



2022 A BRIEF OVERVIEW

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Jacque, Jaime, and the entire team want to thank you for the incredible support we received in 2022.

The overwhelming goodness of God has been beyond what we even dared to think or imagine, and the number of lives that have been changed through your generosity is truly remarkable.

Miracle Missions Vimba identifies critical needs in vulnerable communities throughout Zimbabwe, partnering effectively through our networking and resourcing skills and much-needed relief items to coordinate relief efforts. We also adopt a "smart aid" approach to all the projects we are involved in and push toward sustainability rather than dependency.

In 2022 our network meetings and capacity-building programs continued to grow and strengthen the people and organisations in our nation. In 2022, through the various departments at Miracle Missions Vimba, we have built a clinic, school blocks & toilets and supported several medical outreaches. We have developed and implemented psychosocial support programs and helped alleviate hunger by teaching people to grow crops through conservation agriculture methods. We have facilitated school fees, and different forms of training, created a learning platform, and encouraged sustainability. We continue to work on distributing the various items donated through Miracle Missions Vimba and are dedicated to helping keep our city clean by doing monthly clean-ups.

Please take time to read our newsletter to see the amazing achievements over the last year and the exciting programs that you can be a part of this year.

We hope to continue making a difference in 2023 together.

MIRACLE MISSIONS

Miracle Missions is an apolitical, non-profit organization that believes the key to the future lies in moving away from donor dependency, towards self-sufficiency. Run by Zimbabweans and working for Zimbabweans, Miracle Missions was founded in 2006 and since 2009 it has experienced rapid growth, placing it at the forefront of strategic formulation, community project coordination and implementation. Miracle Missions has proven history of success and still strives to be a catalyst to the community, organizations, schools, businesses, churches, and government leaders through enabling empowerment projects across our country. Focusing on grass roots level, our work addresses moral, spiritual, and physical aspects of self-development. We pride ourselves in taking on "big challenges" and seeing them through.



VIMBA

Vimba Zimbabwe Trust, strives to create environments which foster a child's development. These environments provide shelter, food, informal education, regular health check-ups, psychosocial support, and the chance for a child to lead as close to a normal existence as possible. Vimba recognizes the need for parents of the children to uplift their home situation to become more sustainable providers for their children's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, therefore many of the Vimba Zimbabwe projects include capacity building and development of the adults in the communities they serve. To this end, Vimba view itself as a charity that does not create a cycle of donor dependency, but rather one that empowers people, teaches life skills, and facilitates development within communities.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

Miracle Missions Vimba has had a busy year; these are some of the exciting highlights:

Children's Eye Clinic

It was humbling to see children have a great vision for the first time; we were delighted to see their huge smiles and thankful hearts.

Completion of Chikwizi Clinic

A special moment was seeing the joy of the community as they expressed their story of what they endured yet always having hope for a better future.

Young Mother's Program

Watching these young mothers receive a handmade gift from Open Hands was pure joy.

Singing to The Lions

The impact of Singing To The Lions on the children in Chimanimani warmed our hearts.

Moyo Muti

We are delighted to see the growth of our Companions in their skills and within themselves; learning new programs and witnessing their community's development has been such a blessing.

Victoria Falls Safe House

Our Partnership with the Jefuta Foundation to support building a much-needed Safe House for women in Victoria Falls has generated so much gratitude.

A great highlight was helping people with various needs

Food: clothing: books: school fees and the list goes on. Giving to people with so much love and gratitude is a joy. We at Miracle Missions Vimba are humbled by the people we serve; we are grateful for their happiness and moved by their kindness. Thank you for being a part of the Miracle Missions Vimba family.

GOALS FOR 2023

2023's calendar is already busy, with the Moyo Muti hunger relief program and Spinabifida Hydrocephalitis surgeries already in full swing. We are looking forward to working on the following programs:

- Weekly network meetings and Development workshops
- Monthly capacity-building programs
- Moyo Muti hunger relief program
- Singing to the Lion's workshops
- Young Mothers Program
- Chikwizi Waiting Room and Labour Ward
- Medical Outreaches
- School building constructions
- Halfway house for prisoners
- Safe house for women
- Food and Clothing distributions
- School fees
- Trauma workshops

...and so much more.



