



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER MIRACLE MISSIONS VIMBA

As we step into the new year, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey ahead. It is with great pleasure that we extend our warmest greetings to all our donors, partners, and supporters who have stood by us through thick and thin. Together, we embark on another chapter filled with promise, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the communities we serve across Zimbabwe.

In the face of challenges brought forth by El Niño, we stand resolute in our mission to alleviate hunger and provide essential aid to the vulnerable among us. Our dedication to the welfare of children remains steadfast, underscoring our solemn responsibility to nurture and protect the next generation.

Throughout the coming months, we are thrilled to announce the continuation of our diverse programs aimed at making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. From psychosocial support workshops to vital food and clothing distributions, from pioneering conservation agriculture initiatives to crucial medical assistance, our efforts encompass a broad spectrum of interventions designed to uplift and empower.

Moreover, our commitment extends beyond mere provision; it encompasses compassion, empathy, and genuine care. Through home visits to the vulnerable and dedicated initiatives catering to the needs of individuals with disabilities, we strive to foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding.

As we forge ahead, let us draw strength from our collective resolve and the transformative impact of our actions. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and bring about meaningful change in the communities we serve.

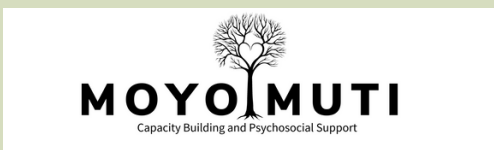
Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Here's to a year filled with hope, progress, and boundless possibilities.



**THANK YOU**

It is with immense gratitude that we acknowledge the invaluable support we receive, enabling us to operate efficiently across vast regions. At Miracle Missions Vimba, we hold our partnerships in the highest esteem, recognizing them as the cornerstone of our collective impact. It is through your unwavering dedication and generosity that we are empowered to extend our reach and efficacy, touching the lives of countless individuals and families in need.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for embodying the spirit of unity that defines Miracle Missions Vimba. Together, indeed, we are 'Making a difference TOGETHER,' and together, we shall continue to inspire hope and transform lives.







## FEED PROGRAM AT EDEN HOPE ACADEMY



In January, Miracle Missions Vimba, in partnership with Radhika, organized a feeding program at Eden Hope Academy in Retreat Park, Waterfalls, Harare. The program provided 35 junior students and their teachers with a packed meal and a Pepsi juice. This initiative was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship from Radhika and friends.



## Life & Hope 4 kids GTEL SHOES AND STATIONERY DISTRIBUTION



Miracle Missions Vimba partnered with Gtel Zimbabwe to organize a school shoe and stationery drive in Mt Hampden, a squatter area in Harare characterized by extremely poor living conditions and low-income standards. Gtel Zimbabwe, a leading telecommunications and mobile phone manufacturer, demonstrated their commitment to supporting vulnerable communities through this initiative.







## ASSISTIVE DEVICES DONATION TO CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION UNIT

The Children's Rehabilitation Unit at Sally Mugabe Children's Hospital offers physical therapy and support for children with disabilities, part of the CRU program founded in 1978. A donation was made on January 16th and 25th, 2024, including items like walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, and diapers to enhance children's mobility and well-being. The Miracle Missions Vimba Team thanks Dr. G. Powell for supporting the Rehabilitation Unit in improving the quality of life for children and families.



Miracle Missions Vimba is an invaluable resource center for persons with all types of disabilities in Zimbabwe offering wheel chairs, assistive devices, seating, arts and crafts, horse therapy and other various programs to enhance their way of life.

