

Liberty World Missions Newsletter

(Incorporating Africa Business Community)



PHILIPPINES UPCOMING RELIEF TRIP



After the Earthquake on Bohol Island

Monday 21st April to Thursday 1st May

In April Dianne and I will be visiting the Philippines and teaming up with two local pastors and their wives to work in the most devastated parts of the nation.

Our Major Purpose

Our major purpose is to train pastors and community leaders to effectively counsel people who have suffered trauma as a result of a major earthquake and one of the most violent hurricanes in recorded history.

Visiting the Worst Hit Regions

We fly into Cebu and then travel to <u>Tacloban</u>, where Typhoon Yolanda was at its worst and where 1000s of people lost their lives and tens of 1000s had their homes and businesses destroyed. We will then go to <u>Bohol Island</u> which was at the epicentre of the earthquake. These are the two regions where the worst devastation took place and where there is still a huge need for help of various kinds.

Trauma Counselling Seminars

Dianne has developed a counselling seminar that proved extremely

beneficial in Africa in 2013 and that she will hold in both places. I will be working with Dianne in these seminars and also speaking to church and community leaders about **how to lead** in times of disaster.

Disaster Fund

We have been told that there is still an enormous need for financial aid that will help provide shelter, food and medical aid. When we go we would love to be able give something to help where the needs are greatest. If you would like to give specifically to this fund please indicate "Philippines Disaster Fund" when you give.

Costs

Our airfares are \$2090, and ours and our Philippine team's accommodation, local transport and food costs are \$2000. This will come from general *Liberty World Missions*' funds.

We are very thankful that *Missionary Ventures* will be providing \$1200 cover the seminar costs.

What is given to the "Philippines Disaster Fund" will all go to helping those in the most desperate need. When we return we will share with you how we used the money in this fund.

October Relief

For your interest, during October of last year \$1100 was given through *Liberty World Missions* to help with the Philippines' disasters. This was mainly used for kitchen utensils; common nails, hammer and other carpentry tools for making temporary shelter; fresh foods; kerosene fuel for temporary lighting and LPG gas for cooking. Thanks to those who gave.



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Technical School and Community Centre

Opportunity to Help the Poor and Impact a Community in Zimbabwe

Background— Because the local government was concerned about the poverty and crime prevalent in Njube Township it offered to donate land to the church or community group that could present the best project and produce plans to develop this land. Pastor Richard Dube (our ACMI chairman and Director of the Nsiza Children's Farm and Orphanage) and his church made a very good presentation and were awarded the land. Because of our long relationship with Richard and Grain Dube, our trust in their integrity and our belief in the great benefits to be achieved by this project we have decided to be supporters of the project. We and a couple of other individuals have personally given over \$5000 to build a wall around the property. Now we are asking for others to consider supporting the project that is described below.



Richard and Grain Dube and some of their family

History—Njube is one of the poorest, oldest high density residential areas in the city of Bulawayo. It was built to accommodate workers and their families in the early-20th century. Most of these workers are foreign nationals who came in to work in Zimbabwe from surrounding

border countries. At this stage most of them are old and retired, they have grandchildren they are taking care of because most of their children have passed away as a result of the HIV pandemic.

There is marked poverty as a result of the failing economy, high standard of living, eroded retirement packages, lack of water and inconsistent power supply. Most teenagers are not motivated to learn and hence dropout of school and become social outcasts and vagabonds. The elderly cannot afford to pay school fees for their grandchildren. There is an alarming increase in teenage pregnancies, drug use, alcohol abuse, prostitution and crime by these youngsters. Hence the importance of taking teenagers off the street through this project.



Bricks for Building the Wall

The Project Aims to take the children off the streets and empower then with <u>vocational skills</u> in order for them to be self-reliant and start their own businesses. Because most of the young people are not skilled and can't find or create jobs for themselves the project seeks to empower the youth with much needed skills in vocational training that include Carpentry, Welding, Computer training, Dress Making, Cooking and Confectionary, Building, Event Management and Home décor.

The teenagers will also be taught <u>life skills</u> and undergo spiritual training in order for them to be responsible and model citizens. Another aspect is to start <u>a soup kitchen</u> that will feed the elderly members of the Njube community and provide necessary assistance that they may require. It will provide the necessary food and right nutritional requirements needed by elderly during meal times and reduce the burden they have of finding food to feed themselves. The project will also identify <u>other needs</u> and seek to assist them like clothes, medicines, referrals for assistance and funeral assistance.

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COMPLETED OBJECTIVES

Concrete Brick Wall around the property

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES

To build toilets and two classrooms on the existing land

To identify and register beneficiaries of the soup kitchen

MEDIUM TERM OBJECTIVES

To secure equipment needed for the School. To hire relevant staff in the running of the school

To market the school and encourage the community to refer their children to come

To acquire food needed and start feeding the elderly members of the community

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

To become a pillar of vocational training facilities in the community

To start the project in other impoverished areas of Bulawayo

PROJECT COST AND FINANCE PLAN

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE and APPROVAL

The land which is large enough to house the school in Njube; authorization to start the school in Njube from the Bulawayo City Council; caretaker's hut; perimeter wall

REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE

Building of toilets; Building of two classrooms as a start; acquiring required equipment for vocational training to begin; Building a kitchen for the soup kitchen

COSTS

<u>Initial</u> Toilets (ablution block) - US\$13,234 Classrooms - US\$35,054

Total US\$48,288 / AU\$53,603

Continuing Salaries for staff; water and electricity rates; food and other necessities



Insiza Children's Farm



Completed Wall



FINANCE PLAN

To seek help from the local churches and local donors

To partner with national and overseas church and humanitarian organizations

To continue in the development of *Insiza Children's Farm* and *Orphanage*.

Once the electricity is connected to the 90 hectare farm the irrigation made available will help to produce enough food for self-sufficiency and for commercial sale.

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Thank you!

We want to thank all those who have supported *Liberty World Missions* since its commencement in July 2013. As a result of your support we are have been able to give and go to those who are in need.

This year we are able to continue on with the work in Africa and Asia because of your generosity We really do appreciate you.

God bless you Richard and Dianne



NEXT ISSUE—AFRICA BUSINESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

We will report on the latest news about AFRICA BUSINESS COMMUNITY and how we we are in the process of selecting those who will commence numbers of new business in various parts of Zimbabwe. Dozens of applicants have already been approved for small business loans. All we need are the finances to make their dreams a reality.

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SUPPORT for MINISTRY

There are so many <u>OPPORTUNITIES</u> to help the poor, preach the about the kingdom of God, and train leaders in Africa and Asia.

What we will be able to do depends mainly on these two things:

- 1. Wisdom—God's Guidance
- 2. Available Finances

If you are able to pray for us and /or support us that would be a great blessing.

Support for the ministry will help us to give and to go where the needs are the greatest.

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