

Minute For Mission

The Mission and Outreach Committee lifts up the FEEDING PROGRAM in Harare, Zimbabwe, A project of the Balm in Gilead Ministry

Rev Abiot Moyo, president and founder of the Balm in Gilead Ministry, went to Zimbabwe last summer. While there he met with Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai. Prime Minister Tsvangirai is part of the transitional unity government. With some relative stability, food is again available in the supermarkets, but many poor people still don't have access to food, as only American, British, and South African money is accepted. Mr. Tsvangirai commended Abiot on the work of the Balm in Gilead Ministry and agreed to help them get a Social Service Number, which will expedite their ability to send things directly to Zimbabwe and to be of more service.

During his visit, Rev. Abiot was asked to sponsor a feeding program, now called *Faith In Community Alders*. To operate the ministry, the municipality of Harare offered the feeding program an old farm house, located in Glen View 1, Harare. Local pastors picked out 60 orphaned children and Rev Abiot has committed the BIG M to feed them

through the new food program; he is going on faith and prayer that they will be able to raise several hundred dollars a week for this effort.

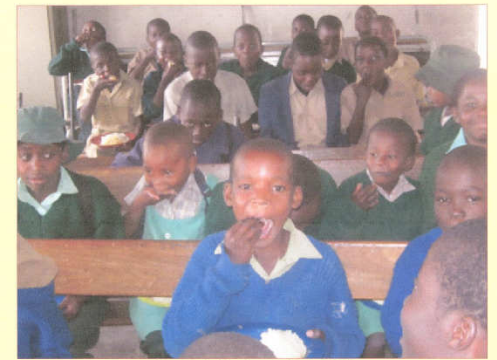


Kids lining up to wash their hands before they eat.

This program provides the 60 children with both tuition and one meal a day. The meal consists of Sadza, a form of thick porridge made from com meal, and vegetables on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday they are given Sadza and beans. On Friday rice and soy meat. Some of the orphans walk 10 miles to school on empty stomachs; they walk through unpaved, muddy roads, avoiding dirty water along the way. There are no school buses in Zimbabwe! Paying tuition is impossible for most of the orphans; by the 11th grade most drop out and never graduate from high school.



Women preparing food for orphans at Glenview old farmhouse



Kids eating their lunch provided by the BIG M

The Mission and Outreach Committee voted to send, our available funds, **\$156.75, to the feeding program.** We also agreed that all mission plate offerings through the end of 2009, along with any donation from the Sugar Plum Fair Mission table, will go to the Feeding Program. In 2010 one half of all the mission plate offerings will go to the Feeding Program.

Once again, thanks to all for your commitment to Mission an Outreach!

"I don't preach a social gospel; I preach the Gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, "Now is that political or social?" He said, "I feed you." Because the good news to a hungry person is bread." Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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Meeting Dates Set for 2010: Meeting time is 7:00 p.m

Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Thursday, July 8, 2010

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Thursday, November 11, 2010

In Christ, Susan Howland, Chair 11.17.2009