Weekly Tuesday Meetings are held at Miracle Missions Vimba. Empowering and building capacities of people.

NETWORK MEETINGS

Miracle Missions Vimba works with over 300 local organizations in all ten provinces of Zimbabwe to advance a society free from poverty, inequality, and injustice. Using Human Rights as the heart of the constitution, our work addresses moral, spiritual, and physical aspects of self-development. We pride ourselves in taking on “big challenges” and seeing them through, considering the need for sustainability and continuity.

Each Tuesday, Miracle Missions Vimba hosts Network Meetings where participants are involved in capacity-building sessions to improve their development associated with their area of need. Network meetings include:

- Clean & Green
- People with Disabilities
- Training of Child Care Workers
- Life & Hope 4 Kids



People with Disabilities (PWD)

Miracle Missions focuses on the Human Rights Approach when working with Persons with Disabilities.

This approach to disability implies that all people are active subjects with legal claims and that Persons with Disabilities must participate in all spheres of society equally with their non-disabled peers. The programs under the PWD department concentrate on the following:

- Ways to improve information dissemination
- Promoting self-sustainability
- increasing networking
- Early Intervention for children with disabilities

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

During the year there are many requests for assistive devices for people with disabilities. Through their networks and kind donations from the community Miracle Missions Vimba have been able to provide numerous people with disabilities assistive devices. In order to determine the needs of the individuals, Miracle Missions Vimba perform assessments that provide information on their needs and allow for proper allocation of resources.



HEALING HORSES

Miracle Missions Vimba Persons with Disabilities department, in partnership with Healing with Horses Therapeutic Centre, conducts Horse Therapy weekly for children with disabilities. These children come from the Moyo Munyoro support group and have cerebral palsy. Horse Therapy is a therapeutic intervention that utilizes the movement of horses to provide engaging, enjoyable, and challenging activities that can significantly improve muscle tone, posture, balance, walking abilities, and more.

Healing with Horses Therapeutic Centre has been offering therapy on horses since 2013. Throughout the year, every week, they work with around 60 children with disabilities from the King George VI Centre (KGVl). They also work with 35 disadvantaged, abused children from the Sandra Jones Centre and other children from orphanages. The Centre has dedicated volunteers who come every week and donate their time. Several companies also sponsor therapy sessions for less privileged children.

"A great horse will change your life. The truly special ones will define it".

Author Unknown





LIFE & HOPE 4 KIDS

Miracle Missions Vimba, is committed to supporting families, and children through the Life and Hope for Kids department.

These are extraordinary times, regularly punctured by crises from an increase in unemployment rates to another rise in school dropouts and poverty in different parts of Zimbabwe.

Our work together is extraordinary. With much appreciation for the generosity and support from so many individuals, organisations, co-operations, companies, and other partners, Miracle Missions Vimba has helped families, groups, and individuals meet basic needs and has equipped others around Zimbabwe with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

With great help and support, we are striving to expand access to education (with the Hatcliffe building project), provide basic healthy meals (through the community feeding programs), and provide essential life skills training. We have worked closely with small communities and vulnerable groups in society in harnessing the ancient practice of farming by unleashing new possibilities and methods that have proven to be more successful.

We did all this and more because partners like you believed we could make a difference.

We are grateful for the generous contributions of donors, partners, and individuals who invest in our work around Zimbabwe. Through your support, we can further our mission of defeating poverty and achieving sustainable development in the communities we serve.



Trauma Training: Becoming Trauma Competent Care Givers

Oftentimes, communities are not prepared to handle the different situations affecting orphans and vulnerable children or to respond to the trauma that the child might have faced. When caregivers are trained and equipped, they are given the confidence to do their job, and ensure that the children receive the best care and services possible.

We seek to help care givers understand the impact of trauma on the lives of vulnerable children. Guided by the Ubuntu ideology, "I am because you are." This calls for us to look after our neighbours and to ensure that we are the help that others may need.

320 parents and caregivers participated in trauma training programs in 2022.



Miracle Missions Vimba, in partnership with Zimbabwe without Orphans, has been conducting Caregivers Training Sessions since 2018 at Highlands Presbyterian, specifically targeting caregivers.

This training package was developed to enable trainers to train parents/caregivers who take care of vulnerable orphan children.

