

Fellowship Focus



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Helping Orphans in Zimbabwe Africa

By Rev. Brian Cooper



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The plight of HIV/AIDS still ravages the people of Africa.

- The Need is still there!
- The Heart-ache and pain is still there!
- The Helplessness is still there!

In many places on the continent of Africa the war against this deadly disease is finally beginning to have an affect. Yet the plight of those affected over the years is still massive. There are over 15 million orphans in Africa today!

A team of Canadian volunteers, based in MacKenzie, BC led by Angela Yablonski (Owner – Manager of CURVES) decided they could help. We commend the team of 12 ladies and 2 men

who gave of themselves to help where they could. They began the building project which in the end will consist of:

- 2 orphan feeding/education centers.
- A church to seat 400-500 people.
- A medical clinic

These are being erected near the village of Musana and will be the first in this area to help the children orphaned in the last years.

The team worked hard in the warm, dusty environment. No one got really sick and in the end their work got the first building off the ground.



Here's some of what they did and experienced:

- Stacked bricks
- Saw lots of African wild life
- Carried bricks
- Rode elephants
- Filled in footing trenches
- Jumped off a bridge
- Helped with Sunday School Kids' programs
- Laid bricks
- Made new friends
- And numerous other adventures too many to include.

We will update you on how the project continues to advance in the next weeks & months.

In Christ Service,

Brian Cooper

Rev. Brian Cooper is the Missions Director of ACOP.

Please quote project #0756 on donations to this project.



Vision

To preach the gospel of the Kingdom to every nation.

Mission

To be an international network of ministers and churches providing fellowship encouragement and accountability in the proclamation of the Gospel by the Power of the Holy Spirit

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General Conference of ACOP of Malawi Report

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Rev. Brian Cooper had the privilege to speak at the General Conference of the ACOP of Malawi.

There were approximately 125 pastors who walked, took the bus, rode bikes and maybe 10 who came by car to their Annual Conference. It was held in Namitete, Malawi.

Rev. Cooper, along with ACOP missionaries Rev. Wes and Lorrie Jonat attended the conference. There were meetings of the leaders who were filled with vision and excitement for what the Lord was doing.



Brian receiving walking stick from the ACOP of Malawi

The atmosphere of the gatherings was filled with expectancy and power. The Holy Spirit was evident in the meetings and in the fellowship of the 'saints'.

Rev. Cooper brought 'greetings' to the conference from the believers and churches of the ACOP of Canada. The ACOP of Malawi received with joy and made emphasis to take their 'greetings' back to Canada.

The ACOP is pushing ahead planting churches, establishing an Orphan ministry and broadening the whole effectiveness of local churches ministry.

The Jonats are doing an excellent job working along with the Leadership of ACOP of Malawi. They are working 'hand in hand' with the brethren to expand the Kingdom of God. Wes produced a short DVD about the recent work that was done to complete an orphan feeding center. A team led by Rev. Dan Adam from the Canadian BC Coast and Island district gave of themselves to help get this established. See our ACOP WEBSITE www.acop.ca (Orphan Care Ministry) to view the DVD.



Pentecostal Church of Malawi Tidalilane Orphan Care & Feeding Station



Rev. & Mrs. Stephen Banda, General Superintendent of ACOP of Malawi

2020 Vision—The Daniel Breen Memorial Church Planting Fund has been established. A long-time friend of Rev. Breen has agreed to match \$ for \$ donations up to \$1,000,000.00 for this fund .

Donations in memory of Brother Breen can be forwarded to ACOP Head Office, earmarked project #0350.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000.00 for this fund by General Conference in June 2008.

Missions Snapshot

- Elsie Welch, itinerant missionary, has just returned from ministering in Cuba and is preparing to travel to the Ukraine from September 13 to October 2
- Lorne & Shirley Marshall, itinerant missionaries, are in Africa until November
- Jerry & Brenda Schuetz, missionaries to Zambia are in Canada on furlough until the end of the year and will be traveling around the country on deputation this fall.
- Dorothy Gammie, missionary to Burkina Faso, Africa, is home on furlough
- David & Dennice Matson, missionaries to Taiwan, are home on furlough
- David & Beth Goff, missionaries to Mexico, are home on furlough

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