77545.