It is acknowledged that parents and caregivers possess a wealth of experience, knowledge, and skills, and the training program uses this as the starting point. New ideas are shared with the participants.

The training package consists of 8 modules. The topics focus on essential skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary in raising vulnerable children.

Objectives

- To equip caregivers with skills in helping children heal from the trauma's impact and improve their social and emotional well-being while preventing additional trauma.
- To equip caregivers to understand trauma's impact on the lives of children they serve.
- To develop strategies and skills in working with challenging behaviours.



DONATIONS

School Shoes

In partnership with Gtel, Miracle Missions Vimba provided 153 children from 3 selected Homes with pairs of new school shoes to children.

Christmas Meals

Thanks to the caring greatly donations we were able to provide 1000 children with a Christmas meal or hamper. Happy smiles all round.

Maize Seed

With our partners at Foundations for Farming, Miracle Missions Vimba has distributed 37 Tonnes of Maize seed. We look forward to a good season.

Tonne of Tins

Each year, in collaboration with Spar, we run the Tonne of Tins promotion. These donations help us with distributing of food to the most vulnerable.

Period Poverty

Miracle Missions Vimba has worked with partners who have assisted in donating reusable sanitary wear to over 10000 women and girls across Zimbabwe.

Feeding Programs

With our partners we have managed to feed 375 children a meal per day over 2022. These feeding centers provide daily porridge known as CSB.



SINGING TO THE LIONS

Singing to the Lions: A facilitator's guide to overcoming fear and violence in our lives is a psychosocial support program for children and youth that is done during the 3-day workshop.

This workshop represents tactics and skills one can use to overcome his/her lion's (fear, violence, problems, stress, etc.). This psychosocial tool helps build mental and social resilience in children so they can keep going in life despite the difficult circumstances life has to throw their way. It comprises of 23 activities that are very practical, meaning that kids and youth learn through experiencing the program.



SINGING TO THE LIONS

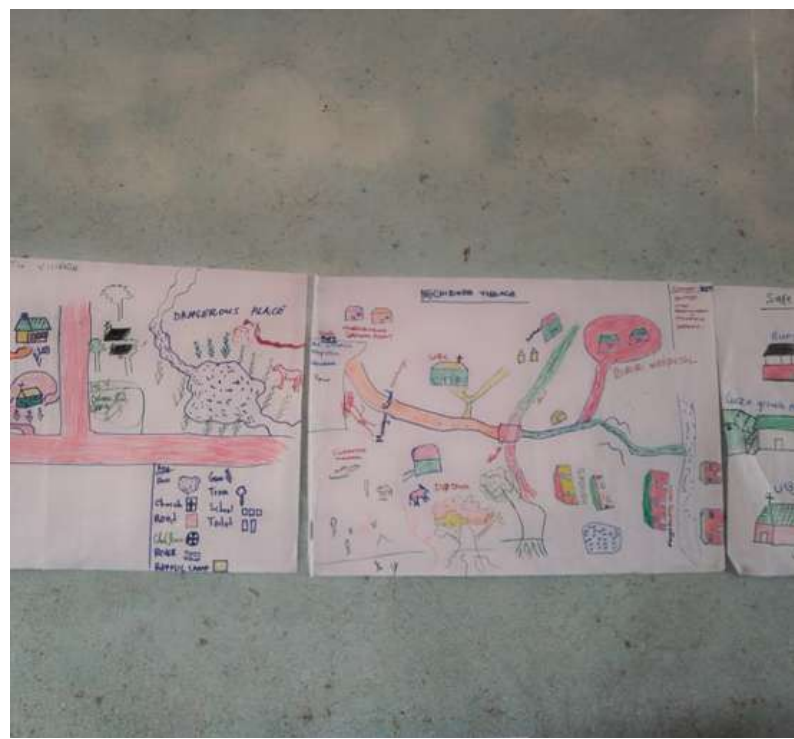


This six-module workshop gives children the skills to resolve the impact of violence and abuse in their lives and heal. Singing to the Lions hopes to teach children skills to increase their resilience and find effective ways to change their situation or, if the problem cannot immediately be altered, to learn new responses. This workshop helps participants to respond effectively and adaptively to fear and violence in their lives. In partnership with Kinderhilfswerk Global Care, in 2022 2561 children attended Singing to the Lions workshops with 2092 parents attending the Parent workshops.