## MABVUKU HOME VISIT

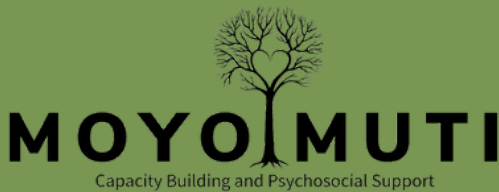


The purpose of home visits in the Mabvuku area was to assess selected families' well-being, address specific needs, and discuss logistics for children's horse therapy transport. Mrs. Ndira agreed to provide updates on potential transportation issues, with a temporary plan in place. The Dzumbunu family focused on Grace's well-being and coping with her disability, receiving emotional support and groceries. These visits strengthened relationships and understanding between Miracle Missions Vimba and the families, with plans for ongoing support and potential collaborations for expanding assistance.





On the 12th of January, Miracle Missions Vimba visited Tsatsi Secondary School in Concession, Mazowe district to provide training on conservation agriculture to teenagers. Conservation agriculture, briefly defined as a farming approach that aims to preserve the environment including soil, plants, and animals, is guided by four key principles: minimal soil disturbance, mulching, crop rotation, and effective management. The session engaged a total of 27 students, comprising 11 males, 16 females, and three teachers. The participants actively participated in both theoretical and practical aspects of conservation agriculture throughout the day, expressing deep appreciation for the transformative training they received.



A total of 124 children participated in four Moyo Muti workshops, overseen by four facilitators. The Moyo Muti program is a comprehensive initiative encompassing psychosocial support modules, nutritional guidance, environmental sustainability practices, health and wellness education, and conservation agriculture techniques. Tino conveyed his enthusiasm, remarking, "I thoroughly enjoyed the Moyo Muti workshop. The lessons taught me about the variety of plants available in our surroundings, showing us how even plants commonly known as weeds can contribute to a balanced and nutritious diet."

These workshops were meticulously crafted to involve children in interactive and educational activities, aiming not only to enhance their knowledge but also to instill a profound connection with nature. By engaging in hands-on experiences, the children were taught the significance of sustainability and were encouraged to make environmentally conscious decisions in their daily routines.







## WORKSHOPS

On the 20th, Sharlene, Ruvimbo, Chipu, and Tatenda conducted a mental health introduction session for 20 students. These students are set to participate in Singing to the Lions activities on Thursdays and Saturdays every two weeks. To provide additional mental health support, especially for those who have previously engaged with the program, discussions have been arranged. A comprehensive list of discussion topics was curated based on the students' interests and needs.

The Singing to the Lions program, held biweekly on Thursdays and Saturdays, is poised to offer a transformative experience for the students. With the guidance of a committed team, the students are encouraged to delve into their emotions, express themselves creatively, and draw strength from one another's narratives.

As the students delved deeper into these conversations, it became apparent that mental health was a topic of significant importance to many. The list of discussion topics expanded to encompass various areas, including self-care strategies and coping mechanisms during adversity. Through these meaningful dialogues, connections were forged, nurturing a sense of community among the students.





## FOOD PACK DISTRIBUTION

On the 26th, Sharlene and Ruvimbo visited Harare Hospital to engage with a support group dedicated to parents and caregivers of children with hydrocephalus (cerebral palsy). Out of the 50 beneficiaries registered for the program, 44 participants attended, including 4 males.

Sharlene and Ruvimbo were encouraged by the robust attendance at the hospital. The gathering of the support group was vibrant with enthusiasm and camaraderie as attendees shared their experiences, providing mutual solace and guidance. The atmosphere in the room fostered a sense of solidarity and empathy, reinforcing the connection that arises from shared hardships. Throughout the meeting, participants exchanged personal narratives, practical advice, and valuable resources, establishing a supportive network.





## DISTRIBUTIONS

In January 2024, our distribution team returned from their holiday with renewed enthusiasm and successfully distributed the listed donations to various charity organizations, individuals who visited in person, and feeding programs in specific locations within Harare. The team's dedication and diligence ensured prompt deliveries and support.

