

January Hands of Hope Newsletter – 2010

“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

If the statement above is anywhere close to being true for a society, what is the **test** for the church concerning children? I think that it should be the same as God’s - “A father to the **fatherless**, a defender of widows, **is** God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families.” Psalm 68:5-6b

A New Home for the Abandoned



We are in the process of opening up our 11th residential home in Zimbabwe. Here is a picture of pastor Henry and his wife, Mharidzo. Everyday they feed **200** orphans breakfast and lunch at their church. They have been keeping around 10 orphans in their very small 2 bedroom home on the church property along with their own children. Last year they submitted a **proposal** for a residential home and by God’s grace we have purchased a small home close to the church. We will let you know when it officially opens!

How can we ever thank you?

As you probably know, the economy has affected giving to Christian Organizations as well our Churches. We didn’t know if our HOH income would exceed our expenses, but we had a **great** December to finish the year 2009! I think I signed more receipt letters this past month than in any previous month in our short **8** year history. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and **thank** each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

On January 23rd we will have an important HOH board meeting as we continue to look toward the future of HOH in view of the orphan needs in Zimbabwe and around the world. I will be leaving for Zimbabwe on January 31st and return prior to Easter, Lord willing. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we seek to communicate the **love** of Christ to orphans by partnering with local churches. We pray that **2010** will be filled with the knowledge of His will and that His joy would be all of our strength!

*“Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the **fatherless**, plead the case plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah 1:17*

For Him and for the children,

Glen and Patty