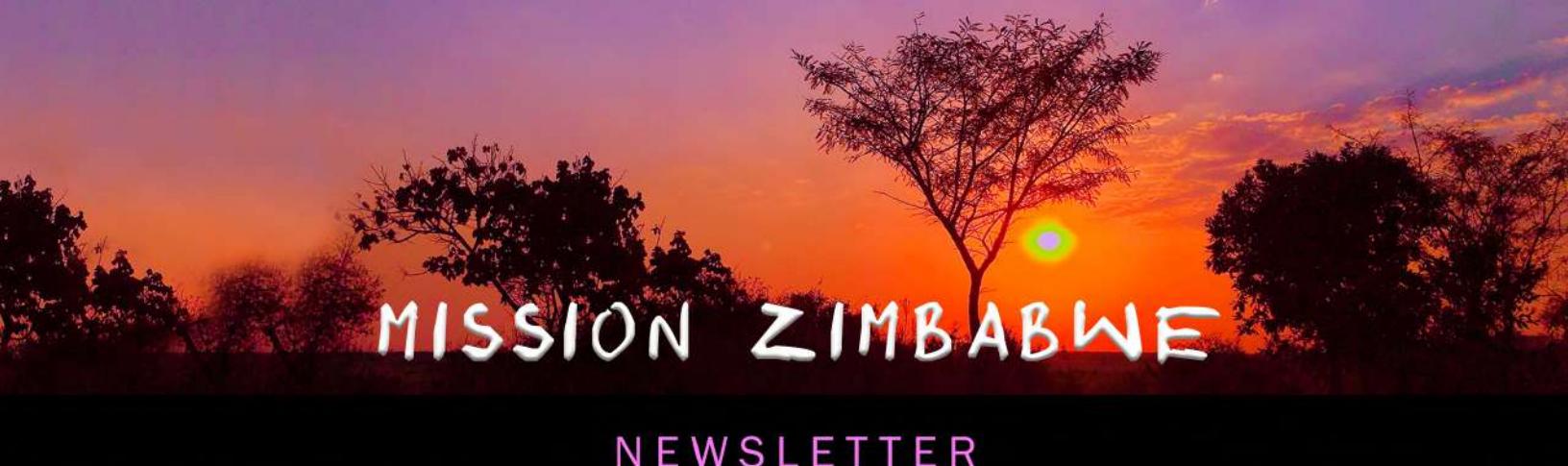




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# MISSION ZIMBABWE

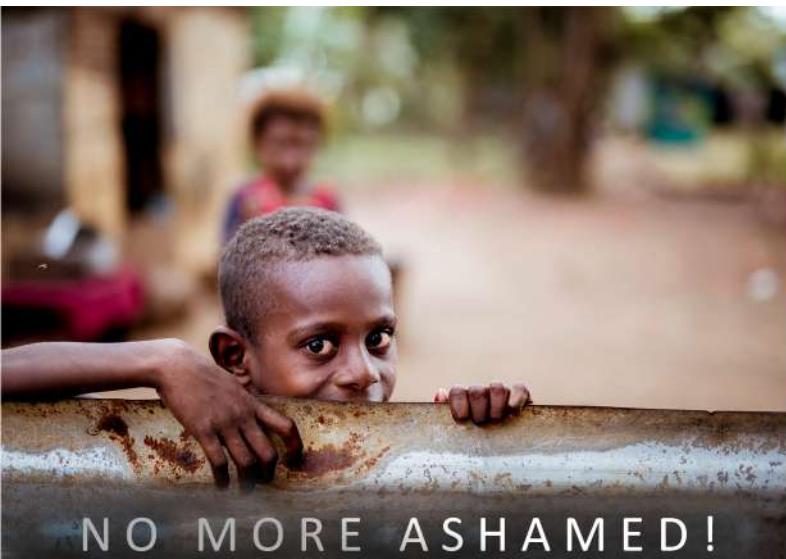
## NEWSLETTER

### August 2019, Mission to Zimbabwe

“Please help!” begged the mother of a child who was in extreme pain after his cleft repair at the Chitungwiza Hospital in Zimbabwe. This was Love Without Reason’s third medical mission in the country. Our team was faced with the sad reality of the economic hardships in the country. Unfortunately, due to the shortage of medicines, our team scrambled all over the country to find basic post-operative pain medicines. We are thrilled to report that our mission to Zimbabwe was successful. We now have completed 128 surgeries in Zimbabwe alone.

