

Sponsoring
A
Zimbabwean
Granny
and
Grandpa

Many elderly and retired Zimbabweans (both black and white) are in dire straights. This is in large part due to the collapse of the economy. The Zimbabwe dollar has depreciated to such an extent that over 23 zeroes have been taken off the currency. This means that you would have had to retired with well over 30 trillion dollars to have 3 dollars in today's currency – an impossibility.

In association with ZANE (Zimbabwe a national emergency) we are initiating a scheme to collect small, regular amounts of money to assist these poor elderly. Please select a granny/grandpa that you would like to sponsor and use direct debit method of payment – make sure you use the reference code.

Thank you for your support.

Bruce and Gilly Dodd



Bertha J.

Bertha J. was born in Bradford, United Kingdom on 10 March 1910. Thus this last March, Bertha celebrated her 100th birthday with residents of the home and friends from a retirement home where she formerly lived. (picture attached).

In the UK, Bertha remarried and came with her second husband to then Rhodesia in the early 1950s, where she has lived ever since. They did not have children and Bertha's sisters and brothers are either deceased or they live in UK and Australia. She was one of 7 siblings. She had one very good friend who managed her affairs as she became less able but sadly this lady, though 20 years Bertha's junior, herself died unexpectedly.

Like many Zimbabweans, Bertha and her husband sold their house, invested the money and moved into a retirement home but those funds were wiped out by the political and economic crisis in Zimbabwe since 2000. She receives a very small British pension (about US\$20 a month) and a local Railway's widow's pension, also of about US\$20 per month. Neither of these are adequate for her rent which is part paid by ZANE and the rest remains a shortfall on the home's books. We keep the \$40 per month to build up a little emergency and/or burial fund for Bertha.

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Veronica M.

Miss M. (77) managed to gain entry to University of Cape Town after a four-week crash course in French to obtain the language requirement. After she graduated she diligently taught English and History until her retirement as deputy-headmistress in 1988. Her static pension was no match for the cost of living and she had to sell the family home and after a series of falls was moved into a nursing home under Zane's care. She is unable to walk after the last fall broke her hip joint (and there are no funds available for surgery) but her mind is active and she always wants to know what's going on politically. She has no surviving relations: 'without your help I don't think I could even live,' she said.

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Mrs. Rose N.

Born 13/07/1933.

Rose has a retired brother in Johannesburg, who is now no longer in a financial position to assist. She has a step-daughter in Mutare, who assists with toiletries and a few incidentals.

Rose gets a "Crown Agents" pension of GBP 40 per quarter, which at today's rate equates to approximately US\$20 per month. Her monthly account is US\$375 per month, and is being assisted by ZANE by \$130 per month. If we could get US\$200 per month, this would be a huge help.

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Ben G.

Mr Ben G. suffered a severe stroke which made him a paraplegic. He was a teacher and before retiring was headmaster at a school at Mberengwa (formerly Belingwe). He has been a widower since 1983 and although he had four children only two of them are supporting him in a limited way. The one takes care of his medical bills while the other buys adult disposable diapers (he had a catheter but got an infection) and gives him toiletries. His daughter says that although he was 'very strict' especially about time management, he was also friendly tolerant and compassionate

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Jeanetta D.

'We lived like kings,' said Jeanetta D. That was when her husband had a job on the railways before he died from a bee-sting in 1999. 'Then things went wrong,' she added: the family home was sold; she and her daughter stayed with relatives and friends under strained conditions. She came to the point where she had to sell her bed and slept on the bare floor, stretching out a meagre ration of food. This is a woman who suffers a form of muscular dystrophy and her daughter has what Jeanetta calls a 'baby mind'. 'In 2004 they were referred to Zane and since then she and her daughter have been supported by us. 'I used to bath with just water,' but now she and her daughter have soap, a 'soft bed' and 'good food'.

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Mr. Neil S.

Born 11/09/1948.

Neil is paralysed down one side due to a vehicle accident in the 1960's. He is mentally "with it" although he does have a small problem with speech, and slow in getting his thoughts across. He has a sister and brother-in-law in Johannesburg, who assist financially, but his sister also has a serious medical problem. Zane assist with US\$130 per month, and US\$200 per month would cover his shortfall.

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Mrs. Claudine W.

Born on 7/09/1924

Claudine has one daughter in Canada, who is struggling financially.

Claudine was in Kadoma, and moved here after she broke her hip - they have no frail care facilities in Kadoma.

She is on a British pension, which is paid into her daughter's account, and is then paid to Borradaile Trust. Claudine is not on medical aid, which compounds the problem. Claudine's pension barely covers her medical and incidentals. She had applied to be moved to Britain on the repatriation scheme, but prior to her being able to go she broke her hip, and was incapable of travelling. She is now totally bed ridden and has senile dementia taking over.

Her monthly account amounts to just short of US\$500 per month. If it were possible to find in the region of US\$400 per month for her, this would be a huge help.

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ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency Appeal in Australia

As a charity, we target three areas of need in Zimbabwe. We support pensioners, ex-servicemen and help rebuild communities. We pride ourselves in our personal approach in all three areas of work and our team on the ground operates with accountability, courage and integrity.

ZANE has been the key charity in the avoidance of a catastrophe in Zimbabwe over the last eight years. Apart from helping with finance, food and medicines to pensioners in their private homes ZANE has been able to ensure that 34 out of the 35 Old Age Homes in Zimbabwe are still functioning. Please go to our website <http://www.zane.uk.com/> for more detail of what we do. Spiralling costs inside Zimbabwe, the recession and a weakening of the pound means that ZANE can now only support 60% of the needs supported two years ago. Our mission to allow pensioners to die with dignity is under acute pressure.

There has been no money lost to corruption in the last eight years. Administration costs, and in-country salaries and expenses amount to 10% of the total amount we distribute. This means that 90c out of every dollar you donate will arrive where it is intended.

Please will you join our group of donors in Australia? It will help us greatly if you commit to an amount of money every month. This will allow us to budget ahead. Every drop counts and many drops make a wave.

Please help build the Australian wave.

Look out for our monthly report which will track the growth of ZANE Australia and provide feedback with regards to the situation inside Zimbabwe.

Although ZANE is a fully registered charity in the United Kingdom, ZANE is not a registered charity in Australia. We are most grateful to the RSL Community Care Ltd for hosting ZANE in Australia and effectively offering us the hospitality of their Australian Charitable status. Their kindness enables Australian donors to claim the relevant tax relief due on any donations they may care to make to ZANE.

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Mr Herbert M. Michael of RSL Community Care, based in Canberra has kindly offered to track all donations. Please email him on michaelis@netspeed.com.au and copy to jodpur38@yahoo.com supplying details of your donation so that we are able to acknowledge your donation and include you on our mailing list. You can also communicate via Skype. Our address is: [zanezane445](https://www.skype.com/user/zanezane445)

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