

Hello to all,

It has been just over a month since we landed in Harare, Zimbabwe. It's hot, an average day 29deg. Heat increased by working under hot tin roofs.



Theresa joined me on a trip to Vancouver Island to pack items for the container. It left in August thanks to Compassionate Warehouse and Dell Marie Wergeland but has still not arrived. The last I heard it was sitting on the train waiting for a crane to be fixed to lift it into the depot.

Theresa and I had a few days to get organized before Rick and Kaitlynn (daughter) arrived. Rick attends WRB Church. Rick and Kaitlynn were here for a week and we got started with overseeing a few of the programs that have been started over the years the very next day.



Kaitlynn loved the children at Rasper who created an African dance for us all as a welcome and also recited poems etc.



Rasper students Welcome dance





Four years ago this school did not exist and now we have successful graduates



Last year this early childhood education school started Parklands 1 It is well run by pastor Tufudzwa's wife Blessing.





Ernest Counsellor oversees this School Afro-Bank High school. We have supported this school for many years. Excellent management and teaching. It is also a boarding school



Sewing taught at the high school.



Boarding school bedroom.

. At Rasper we all inspected the programs, pigs,







Wells



Very successful welding program Parklands 2 Started program 2025



Rick showing a new skill in the carpentry program Parklands 2 that started last year





New cabinet to store all the sewing supplies. parklands 2



Pamela's house Now finished waiting for walls to thoroughly dry then proceed to move in date.



Rasper small garden.



Rasper Hectares of maize got a good start due to wells.



Chickens, goats, school, library, agricultural fields, sewing and carpentry programs, the computer center, kitchen and restaurant and of course the churchall make up Rasper. All have made good improvements since last year. We also visited some of the wells and witnessed the change it has made to the possibilities and actualities of the wonderfully healthy crops that have grown due to them being installed. Plaques will be put on them soon to recognize the love of a Canadian donor.

The School that stood out in Rick and Kaitlynn's mind was the one we built in Chegutu a few years back and one that we put in a well last year. (just over an hour to drive there main road then 20 mins on bad road) The well is now supplying water to the agricultural program which feeds the kids every day. We visited each class and were delighted that the teachers under the leadership of Pastor Gift took our words to heart " have the children and teachers speak English only once they are on school grounds" . It has paid off well with each child being fluent in English and able to achieve higher marks because of it.

The plan is now to add solar and a fence so it can be a fully licensed school where teachers are paid by govt not fees.



A welcoming song for us all



Teachers in the background who have worked for barely any wages these past years.

Rick got into some trouble on the 3rd day and was locked up for a while LOL LOL







Rich at the market place purchasing an apron for his volunteer work





Market vendor beautiful baskets .

It was a joy to show Thersa,Rick and Kaitlynn around this beautiful country that I love.  
Thank you to all 3 for your care and concern.



Patricia our housekeeper looked after us well including making a traditional meal with handwashing at the table.





Traditional meals eaten by hand. We gave out forks after a few minutes.LOL

Theresa started her 3 day business management course after only a couple of days to settle in. It was a very well received course that people are still talking about and still drawing more ideas from.

There were 4 classes of 10 people who all received a certificate at the end of class. They are so proud of them. They left motivated and with great ideas to move forward with businesses. It is a difficult thing to do in Zimbabwe but already we are having success stories.



One of the class graduates



Different class





Making it personal.

When I get a chance I will be following up with a few days teaching observation in management and then looking at each business they have started and brainstorming on how to improve on each. Well done Theresa.

Theresa was also a great help to me in many ways, computer tech, providing cooling down fans, and lots of things she made up words for LOL She was my angel. She even grew wings!





Theresa was also able to give Tafadzwa and Sibona a great day out. Started with coffee and cake at Art 84 then painted a bag each. Lovely job done by both. Special day indeed.

We were all able to visit Wedza and see the district where Mount St Mary's hospital that we support is. Also one of the 60 clinics we supply with goods Idobe clinic.

MEMO AGAIN sent funds to purchase antibiotics and aesthetics which has made a huge difference to Dr Bandiki and his team. Dr Bandiki is very grateful to Memo for all their support as well as ours.



He had a very broad smile when we handed over the cash.



Maternity waiting room we built several years ago is of great benefit to Idube Clinic.

Totally blessed that Imiri game park is in the same area as Dr Bandiki. All were able to see the magnificent animals and countryside.