“Throughout these challenges our team of doctors, medical staff and volunteers remained steadfast and professional. They performed their operations professionally and enthusiastically. I say well done to this excellent team. The clinical director, matron and their teams continued to encourage us to do our work as if nothing was wrong. They were even imploring us to consider coming back again,” said Bishop Chiweda.

As the camp progressed from day to day, surgeries were done successfully with the equipment and supplies provided by the hospital and by LWR. Partnership is essential for any successful mission. However, the atmosphere for learning is imperative in this mission, as well. Medical students from the local university volunteered to be a part of the mission. They also were quizzed by LWR Anesthesia lead, Dr. Mohanty, who is Head of Department of Anesthesia from a Bangalore, India hospital. “Dr. Mohanty is like a father-figure. He is also patient in his instruction and has a great sense of humor. I have not worked with doctors like him in previous humanitarian efforts in my country,” complimented Mako, a fourth year medical student.



Dr. Adore Danda, from Zimbabwe, said, “I learned a lot during theater cases and my passion for surgery is continuously being fanned up. I am also gaining experience in management of a hospital, how to run a theater, how to run a hospital ward and to manage patients in a holistic manner. My path for entrepreneurship is getting brighter with the knowledge I have obtained working with LWR. It’s my passion to fulfill God’s calling in

my life through my knowledge and divine enablement. My faith has gone up dimensions higher by participating in seemingly impossible tasks that God always proves Himself all things are possible. I can't wait to see what the Lord has next for LWR."

The 19-member team that descended on Zimbabwe that day came from Kenya, India, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and the USA. The team was comprised of craniofacial surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatric intensivists, nurses and non-medical volunteers. Sara Mathews shared her inspiration as well. "I was inspired by the medical team. I got to know Dr. Mathew and Dr. Sathish well, and they come on these missions to help kids without expecting anything back from them. It is a kind gesture from them and a lesson for me that I can do the same. Mariamma Auntie was an inspiration to me. She was so kind, and she inspires me to reach out to others, just like she did."

Over 33 families came for evaluation and screening at the hospital. Of these 22 were selected for surgery. Many patients were under 3 months of age and were underweight and malnourished. They were given the Dr. Brown's feeding bottles that are specialized for cleft babies and their feeding needs. LWR will return to reach out to them during the 2020 mission. We are so thankful for the successful surgeries and recoveries of all our babies. For the first time ever, this mission served only children all under the age of five.

An international humanitarian mission requires many partnerships and many supporters. We especially acknowledge Samaritan's Purse, Supplies Over Seas, and Brother's Brother Foundation for their generous in-kind support of supplies and equipment for this mission. The workload on all volunteers was tremendous; however, there were many memories created as lives and destinies were transformed. Mariamma Auntie from Texas had this to say: "Everyone on this team inspired me a lot. I felt like I was with my own family. As is written in Matthew 25:35, showing love to hungry, thirsty, rejected is what this mission trip was all about. There is not just a physical surgery happening but bringing the generation back to life through love. Philip and Caleb



**Philip Mathews motivating the volunteers**



singing and playing guitar for patients in the ward was very inspiring. Watching Susan crying with other mothers, and Santhosh comforting the mothers before their baby's surgery was beautiful to see. I have no words to explain the teamwork of church and all the volunteers and my new friend, Sara. It is amazing to see the support and care for each other. May God Bless you all."

Thank you to our monthly supporters, and all of you who answered the call to support the Zimbabwe mission. Mama Salome and Apostle Isaac from Kenya shared their observations from their first LWR mission. "Given that we are planning a similar mission in Eldoret, Kenya, participating in this mission was invaluable for me and my team. I am forever a volunteer for LWR. This is till the world is cleft-free."



**22 surgeries were completed in 3 days!!!**

Plans are underway for the first back-to-back mission in 2020 in Kenya and Zimbabwe, and we hope you will be a part of it!

Would you consider making a donation or becoming a monthly partner to help LWR with the huge expenses that we had in Zimbabwe? Let's keep working, Until The World Is Cleft-Free!

**Susan & Santhosh Mathews**

**Below: Over 125 local volunteers came out on screening day to help with the medical camp**



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