"I lost both my parent's in Cyclone Idai, I was unhappy and felt no hope in my future. In Singing to the Lions I realised I was not alone and that there is still hope for a better tomorrow".

- Blessed







MOYO MUTI

The Moyo Muti Hunger Relief program has begun with our Chimanimani and Harare companions undergoing intensive training. This program, in partnership with Kinderhilfswerk Global Care, aims to empower children to identify, harvest, and grow nutritious food in their community. Giving the children the knowledge to take care of their health reduces their risk of malnutrition.

Thorough the Moyo Muti program I learned how to take control of my own health and how to find nutritious food in my community.
- Panashe

This program will be run through 2023 with 3400 children being targeted to complete these workshops.



"I now know how to take care of my own nutrition and understand that eating unprocessed food is better for my health".

MOYO MUTI



Moyo Muti is a program designed for teenagers 12-19 to address the fight against hunger in their communities. The current economic climate and change in weather patterns have worsened the hunger problem in Zimbabwe. Miracle Missions Vimba has identified the adverse effects that hunger has had on mental health, environmental degradation, and food security.

The program Moyo Muti modules include

- Mental Health – It looks at the effects of hunger and mental wellness and how best to understand one's emotions.
- Nutrition – This module encourages healthy and affordable eating with resources available in the community.
- Conservation Agriculture – This is a pivotal part of the program as it offers a sustainable alternative to farming that is friendly to the environment and guarantees food security.

To complement these, we also have modules on environmental awareness and basic first aid skills.

Distributions of blankets, food and baby hampers have been coordinated to young mothers through Zimbubs.

ZIMBUBS



Sadly for many young mothers in Zimbabwe, access to adequate healthcare is not their reality. ZIMBUBS was birthed out of the realization that many young mothers (aged between 16-20 years old) did not have access to adequate health care due to their vulnerability; the young mothers did not have access to information and the needed resources.

ZIMBUBS aims to capacitate young mothers to become self-reliant through capacity building, skills development, guidance, and counseling. ZIMBUBS strives to help young mothers with antenatal and post-natal training. Reducing incidents of teenage pregnancies in Mabvuku Tafara with peer-to-peer support through the creation of community champions amongst young girls is also an important goal of ZIMBUBS.

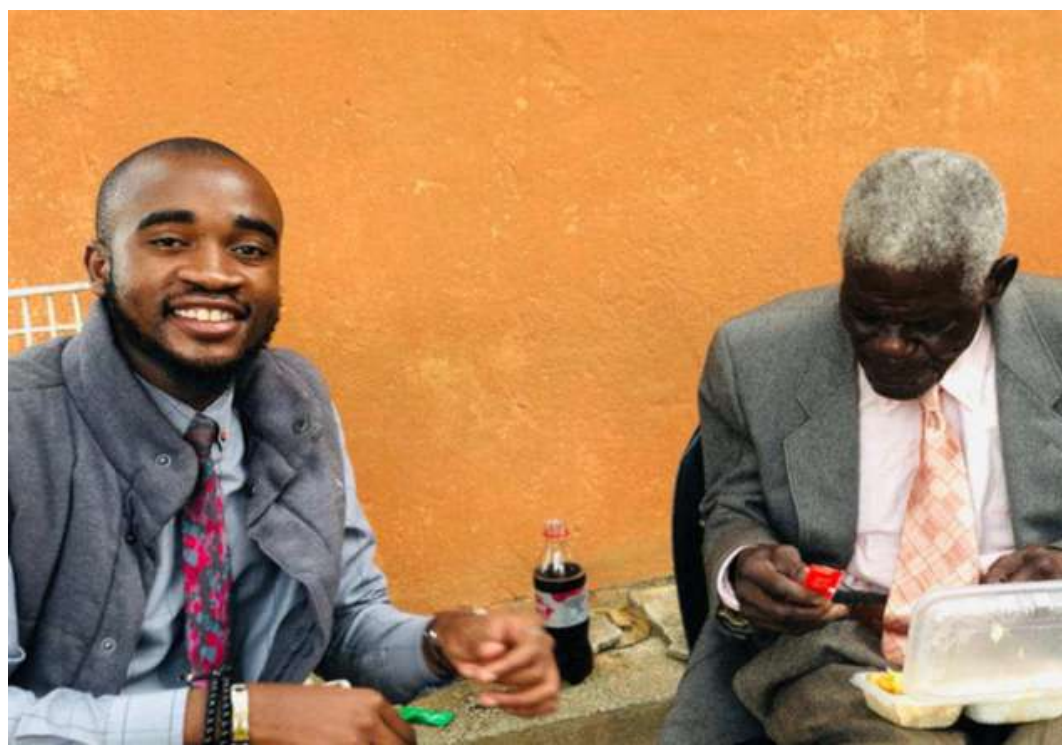
OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Through a network of community-based organisations, Miracle Missions Vimba has built long-lasting relationships, allowing the team to make an impact through initiatives in these communities.