While we were at Imiri, prayer was answered. All wanted to witness a Zimbabwe thunderstorm. Boy! What a show. The storm was directly overhead and as the lightning struck so did the thunder. Louder than you will ever guess. It ended with us being completely surrounded by thunder and lightning, Like a big circle with us in the middle. In 20 min we received 96 cm of rain. rain water was up to the door frames.

I was later able to take Theresa into the mountains the day before she left thanks to my brother who drove us. This is in Inyanga a picture of World's View an historical site.



*I took this photo at 5 am as the sun was rising. Beautiful.*





On the drive home.



I haven't talked much about the local people but rather what was accomplished. Since Pastor Effrey received this new home he and his wife are developing a garden and being an example to the neighbours.

All three guests were gone by 8th February and I have been busy doing the 101 things that need to be done before I can move onto the new container coming in this week. It takes a lot of planning and meetings, Will tell you about them another time.



Vendors on the way home.

I will be sending pictures of things you are waiting for soon. I can send you a picture of Priscillas' finished house but would much prefer to send you a picture with her and her Children in front of house, with beds and curtains, some furniture etc. I do not like to take too many pictures. Sometimes the head man or villagers see things as exploitation etc. Not all, but I want to respect that view point and not get into trouble. We have taken time with the house and are waiting to move in as we want to make sure cement and paint are dry and not going to influence the new baby's lungs.

We have furniture and curtains to go in other houses. There are things in the new container to be shared and much easier to do pictures when all in place. The villages are several km from each other Hard to get to on the short cut roads due to mud. We have already been stuck twice. So I hope all understand. It takes about 4 hrs to take pictures. 30 mins to 1 hr to get there on a very uncomfortable ride (like riding a camel) 1 hr greeting the traditional way, 1 hr chatting etc. I go to this detail as I would like people to understand my reasoning.

Frank went through his surgery well and well taken care of by friends that have offered him great support. Even a couple of dinners out. He has enjoyed it. He will be joining me on February 22nd. Then there will be two white faces in the thousands of villages :)

We now await Zim Can Health with I believe 26 visitors visiting in March. They are making their own history but such fun to be a part of them in many ways.



I thank my family for their support with me leaving the country for 3 months.

I look forward to sharing Personally in April at a dessert evening at the church. Date to be confirmed.

love to all and thank you for your kind donations who make this work possible.  
Hundreds of lives are being touched.  
Sue

See below for donation details and please remember I need to be advised of any donation going to Zim Can Health so that I can keep records separate from Zim Can Health funds.

Tax receipts from Canada Helps who do our book work should be out this month.  
Should you wish to join us in our work I would ask that you see the new details below.  
Any problems let me know.

Montly donations ensure we know what to plan ahead for. But you know best what will suit you. I thank you for your support as do the people of Zimbabwe

I will try and keep up to date. April and most of May Frank was in hospital receiving blood transfusions for an internal bleed that they had not been able to find and growing worse since December. Pleased to say on the 12th May they found the source which is now fixed. It took away my time and concentration from newsletters but I still kept up the work through What's App with Zimbabwe.

Sorry for the slow news. Ongoing Dr appointments are needed to put us in the full picture of health. We thank you for your concerns and prayers.

## TO MAKE A DONATION

Follow the link and read each piece fully and it is easy.

Any concerns call me 604-531-3654 or e mail.

- Sign on to our website <https://zimcan.org/>
  - Click on the link on the top right of the screen that says "Donate Now" **(for Canada Helps)**
  - Once in the Canada Helps screen, the charity details are given as well as a box that shows options for donation frequency amount etc including the date for the donation. PLEASE INDICATE THE DONATION IS FOR ZIMBABWE GECKO SOCIETY!
- Following all the prompts will lead the donor through adding their Credit Card details and completing the transaction.
- You will receive a confirmation email from Canada Helps.

- The transaction will be shown on a credit card statement as a Canada Helps donation.
- A tax receipt will be emailed out from Canada Helps by the end of February of next year. If you prefer hard copy please tick the box.

Thank you for reading I hope we have put you in part of what has been going on in Zimbabwe. I will continue to keep you in the picture and well informed as to where every \$ goes.

I am pleased to say ZimCanHealth gives us 100% of your donation.

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Susan Janetti  
Founder, Zimbabwe Gecko Society

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