



## December 2010

As we approach Christmas time and the end of 2010 we want to thank God for all the people He has brought together this year in prayer, encouragement, logistical and financial support.

In Zimbabwe it has been a massive year of breakthrough! With Champions for Life outreach meetings exploding all around Zimbabwe, the start of school sponsorship program for the Champions and great outreaches by Celebration health and our CMFZ brothers and sisters.

From the Australian side of Hope Zimbabwe, it has been a year of establishing a formal project under the oversight of HealthServe Australia, building a team, having multiple dinners to raise awareness of the situation in Zimbabwe, initiating an education support fund for Champions and partnering together with the CMFZ family in support of their outreaches and camps. The greatest new development is having the foundations laid for our Hope Zimbabwe website [www.hopezimbabwe.org](http://www.hopezimbabwe.org) so that everyone can be linked in and connected more. Please check this site out!!

We have been blessed with three visits from our Zimbabwean brothers and sisters. Firstly Tafadzwa Mabheju, a final year dental student who did a month elective at Melbourne dental hospital and shared with us twice at the VISION conference and at a dinner at Michael Burke's house. Then we had dear Harmony Jones, a gifted violinist and friend from Celebration Church who joined us at our IMPACT conference. Following this we had Augustine Mugwagwa, a brother who is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> post graduate year He came to Australia to do the notorious AMC exam and follow his God-given dream to become a Cardiologist and bring his skills back to Zimbabwe where currently there is no specialist Cardiology facilities. We praise God that he passed this and is looking to come work in Australia next year. Whilst Gus was in Australia he attended the Recent Grads retreat in the Hunter Valley, where he shared about being a recent grad in Zimbabwe and Uganda. He also shared a month later at a dinner at the Fitzmaurice household – another great night!

We see that God is continuing to build strong relationships between Australia and Zimbabwe and He has established firm foundations this year so that the work can be sustainable and produce enduring fruit. We continue to pray that God will continue to build this work and direct Hope Zimbabwe in truth and humility and justice.

*Proverbs 24:3-4 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*

Below are reports of 2010 from our Zimbabwe brothers and sisters. Enjoy the read and be blessed by their examples of faith and patience.

## Champions for Life

Since last newsletter there has been an explosion of grace amidst the Champions for Life Program, with new branches opening up all over Zimbabwe including Machipisa, Marondera, Ruwa, Masvingo. Here are some testimonies from events from these places:

- Saturday 26th June CC Machipisa Champions Day Seminar

“About 800 orphans and vulnerable children poured into Machipisa Community Centre...We started praise and worship and they wondered initially what was going on and then they caught it and there was so much dancing and joy! Psalm 30:11 “You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy”.

- Saturday 3rd July CC Marondera Champions Day Seminar

“In one of the girls small groups led by our Junior Champion leader Ranga the Presence of God was so intense for 100 metres around Ranga as she was ministering with the prophetic sword of the Spirit (Hebrews 4:12, 13 Isaiah 11:1-5). A 14 year old girl had floods of tears pouring down her cheeks as God was healing her of all her pain from the past- God unlocked her heart and poured in His Rudo Rwa Mwari love.”

- Saturday 17th July CC Ruwa Champions LAUNCH

“350 Orphans and vulnerable children leaped and danced with such joy in the Big Hall at the National Rehabilitation Centre in Ruwan... Dr Tendai Tagwira who has just been appointed only a month previously as District Medical Officer of Ruwa Rehab Unit opened the doors of Ruwa to your ministry of Champions for Life and CC Ruwa- she is working hand in hand with Pst Edward and Pst Eunice to enable the paralysed to be visited with the message of the Kingdom. Paralytics came in wheel chairs to the seminar and were deeply touched by God’s Presence.”

## HOPELY FARM OUTREACH

One of the biggest breakthrough events this year was held at Hopely farm, prior to the event Dr Reid wrote about Hopely farm and his desire to see the Holy Spirit pour over this community... “ *we saw a very poor community living in shacks after Operation Marabachina 3 years ago or so. We saw an opportunity to not only reach children living with HIV and to not only reach orphans but to reach all the children of this whole community who are living in severe poverty and to reach their families too. We initially aimed to reach 2000 children but now we will reach 5000.*”

It turned out that 6500 people from Hopely farm attended this event on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August!! Dr Reid writes after the event,

“ *From beginning to end the Presence of God was so strong and the desert of Hopely and the parched children of Hopely were glad and the wilderness of their lives rejoiced and blossomed (Isaiah 35). Children began to burst into bloom- they rejoiced greatly and they shouted for joy!- They felt the glory of God all around them. Water gushed forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand of Hopely*

*became a pool, the thirsty ground transformed into bubbling springs. Demons of anger, despair, depression and hopelessness ran away and in their places grew hope, peace, joy and love.(Isaiah 35). The Lord Jesus made rivers flow on the barren heights of Hopely and springs within the valleys. He turned the desert of Hopely into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs (Isaiah 41:17-20). He planted dreams and visions in the hearts and minds of children.*

*The children of Hopely are forgetting the former things, they are not dwelling on their past- they are seeing God is doing a new thing - He is making a way in the desert, streams in the wasteland. He is giving them drink of Living Water and they are declaring His Praise (Isaiah 43:18-21)*

*Truly children were comforted and a highway of right thinking peace and joy was made in the children's hearts (Isaiah 40:1-11, Isaiah 35:8).*

