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TAPERAS' UPDATE

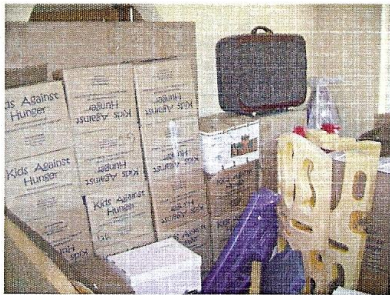
December, 2009

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Galson,

The Interruptions of Life

Our family has been watching Louie Gilglio's messages on the Interruptions of Life. We experienced 2 interruptions in early December. During the first week of December, Judith, our second daughter, suffered a throat infection that saw her spending 3 days in the hospital and staying home from school for 8 days. In the third week, one of the kids on our program, Lydia, died. Both interruptions put a major dent on our emotional well-being. We had to postpone our camp and our leadership seminar. We thank God that Judith has fully recovered. We still grieve with Kanjalo, Lydia's mother. Lydia and her mother, Kanjalo, were on our ARV program. Please continue to pray for Kanjalo. She is a widow with four other children to look after. Two of her children are on our program.

The Container



The container finally arrived at our center on December 13th, having a spent 10 days at the port of entry due to some paperwork that was not clear. However, we had minimal clearing process. We thank God that all items were given rebate, that is, we did not pay any duty fees on the contents of the container. We want to say "THANK YOU" again for making the "container project" a success. We have already started distributing some food to the children for Christmas. We will distribute clothing and other things after the holidays.

Agriculture Project

We are in the process of planting. So far we have managed to plant 50 acres. We hope to complete the planting by the end of December. Our major challenge was the tilling of the land; we could not find the tractor to hire on time. When we finally found a tractor to it hire broke down after only completing 10 acres. We hired another, and then were let down when it did not show up. The tilling should have been completed by end of November. We will be hiring a person to help with managing the agriculture project in January.

So far we have received \$2,000 out of the \$20,000 we need to purchase our tractor. Pray with us for the 90% we still need for the agriculture project.

Leadership Training:

We had scheduled a leadership training for the end of November, which postponed to first week of December. On our first day of the seminar, three people in the community died. So we had to cancel the seminar after one day. Pray for Onias, who will be in Harare on December 19 and 20 on the importance of Missions.



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Wells projects:

We have started digging the well at the center. We have been on and off because of heavy rains. We hope to complete the well and the tank at the center by the end of January. We also have a project to dig wells in our beneficiary villages/schools. So far, donations have been made toward digging one well at Nyamakate School and to repair an old well at Chipfuko village. We are excited about these projects which will provide clean water to our children and the whole villages. Our goal is provide clean water to all 12 villages we sponsor. A well with a manual pump cost between \$2500 to \$3500.

"Our Kids"Program

We postponed the camp we had planned for December due to Lydia's death. We distributed Christmas packages to 6 of our 12 villages on December 14th and 15th. On December 21, we distributed to the other six villages in Mashonaland Province. The package included: rice, soya beans, peanut butter, tea leaves, sugar, salt, a bar of wash soap, and a bar of bath soap and dried fish. The communities were very grateful for the Christmas packages. One community leaders said: *these children are better off than those who have parents. They can now enjoy Christmas as every other child in our community.* On behalf of all the children, we want to say thank you for making this Christmas a celebration.

The Projects

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

- *Vehicle replacement
- *Building project
- *Agriculture: we have received \$2000 (10%)

Our Family

Judith spent 3 days in the hospital with a throat infection. Thank God is she has fully recovered. Onias' father is struggling with a prostate problem. Join us in prayer for Onias' father. Winnie is still waiting for her crown to be made. The dentist told Winnie that the crown, which was already made, got lost in transit from Harare. Her teeth have not given her further major problems. As we come to the end of 2009, our family would like to express our gratefulness to you all for your partnership, prayers, care and sacrificial giving. We are serving in Zimbabwe because of you. Thank you for your encouragement. We love you all. We love to hear from you. Our email addresses remain: otapera@mweb.co.zw, and tapera4@excite.com.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

PRAISE GOD FOR:	PRAY FOR
1. Safe arrival of the container	1. For wisdom as we look for farm helpers
2. Judith's recovery	2. For the funding for unfunded projects
3. God's provision	3. Kanjalo, Lydia's mother
	4. God's provision for next year

With love and appreciation,

The Tapera Family
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