

April Hands of Hope Newsletter – 2010

Patty and I just returned from Zimbabwe. Two weeks ago we took Joe and Mary Sue Proctor to several of our residential homes. Joe is one of our HOH/USA board members and has been to Zimbabwe several times. However this was Mary Sue's **first trip**. I wish she could sit down with each of you and share what she experienced during their three week trip. We asked the girls in one of our homes if any of them would like to tell their story. Four of them shared and soon we were all in **tears!**

Panashe's Story

This story comes from our HOH team after visiting one our projects while doing a spot check.

“When we arrived at preschool around noon the children were **singing** a song about Noah. One of the teachers asked who would like to tell the bible story about Noah and all the kids hands went up. The teacher picked a boy called Panashe. With much vigor he told the class that God commanded Noah to build an ark, Noah refused, it started raining and Noah was drowned by water. We all **laughed** and another child was given a chance to tell the story and she did a perfect job.”

“Panashe Kawanza is a five year old boy at Chakache preschool. He has an elder brother from his mother's first marriage. His teachers told us that Tinashe's mother lost her first husband, remarried and she died two years in the second marriage leaving Tinashe and his father sick. Tinashe's father struggled with TB for 6 months last year when he succumbed to the illness. Now Tinashe is **staying** with his paternal grandma. One of the preschool teachers said, “Unfortunately Tinashe is not very healthy because he has TB. The good news is that he is under treatment and because he is now eating some good food he has a chance to regain his health.”



I also had the privilege of doing 3 pastor's conferences. Last week, I was in a very deprived area for 68 pastors. The issues that they deal with on a daily basis are overwhelming. What a privilege to spend time encouraging them to fight the good fight of faith.

Thanks for **praying** for us. We hope to return to Zimbabwe sometime in July.

For Him and for the children,
Glen and Patty