Adult diapers - 10 single items  
Adult masks - 18 boxes  
Baby diapers - 100 single items  
Body braces - 5  
Children's masks - 23 boxes  
Cooking oil - 24 by 2 litres  
Medical equipment - 6 items  
Fertilizer - 2 bags  
Ladies clothes - 73 ladies  
Gloves - 14 boxes  
Maheu - 26 single packs  
Mealie meal - 3 by 50kg  
Men's clothes - 81 single items  
Rice - 13 by 2kgs  
Sugar - 11 by 2kgs singles



The team took advantage of the relatively quiet period at the beginning of the year to sort through donations that would be useful for individuals in homes, schools, and organizations preparing for the New Year. We successfully distributed these items to various organizations, schools, and individuals, ensuring that they were put to good use.





# TRAUMA TRAINING FOR TEACHER TRAINING

In modern education, understanding and addressing trauma in children is essential for creating supportive learning environments. As educators, it's crucial to recognize the signs of trauma and know how to effectively help affected students. Through this program, we aim to equip teachers with the knowledge and tools necessary to support traumatized children in the classroom. By fostering a culture of compassion and resilience, we strive to create educational environments where every child can thrive despite their experiences.

**SCHOOL - MIRIRO SCHOOL**  
**LOCATION - RETREAT PARK**  
**NUMBER OF TEACHERS TRAINED - 27**







**'NDEIPI?' focusses on changing the response to the question 'Ndeipi?' (What's up?) from 'Hapana' (Nothing!) to a God glorifying and inspiring testimony of what He has done through their faithfulness with the little they have.**

# BUSINESS COURSE

***The Ndeipi Business Course is currently being held in 12 high density suburbs in Harare including Highfield, Kuwadzana, Glen View, Hatcliffe, Norton, Budiro, Mbare, Epworth, Glen Norah, Mabvuku, Dzivarasekwa and Mufakose***



The Ndeipi Business Course has grown in leaps and bounds since we first started our partnership with ONEchurch and it is clear that the Ndeipi trainers are really finding their stride as they continue their training across high-density suburbs in Harare.

Miracle Missions Vimba is currently running two versions of the Ndeipi Business Course concurrently and they are both being run effectively and efficiently

***January 2024 Snapshot  
Workshops Held-12  
Participants-231  
Ndeipi Days-14  
Training Hours- 46  
Trainers- 2***




The Ndeipi 3 day business course is an intensive face to face course that This program seeks to provide training through 16 (45min) Sessions (with 15mins Questions & Discussion);

The Business Course covers various modules including Priorities, Ownership, Planning, Partnership, Innovation, Recording, Opportunities and Risk, Sales and Marketing, Payoffs and Business Pitches.

In addition to the face-to-face course, there is a five-week online phase. The course participants are accompanied for five weeks via a WhatsApp group, where they can ask questions and exchange information with each other, so if they fail to make their business work the first time they can try again, and they get to hear the training several times.





Our Ndeipi Business Course for Vulnerable Persons with Disabilities has a primary focus on mothers of children with disabilities and giving them innovative ideas on how they can still make an income while taking care of their child with a disability.

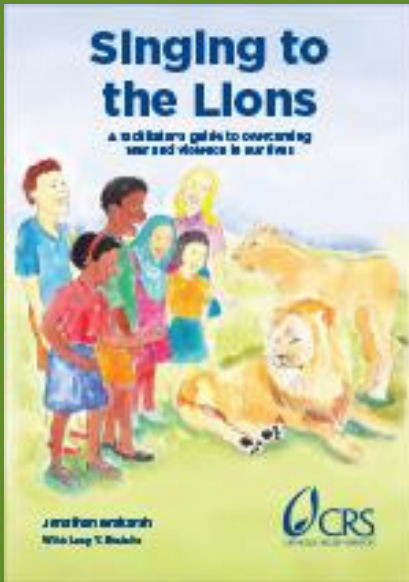
This 8 week course is presented in a more measured, laid back format with 2 hour sessions held once every 3 weeks. These Ndeipi sessions get quite emotional as these young mothers share their stories of the hardships and challenges they face but how the Ndeipi Course has given them a new perspective on life.

