

February Hands of Hope Newsletter – 2010

When you open this email I should be **flying** to Zimbabwe. I am leaving tonight and hope to arrive on Feb. 2nd. Patty is staying behind for a couple of weeks and will be joining me on Feb. 18th. We will return just prior to Easter and then I hope to return in August with a team!

380,000 Orphans in Haiti

This month millions of us have been watching or reading about the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. I read an article where authorities cut through a lot of red tape and **many** orphans are in the process of being adopted by families in the US. Many people have asked me over the last 8 years if adoption is an option in Zimbabwe! It has been next to impossible to date but we hope that things will change in the future.

Tinashe

Garikai, our HOH National Administrator, recently attended the graduation ceremony at Rusike Preschool and said; “The height of excitement was when I was **capping** the kids. The joy was so contagious. The atmosphere changed when Tinashe’s name was called to come forward an old lady who was later identified as the boy’s paternal grandmother fell as she was trying to run and embrace her grandchild so as to show her appreciation of the boy’s achievement. Not discouraged, she rose and ran to **embrace** the boy tightly with tears on her cheeks. Some people laughed but the dead silence that followed was overpowering. I was compelled to talk to the grandmother after the graduation. She told me she has cared for Tinashe since he was **6** months old. She was so thankful for the love, care and education that he received at the preschool.”



We currently have 6 preschools with over **200** orphans 3-5 and are in the process of opening our 7th which will be on our 1,000 acre farm. Two preschool teachers are in the process of completing their **6** month training through an organization that we partner with called Oasis Trust. We hope to open the preschool in March!

Residential Homes

Last year we opened **4** new residential homes and have proposals from 4 more churches who desire to love orphans 24/7! It is humbling to partner with churches who have so little but who **give** so much. Thanks for your sacrificial gifts for without your support children like Tinashe would have no hope!

For Him and for the children,

Glen and Patty