Aging comes with many challenges. The loss of independence is one potential part of the process. Many older adults remain self-sufficient, while others require more care. The elderly no longer hold jobs; finances can sometimes be challenging, and due to cultural misconceptions, older people can be targets of ridicule and stereotype.

Statistics revealed that in Zimbabwe, the nation's oldest populations have the highest risk of living in poverty. Some senior citizens are able to live off of their pensions and savings, and the majority are left to rely on their families to cater to their needs. However, many Zimbabweans are unable to meet their basic needs. Peter, an elderly who has just reached 90 years residing in Goromonzi, shared his story of how he has been looking after himself with no help from his family. "My children left for South Africa and have not visited since 2013". His wish is to be reunited with his family once again. Peter is not the only one; he represents a large majority of senior citizens whose families have left.

The feeding programs for 2022 targeted the senior citizens in Harare. Through this initiative, we are able to fellowship and interact with the elderly and find ways to help them and develop strategies with them whilst enjoying a hot served meal.



SANOP

Southern African Network of Prisons



Southern African Network of Prisons was established by VSO in 2012 and later escalated activities in 2015 (SDC grant) This network has been operational in Eswatini, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe since 2015, advocating for the rights of inmates and ex-inmates and coordinating and mobilizing efforts for their empowerment.

Regional Objectives:

- Created to better coordinate and bring together stakeholders working with prison communities (CSOs, Gvt, MPs, ex-inmates)
- Streamlined understanding of SADC standards
- Learning platform for sharing best practices
- Linkages between CSOs, Exinmates, GVT, and Parliamentarians
- Feed into Regional Advocacy initiatives

The project targets Youth, Women/Girls in prisons (including migrants), young ex-inmates, Foreigners, and PLHIV.

Project Purpose

The project proposes to strengthen and/or develop youth-led spaces/associations/clubs for youth in prison and ex-inmates using our rights-based programming to demand/claim HIV and health service creation and improvement, centering on youth-led social accountability and advocacy.

The targeted prison facilities are

- Eswatini – Vulamasango and Mawelawela (Males and Females)
- Zambia - Katombora (Male) and Lusaka (Female) and Petauke
- Zimbabwe – Whawha Prison (Male), Chikurubi (female), Shurugwi (female), and Khami/Mlondolzi (female)

SANOP operates by implementing activities through partners and volunteers.

Partners

- Prisons and Correctional Services
- Civil Society Organizations
- Government Line Ministries
- Ex-inmates Associations
- Business partners

"Thank you for the prayers and standing by my side whilst I was in hospital, I am back home and feeling much better" - Farai

MEDICAL



Through the year, Miracle Missions Vimba has received hundreds of requests for medical help. Thanks to a network of dedicated doctors, including general practitioners, specialists, surgeons, radiologists, hearing specialists, anesthetists, optometrists, etc., we have been able to help those in need.

Many people in Zimbabwe cannot afford primary healthcare; at Miracle Missions Trust, we aim to partner with other organisations to try and bridge that gap. Our sincere thanks go to all the healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to help the less fortunate in our community. Their dedication is exemplary, and we are proud to be a part of the work that they do.

PRIVATE ROAD ACCIDENT FUND (PRAFF)

Miracle Missions Vimba, Help 24 Seven, and ACE Air & Ambulance have teamed up to help many people in Zimbabwe who can not afford to call an ambulance when they end up in a severe traffic accident or have a critical fall or something which is life-threatening.

We have put together the Private Road Accident Fund that will enable ACE Air & Ambulance to go and collect a vulnerable person who has sustained an injury through accident, illness, or fall.