The Ndeipi for Persons with Disabilities has seen a lot of collaboration and bouncing of ideas. The participants feel they are in a safe space and able to be completely vulnerable with one another. They have started a collaborative group called Zvaita which translated from Shona means It is done. They believe this title is a double edged sword with a double meaning, first of all they are united in sending a clear message that the excuses and days of feeling sorry for themselves are now done and they will no longer use their poverty and hardships as an excuse.

However, there is a second meaning to the name Zvaita and that is the one of Completion and the agreement that they plan to see their business deals to completion. This attitude of seeing everything they do to completion has been an incredible inspiration to everyone including the facilitators.







The year 2024 commenced with a significant turnout of participants, encompassing both children and adults engaging in activities such as singing to the lions, parental and community leader training. This attendance was notably influenced by the holiday season, as well as the increased availability of individuals due to time off work and fewer demanding commitments. Collaborative efforts were observed as companions rotated, aiding each other in delivering content to primary actors.

Community mobilization efforts involved local leadership and resource persons who provided support for children and facilitated the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups within their respective regions. These initiatives extended to both established and newly targeted areas, including Mutsamvu Primary School in Ward 7, Mhandarume Primary School in Ward 5, Muchadziya Primary in Ward 21, Ndimba Primary in Ward 23, St. Charles Lwanga in Ward 16B, and Biriiri in Ward 17. With the necessary resources readily available, all activities were conducted seamlessly, culminating in successful completion without significant issues.

The process of implementation adhered to district and community protocols. Collaborators utilized established communication strategies to engage with the community. These workshops were designed to cater to both youth and adults, with 57% of participants being girls and 43% being boys.

Notably, the January event, "Singing to the Lions," saw an impressive 91% attendance rate among children. Despite the robust participation of both genders, there was no recorded presence of children with disabilities.

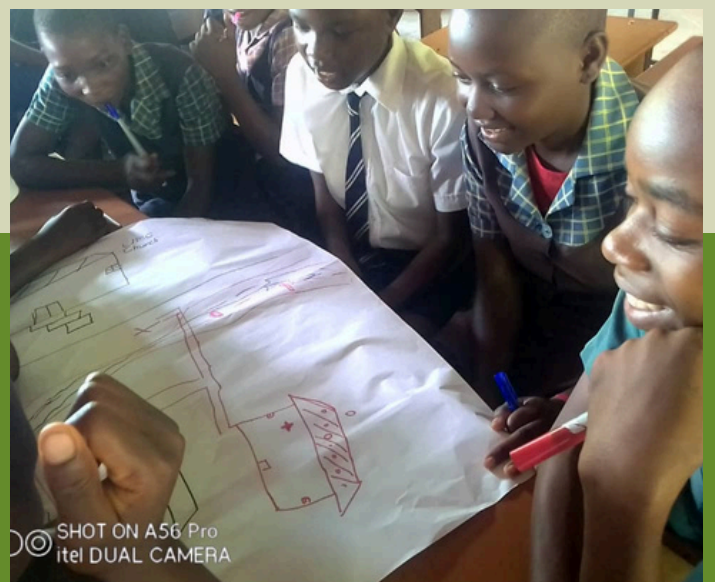
In January, platforms were created to facilitate dialogues with parents and community leaders, fostering their support and appreciation for the initiatives aimed at empowering their children. However, adult attendance was comparatively lower, with women comprising the majority of participants in various activities. Encouragingly, 81% of participants actively engaged in conversations and contributed to discussions.

Moreover, Miracle Missions VIMBA actively participated in local district coordination meetings. Throughout January, all collaborators received training, supported each other with resources, and effectively executed planned activities.

**TOTAL REACH CHILDREN -  
219**

**TOTAL REACH PARENTS -  
242**













## **VIMBA FEEDING CENTERS**

Zimbabwe is currently experiencing a drought and shortage of rain and this has created an urgent need for sustenance and proper nutrition, particularly for vulnerable populations and the children at our Feeding Centres. We are overwhelmed with requests for more CSB Porridge and increases in vulnerable children in need of food security.

