

Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries

April 2017 Newsletter

Zimbabwe News

After an alarming year of severe drought, crop failure, and famine in 2016, most of Zimbabwe is now beset by the worst flooding in over 100 years. The dramatic shift in weather conditions has been brought on by heavy rains and resulted in the filling and overflow of up to 85% of the dams in the country. As of March 3rd, 2500 homes have been lost or damaged, 2000 people are homeless, and 246 people have died. Many homes that were left standing are now at risk of collapse. Roads have become impassable, schools and health facilities have been damaged, and crops have been lost. The Chileleko crops were destroyed twice in the past 3 months by the severe rains. The government has declared the land a national disaster and appealed for international assistance. For more information, see <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/03/national-disaster-declared-floods-kill-246-170303064346564.html>.



ANNUAL CLOTHING COLLECTION BEGINS

Each year on our annual mission trip Jonathan's Impact delivers to the Chileleko children their winter wardrobe. The children's wardrobe is not included in the budget, so this collection of used or new clothing is greatly needed. Please see the attached flier for information, if you would like to help.

SEEKING SPONSOR LETTERS

A big highlight for the children on our mission trip last year was the delivery of letters from their sponsors. The children were very excited to see that their sponsors have names, faces, and are interested in them! We are again asking each sponsor to write their child and send a current picture. You may mail the letters to 23445 Heidi Drive, Covington, LA 70435 or email them to cmdileo@live.com. BY APRIL 30, 2017.

Children Exiting and Arriving at Chileleko

Last month, two of the Chileleko children, Nokutenda and Tanaka, left the home to be reunited with family members. After an extensive search, Nokutenda's father was found by the Social Services Department of Zimbabwe and Nokutenda has gone to live with him. Her father was in tears when they were re-united. Tanaka was adopted by her Aunt.

The empty slots in the home have already begun to be filled. One week ago, Claude Munyika, a 20-month-old boy who had been living on the streets with his mother, came to live at the home. We eagerly expect the home to soon be filled to its capacity of 12 children.