Our heart is to save lives, and to save a life; you need to help those that cannot help themselves. This fund is designed to save the lives of those in desperate need of an ambulance but cannot afford to call one.





MASAWARA OUTREACH MEDICAL CAMP



Professor Rudo Mutasa started Masawara Outreach in 2014 after considering giving back to the community by providing the underprivileged rural and medically underserved community with healthcare.

In collaboration with Miracle Missions & Vimba Zimbabwe, the outreach is run by different volunteers from different professions and coordinated by the Mutasa family. It includes volunteers like surgeons, medical officers, Ear, Nose, and Throat teams, gynecologists, physicians, orthopedic surgeons, physiotherapists, dental therapists, optometry teams, cancer clinic teams, catering and accommodation teams, camping teams, logistics teams, laboratory teams, photographer, clinic administrator, Masawarians, pastors, local volunteer steam, SIRDC team, and Guta Clinic staff.

This year we welcomed Providence Human Capital, who hosted our team building on the first day,

This year 2300 people were seen by doctors with 9 surgeries being performed at the Mission hospital and another 3 at Bonda Clinic.



"Thank you Miracle Missions Vimba for this wonderful initiative, it has changed my life" - Mebu

EYE CLINIC

On the Day of the African Child, 2022 Miracle Missions Vimba partnered with the Zimbabwe Optometric Association and Northside Community Church to provide pediatric eye screening for the children. The team of 6 volunteered their time to serve during the outreach program, which was a life-changing opportunity for the children that attended. 105 children attended the screening, out of these 29 children were referred for and received glasses. One of the grandmothers attending the screening was blessed with a new pair of glasses.

' I am currently in high school, and my experience in class was not always great. When I was younger i would get heachaches, and I did not really understand where it was coming from, and some people told me that it was from dehydration. When I started my form 1, I always sat at the front so to make sure I could see the board clearly. Even though I sat right in front, it did not always help much. Today I am grateful that I got my glasses, I can see clearly now. I do not need to squint my eye or to move close to the object because it is much clear now." - Winnette



TREE PLANTING

Miracle Missions Vimba is committed to caring for our environment. Throughout the year, we have been participating in tree planting programs, including the Zimbabwe National Tree Planting Day, commemorated annually on the first Saturday of December. The day is set aside to motivate the nation to plant and conserve trees, enlighten the nation on the importance of forests, and enhance biodiversity and household food security. The purpose of this day has been to motivate the nation to plant, care for, and conserve trees as a way of ensuring sustainability in the management and utilization of our forest resources.

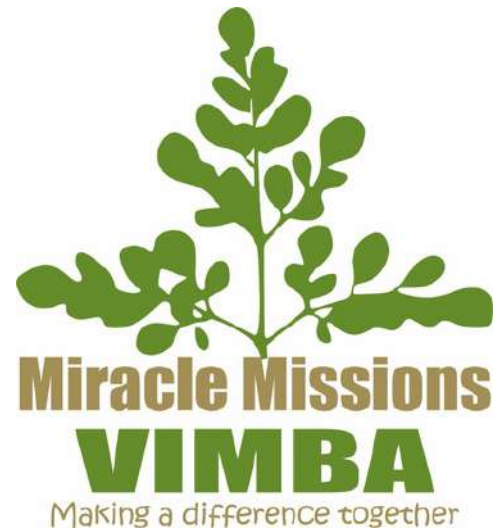
Miracle Missions Vimba, Nedbank Zimbabwe Limited and the Nature Horizon team Limited visited 7 Zimcare Centers within Harare to donate 100 fruits trees which were bought by Nedbank Zimbabwe.

Environment is one of the pillars that support Nedbank as a green bank. Their target for this year was to plant 2500 trees and we were proud to be a part of this program.





CHIKWIZI RURAL HEALTH POINT



Miracle Missions Vimba partnered with LandsAid to build a Rural Health Point in Chikwizi. The Rural Health Point enables the residents of the area to access basic medical care.

The health point serves at least 1000 people in the Chikwizi area and has over 100 patients visiting the center per month.

