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## TAPERAS' UPDATE

March 2010

Dear Friends,

### ***His eye busted.....***



Edwin and his mother

In early February, Onias arrived in office to find a clinic medical card on his desk. It was Edwin's card showing that his mother had taken him to a rural clinic in the last two weeks for swollen legs, high fever and red eyes. He was treated for malaria. His temperature normalized after he took the medication, but his eye remained swollen, red and itchy. By then his one eye was so swollen that he could not see with it. Two weeks later, the clinic referred him to the government eye clinic. When he was examined we were told his eye had busted and it should be removed so that it would not affect the other. We tried to take him to other eye doctors, hoping they might help to restore his eye, but we were told the only solution is to remove the dead eye and, if possible, replace it with an artificial one to cover the hole where the eye would have been. February 27<sup>th</sup>, Edwin's eye was removed. We are now working to have him fitted with an artificial eye. The cause for the bust? We are told he received wrong medication from the clinic. Edwin is 12 years old and in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He has 5 siblings and his mother has been a widow for the last ten years. She works at a nearby farm for \$20 per month. Edwin has been on our program for the last six years. Please pray with us for Edwin as we seek funds to help replace his eye so that his face can look normal.

### ***Leadership Training:***

We postponed the two leadership seminars we had scheduled in January and February because the funds we wanted to use for the seminars had not been cleared by the bank. Our next scheduled seminar is on March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Mutare. We have 59 pastors who have confirmed that they will attend. We will also distribute some of the books and NIV study Bibles that came in the container. Please pray that God will use the seminar to encourage and equip the pastors.

### ***The Medical Trip***

Dr. Mapepa has had no time to make a visit. And we have not yet raise the \$1000 we need to purchase the tropical medicine we need for the medical visit. Please pray with us for this amount.

### ***Agriculture Project***

We are still praying for \$18,000 to purchase our own tractor.

### ***Wells project:***

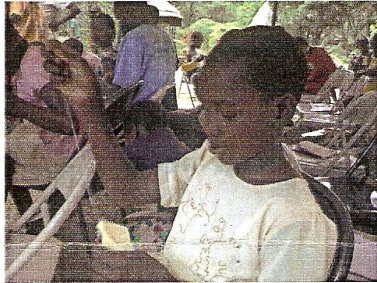
The well project had been put on hold for the past month until the rainy season is over. We were told that if we dig the well now, the digger might reach a "false" water table that might dry up during the dry season. The project will restart in mid-April. The priority is Chipfuko schools (both primary and secondary schools will share the same well). Also 5 to 8 villages will benefit from the well. Then Nyamakate primary school is in dire need of water. We are helping them with a temporary "well" at the moment.



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***"Our Kids"Program:***

Our first camp in 2010 with High school children on January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup> at our center in Mutare went well. We had 80 kids. Three other children were sick and did not make it to the camp. One major issue that the children, especially girls, raised was the prevalence of early marriages in the villages and that they have no real role model in the villages. We resolved that we would spend the school holidays with some of the older girls at house and some at the center for four weeks. During that time, working with our volunteers, we will be providing parental guidance to them and help them with their preparing for their national examinations. Please pray for these teenagers, as they need more solid guidance as they grow to be young adults. Also pray that we will have more people to volunteer as "holiday parents".



A girl learning to sew at the camp



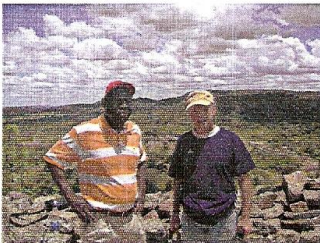
Children worshipping at the camp

***Projects to pray for:***

Continue to pray with us for the following projects for which we are still praying for funding:

- \*Vehicle replacement: We are praying for \$25, 000 to replace our truck.
- \*Building project
- \*Agriculture: we have received \$2000 to date (10%)

***Our Family:***



*Onias and Ken at Great Zimbabwe*

Ken Timboe visited us from Colorado from February 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. He had an opportunity to visit the schools in the villages. He also taught the kids "American football". He also "preached to the kids" on Sunday. Our family was encouraged by his visit. We have another family visiting us in March. For security reasons, we will share their names after the visit. Pray for the Tapera's "visitors". Hannah just turned 16<sup>th</sup> in March, and Judith will turn 11 on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Onias had an accident with our van and he suffered a minor leg injury. Winnie has enrolled in a weekend class on project management. It is keeping her busy in addition to her home management. We praise God for good health. The situation in the country is still unpredictable. But it is relatively peaceful.

PRAISE GOD FOR:	PRAY FOR
1. Our safety and provision	1. Rains in Zimbabwe
2. Ken Timboe's safe travel and visit to Zimbabwe	2. Funding for vehicle, building project and tractor
	3. Safe travel for our visitors from the US

With love and appreciation,

*The Tapera Family*

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