### **Komani Creche**

Location: Komani, Harare

Children: 40

The students at Komani Creche rely on CSB Porridge daily and the students get served a hearty breakfast meal at around 10:00am. Many of these students struggle to get any other kind of serving of food due to the drought and acute shortage of rain.

### **Yamuranai Association for Persons with Disabilities**

Location Epworth, Harare

Children 120

Epworth is one of the poorest suburbs in Zimbabwe and the area has a significant number of persons with disabilities who have been abandoned due to financial constraints. Junet who started Yamuranai Association for Persons with Disabilities caters to over 100 children with disabilities and it is an impossible task which she handles so well.

VIMBA Zimbabwe Trust has stepped in during the drought when all of their students needed critical help and we try to provide assistance wherever we can with CSB porridge and any other area we can.



## **VIMBA FEEDING CENTERS**

### **Nolan Foundation Zimbabwe**

Location: Domboshava, Zimbabwe

Children: 25

Nolan Foundation is constantly in need of LP Gas, Electricity tokens and groceries which are not sustainable but extremely essential to their survival. VIMBA Zimbabwe Trust has played an integral role in ensuring these needs are met on a monthly basis, while also exploring the possibility of viable sustainable projects the orphanage can participate in.

### **Montgomery Feeding Center**

Location: Montgomery, Mazowe West

Children: 49

Montgomery continues to be our biggest consumer of CSB porridge going through 5 bags of CSB Porridge every month. They use the CSB Porridge for more than just the one serving a day and rely on it heavily especially for their young toddlers and children. They have continued to express their gratitude for the porridge regularly.

### **Mapere Feeding Center**

Location: Mapere, Mazowe West

Children 438

Our policy at Mapere Primary has always been to serve CSB Porridge to the 75 students in Early Childhood Development. This has served us well for many years until the recent drought. Families are unable to provide the daily food requirement for nutrition and we have been informed that it is becoming increasingly difficult just to serve the 75 ECD students due to anger and jealousy directed at them for being the only ones getting food while others are starving. We hope to fundraise to increase this program for all the children through to grade 7.



# BIRTHDAY CORNER

At Miracle Missions Vimba, we take pride in recognizing our team members. Monthly, we come together to celebrate the birthdays of our dedicated colleagues who contribute significantly to our community. We appreciate their hard work and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact.

This month, we are honoring Lindsay and William, not just as coworkers but as exemplary symbols of dedication and family values at Miracle Missions Vimba. Both dubbed our "dust fairies" for their meticulous attention to detail and steadfast commitment in distribution, they share not only a birthday month but also a strong work ethic.

Lindsay, our diligent office manager, works swiftly and efficiently to maintain the office and stores, handling donations, coordinating distributions, and ensuring the team is always prepared to deliver their best. With her lively eyes and radiant smile, Lindsay brings a vibrant energy to our workplace.

William, a vital member of our stores team, manages supplies with great care, always prioritizing the needs of others. His dedication to excellence and warm demeanor make him an invaluable asset to our team.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDSAY AND WILLIAM





## THANK YOU

Miracle Missions Vimba extends its heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable support. It is through your collaborative efforts, generous contributions, and volunteer commitments that we were nominated for the Zim Community Trail Blazers award. We are deeply honored to have been recognized as the Humanitarian Organization of the Year.

The steadfast support and commitment of our community are truly remarkable. Your acts of kindness and generosity enable Miracle Missions Vimba to continue positively impacting the lives of many individuals in need. This award not only acknowledges our endeavors but also celebrates the collective spirit and compassion that propels us forward. Together, we stand as a force for good, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to create more miracles in the days ahead. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission and for believing in the transformative power of kindness and empathy. Together we can make a difference.