The success of this project is shared with the Chikwizi community, who have been highly supportive of this project, digging out the foundations and laying out the footing, which passed inspection by the District Administrator and Council. The community has also molded 57,000 bricks which will be used for the outside verandah and pathways within the 400-meter radius of the clinic site. The community raised money to pay the Builder for the work done on the exterior, and the local Member of Parliament donated 40 bags of cement. We believe the Rural Health Point will significantly impact the communities' access to healthcare.





FEEDING PROGRAMS

Miracle Missions Vimba is involved in a number of feeding programs around Zimbabwe.

This includes:

- Hartcliffe Extension elderly, supported by Radhika Boddappati and her group of friends.
- Mapere feeding center for rural children
- Nolan Evans Foundation orphanage
- Montgomery Heights and Montgomery Creshe



The feeding programs look to offer the elderly and children a nutritious meal with balanced nutrients, vitamins, and minerals.

Hunger remains one of Zimbabwe's greatest problems and whilst Miracle Missions believes in capacity-building communities to grow and harvest their own food, these feeding programs bridge a gap for these communities.

CLEAN & GREEN



Clean and Green had a busy and exciting year, and we were honored to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award 2021-2022 at the Africa Green Expo & Conference.

It was wonderful to welcome stakeholders back to the monthly Waste Management Network Meetings. We covered practical and exciting topics - recycling at home, our environment and well-being, community waste transfer stations and recycling projects, Zim earthworm farms, effects of pollution on our ecosystems and nature, the dangers of burning waste on our health, Recovery of nets at Lake Kariba, Sustainable energy solutions, Safe, effective rodent control, Rural Cook Stoves, Trees for Harare and Tree Knowers & Growers.



**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
Recover**

CLEAN & GREEN

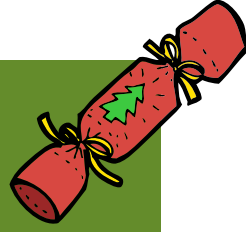
Together with SPAR Zimbabwe and other stakeholders, we continue to support the National Clean Up on the 1st Friday of every month, impacting communities, reducing waste to landfills, and collecting tons of recyclable waste - Our Environment Our Pride. Clean & Green has worked with +18 Orphan Teens since 2011 and was very happy to assist ten young men attending the Foundation for Farming training; they will be planting their maize seed at the +18 House.

Clean & Green was invited to share on recycling and joined respected Ministries at Zimparks to celebrate Africa Environment Day and World Wildlife Day. Celebrating World Environment Day with Eaglesvale Senior School Assembly sharing a Poem, "The Earth's Cry," by our very own Chiedza. Together we did a Clean Up at Harare Gardens with over 500 pupils and teachers. as members of Clean Up the World for 11 years, we organized a clean-up with BAT, EMA, and the City of Harare at Greenwood Park.

Waste management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover) plays a big part in all communities. Our team was delighted to be involved with environmental awareness and training at the Open Street Event at Africa Unity Square and Highfields, The SPAR Colour Run, Homefields, Komani, Garden Show, St John's Fair, several Discovereum (Children's Science Museum) events, and the Pomona Art Space. We believe that through Art, we can create a greater awareness of our environment so LET US INSPIRE, EMPOWER AND BUILD OUR NATION IN 2023



CRACKER MAKING



Every year Miracle Missions Vimba teams up with residents, churches, ladies' groups, youth groups, and anyone willing to help with making crackers. This year we collaborated with Embassies, Coffee Shops, Schools, Hotels, and other organizations and individuals.

Miracle Missions Vimba would like to thank schools, various communities, retirement homes, all the restaurants that supported us, and everyone who came along and made over 7 000 crackers to put a smile on a child's face during Christmas.

**A Christmas cracker
is a simple yet
amazing small gift
such as a cracker
brings so much joy
to a child.**



**The joy of giving
warms the heart and
brings happiness,
not only to those
who receive but to
those who give too.**

CHRISTMAS

Miracle Missions Vimba had such fun this year. Making over 7000 crackers, participating in end-of-year Christmas celebrations, and being given the opportunity to bring joy to the people around us make Christmas time an extra special time of year.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for being so generous with your time and gifts; it has been a blessing to be able to distribute the crackers, food and gifts to children and adults around Zimbabwe.





THANK YOU

Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers for such a wonderful, exciting, and successful year. We look forward to bringing more smiles, joy, and excitement to the people of Zimbabwe in 2023. Join us in making a difference in 2023

