



Zimbabwe Orphans Mission

31 March - 20 April 2012

Led by the Bowkett family

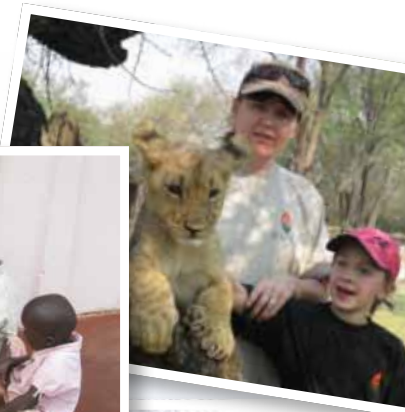
Once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', a land of freedom and abundance, it is now referred to as the 'basket case of Africa'.

After gaining its independence 25 years ago, Zimbabwe has suffered from political turmoil which has depleted its economy and caused significant deterioration in social services. Severe droughts, guerrilla warfare, human rights violations, and lack of foreign investment and support have also contributed to the worst humanitarian crisis the country has ever faced.

Zimbabwe is a barren wasteland of tired and tormented people, with an atmosphere of hopelessness and a spirit of defeat. Broken down yet not destroyed is where Zimbabwe stands currently. It would seem that the international world and neighboring countries have turned a blind eye, Zimbabwe has indeed been forgotten.

What has the impact been for the children of Zimbabwe?

In Zimbabwe, a child dies every 15 minutes from HIV/AIDS. Zimbabwe has the world's fourth worst prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS and has registered the fastest rise in child mortality. Despite this, the country receives considerably less donor funding than neighboring countries. One in five Zimbabwean children are now orphans, parentless and abandoned. They are a burden to the already suffering nation.



Can you help? We believe you can, more than anything we need your willingness, your hands, and most importantly your heart, to love where there is no love. God has gifted each one of us with talents, come out and serve these forgotten children with what God has gifted you in.

May this forgotten mission field of Zimbabwe be once again remembered by the world and by you. This country needs your love and your help!

The Bowkett Family

Glenn and Anne Bowkett along with their children Tyler and Emma first travelled to Zimbabwe on a family mission in 2009. The trip changed their lives and they again returned in 2010 to spend another month with the children of Zimbabwe. Glenn and Anne's willingness to use some hands-on skills in maintenance and craft enabled them to assist in practical ways, including transforming rooms in orphanages to fully functioning facilities. Emma and Tyler have made firm friends with many of the orphans. This family are very excited to return to Zimbabwe in 2012 to lead this trip.



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Saturday MARCH 31

Depart Australia and arrive into Harare in the evening (if flying with South African Airways)

Sunday APRIL 1

Attend church and orientation

Monday APRIL 2 - Friday APRIL 6

MISSION WORK – Each day is broken up into two sessions. Session 1, 9am-12.30pm and Session 2, 2.30-4.30pm.

Each session will involve travelling to an orphanage, school or children's home and playing with the children, assisting the care givers, doing practical maintenance, tutoring school children or encouraging & praying for others. The itinerary will be flexible and may change according to the local needs at the time.

Saturday APRIL 7

Visit some local markets & travel to Domboshawa – Red rock formations with cave paintings dating back over 6,000 years.

Sunday APRIL 8

(EASTER SUNDAY)

Celebrate Easter Day at a local church. Afternoon free.

Monday APRIL 9 - Friday APRIL 13

MISSION WORK

Saturday APRIL 14

Travel to the town of Mutare (approximately 3 hrs) to visit the Hope for AIDS project.

Sunday 15 APRIL

Full day in Mutare with Caiphaz at the Hope for AIDS project

Monday 16 APRIL

Full day of travel from Mutare to Antelope Park.

www.antelopepark.co.zw

Tuesday 17 APRIL

Experience all that Antelope Park has to offer. Two activities are included in the mission. Choose from: lion feeding, cub viewing, horse safari, carriage ride, elephant interaction.

Wednesday 18 APRIL

Travel either back to Harare or continue on to Victoria Falls (if taking the Vic Falls extension).

Thursday 19 APRIL

Bid farewell to amazing Zimbabwe for the flight home.

VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION:

Travel from Antelope Park to Victoria Falls. Spend 3 nights in Luxury tents (with communal bathrooms). Falls viewing, Park fees and exotic Boma dinner are all included. \$300 per person (based on min of 6 passengers).

INFORMATION:

Pricing

(based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling):

Adults \$4599 per adult

Children \$3695 per child aged 11 years & under

Earlybird deal – deduct \$100 per adult if booked and deposited by 30 November 2011

Victoria Falls extension \$300 per person

What this includes:

Return economy class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane to Harare flying South African Airways
All transport, road taxes, tolls and fuel
A fully equipped ACTS vehicle
Services of an ACTS guide / driver
Three meals per day as per the itinerary
Accommodation costs in share accommodation
Two activities at Antelope Park

What this excludes:

Items of a personal nature
Travel insurance (budget approx \$185)
Meals taken in restaurants
Optional activities
Visa for Zimbabwe
Donations

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Volunteer Project Orphanage Information

Zimbabwe is home to many orphanage children, and loving dedicated carers. But the vast majority of these are greatly under resourced. There is a great need to support the orphans and orphanage carers due to the current crisis and lack of any welfare.

ACTS volunteers are currently involved with the upliftment of 5 orphanages in the area of Harare, and are committed to maintaining relationships with both the staff and the children in order to identify needs and be able to aid in the most effective way possible.

For more information, application forms and FAQ's go to www.missiontravel.com.au/zim2012