*At the altar call that Pst Givemore made so many children gave their lives to Christ they could not be counted...*

*A very nutritious lunch was served at 10 serving points to 6500 people- 6000 children and 500 adults (460 women and 40 men). This was done with great excellence, order, peace, and joy. Br Sean (Champion leader) and Br Kuda from CC Mabvuku are to be highly commended for the co-ordination of this. The children were satisfied! The food was rice, tomatoes, onions, lamb, and soya chunks and they had a drink called Maheu. Sr Tendai Dube and her team cooked at Polytech and food was brought out in giant bins. After lunch Br Kelvin co-ordinated the distribution of 2,100 blankets, again with excellence, order and peace and joy. Pst Legis also distributed about 200 Sanitary items to young women.*

*Dr Kuda and Sr Memory led the Celebration Health team of about 5 doctors and 5 nurses and had queues of patents seeing them at the Hopely Creche and they were able to give medications.*

*Truely the whole day was ministry body, soul and spirit to the people of Hopely and showed the huge capacity of Pst Tom and Pst Bonnie's ministry to minister to communities. We saw the River of the Kingdom of God of Revelation 22:1-5 flow through Hopely- God established His throne in Hopely and the River of His Kingdom flowed and brought leaves of healing to the community of Hopely. And now in Hopley there are platforms for spreading nets to catch the fish of many kinds in Hopely (Ezekiel 47:1-12).*

*Pst Givemore usually has 115 people at church. He had pitched a tent for 1000 to receive the harvest of new people for his Sunday Service. He had 850 people attend his Sunday service- an 8 fold increase in his congregation overnight! This included 620 children. Apparently there were scenes of the 612 children jumping up and down for joy on the altar. He fed 612 children and over 200 adults with food left over from Saturday and he has 150kg rice left over for his monthly Champions Programs."*

Wow! What a testimony. We must continue to pray that these children get disciplined deeply in the Word.

HopeZimbabwe has initiated a prayer and letter writing partnership with Champions this year and are looking for Australian families to take a profile of a Champion, stick them on their fridge and pray for them daily and write letters to these children. Joy McInnes a sister in Tamworth is coordinating this ministry. Please contact Joy McInnes [joidymc@hotmail.com](mailto:joidymc@hotmail.com) for more information about how you can support a beautiful Champion.

We also continue to support 8 children through high-school and tertiary education.

For more information about this ministry please visit the website <http://www.hopezimbabwe.org/category/praise/> and write to us if you would like to help support educating these Champions.

# Christian Medical Fellowship Zimbabwe (CMFZ)

## SUMMARY OF CMFZ ACTIVITIES IN 2010 by Marlon-Ralph Nyakabau

*Attempt great things for God, Expect great things from God- William Carey.*

This phrase summarises what we set out to do in the year 2010 as the CMFZ and why we did it.

We had two outreaches, in Masvingo (January 22 -24) and Mt Darwin (June 11-13) in which we offered free medical, dental and surgical care to over 1120 people. We facilitated career guidance that benefited 350 school students. Our two evangelism crusades in these areas saw more than 150 adults giving their lives to the Lord despite them being haphazardly organized.



At the time of Easter we conducted our fourth annual Easter egg drive in which over a thousand Easter eggs were distributed to children in Harare, Chitungwiza and Parirenyatwa hospitals' Paediatric wards. This spread the sweetness of Easter together with healing power of God's love.

We hosted Dr John Patrick and his wife Sally at the inaugural CMF picnic. We were challenged by his talks that expressed the rationality of the Gospel.

Through faith and 'radicality' we managed to send an eight member delegation to represent Zimbabwe at the ICMDA world congress in Punta del Este, Uruguay. It lived out to be an experience of a lifetime for those that attended.

We had three fellowship meetings in which we would converge at senior member's house to celebrate strategize, communicate the fellowship's direction. The food was phenomenal.

As a fellowship we continued to meet every Tuesday lunchtime for services. We continued our ministry activities in the Outpatients department and children's ministry. It was a blessing to participate in the Champions for Life Program with Dr Reid as we saw the ministry grow to reach children in many locations around Harare.



In September we launched into a new season with a new leadership as we held the annual CMFZ regional camp conference themed 'Rock Solid, Unshakeable'. The camp had more than 120 delegates including four from Mozambique.

Through all this what we came to understand is that God is not really interested in what we do but in who we become. He is not interested in just fixing the problem He also wants to fix us in the problem. So as our tests were turned to testimonies, perseverance that outlasts persecution was cultivated in our characters. We became men and women of faith with a greater revelation of God's faithfulness. Our relationships with each other became stronger through seasons of laughter and sorrow. We explored each other's gifts and talents and appreciated each other strengths



and weaknesses. We prayed together, we struggled together for the Kingdom. We became comrades.

In conclusion, all blessing, honour, glory and power be unto the Lord Jesus Christ forever. Grace to you as you remember those suffering this Christmas with a lot less than us

Nadia Fretze and the Hope Zimbabwe team

### *Psalm 36*

*7 How priceless is your unfailing love!  
Both high and low among men  
find refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
8 They feast on the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from your river of delights.  
9 For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.*

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## *Donations*

*Funds raised will go towards supporting Champions for life schooling fund and day seminars and camps and the support of medical students.*

Donations are welcomed to:

HealthServe Australia Overseas Aid Fund

Subject: Hope Zimbabwe appeal

BSB: 062161

Account No: 10227444

Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Eastwood Branchline

OR

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