

# *Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries*

## November 2020 NEWSLETTER

### 2020 – A YEAR OF BREAKTHROUGHS FOR SHAMMAH HOUSE

While 2020 has been a disheartening year in many ways for much of the world, it has been a year of breakthroughs for Jonathan's Impact and the orphans of Shammah House. The extreme poverty of most of the Zimbabwean church members who are affiliated with Shammah House and the lengthy respiratory illness and hospitalization of the home director Abel Malate in 2020 have placed the financial condition of Shammah House in a difficult place. Prior to his illness this year, Abel Malate was paying for much of the education for the children of the home by doing electrical work for the children's school in exchange for tuition payments. Even with his efforts, the tuition payments were in arrears, even though some payments were being made. Now, however, Abel is unable to do this work because of his health. His fellow church members are unable to assist with support of the home because they are struggling to feed their own families. The Covid -19 virus has had a severe negative impact on the already flailing Zimbabwean economy. After focused prayer and unanimous agreement among all of the Jonathan's Impact board members, Jonathan's Impact has agreed to assume responsibility for 97% of the Shammah House budget this year.

In addition to providing most of the budgets for Shammah House and the Chileleko Home, the board of Jonathan's Impact has recognized and responded to the need for an aging out plan for Shammah House. (An aging out and savings plan had already been made for the Chileleko Home in prior years.) Shammah House, which houses 20 children, has 6 adolescents who are aging out of the home this year. Jonathan's Impact has agreed to provide, funds permitting, post-secondary education for the children of the homes, be it university, college, or trade school. Jonathan's Impact will also provide a laptop computer and data plan for the students who go to college or university. Shammah House and the Chileleko Home will contribute to the aging out plan by providing continued housing for the young adults, whether it is at their present home or at the foster home of a church member. They will also provide most of the transportation costs and daily meals for the students. To participate in this plan, the students must be law abiding, follow the rules of the homes and make passing grades. We believe that post high school education is absolutely essential for these young adults to have a chance of financial survival. The cost for the aging out program this upcoming year alone is projected to be \$9,000.

Your new and continued support of the orphans of Shammah House and the Chileleko Home is very much needed. Conald and Lucia Dandahuni, directors of the Chileleko Home, and Abel and Swemmer Malate, directors of Shammah House, have followed the heart of God, who describes Himself as a "Father to the fatherless and defender of widows," in their care of orphans. Jonathan's Impact is humbly grateful to join them in their sacrificial giving.

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*Home Directors Abel and Swemmer Malate, Abel with New Daughter Maitaishe*

### *A Letter of Thanks From Pastor Abel Malate - Nov. 11, 2020*

Dear Cassy,

On behalf of Shammah board, shammah staff and shammah family I would like to appreciate and honour the leadership of Jonathan Impact for your great love and support to the shammah home.

Our partnership with Jonathan Impact has brought so much hope and excitement at the shammah house. The shammah family is forever grateful for this great partnership as it have impacted and transformed the lives and the destinies of the children under our care at shammah children's home.

They have been a number of developments at our shammah home since our partnership with Jonathan Impact. Our living standards have changed for the better. Food used to be one of the major challenges at the shammah home but we thank God that through the love and the support of Jonathan Impact we are managing to have monthly food stuffs for our children.

This wonderful partnership has brought some great joy and stability to our caregivers and staff as their allowances were increased from \$16.00 USD per month to \$100.00 USD per month and our gardener also saw an increase from \$6.00 USD to \$50.00 USD per month. Because of the love and support from Jonathan Impact Ministry our caregivers have continued to provide quality care and support to the children in our care at shammah.

Life has never been the same again at shammah home since our great partnership with the Jonathan Impact family. Lives have been impacted and lives are being transformed at shammah. Great hope has been restored to our teenagers who are in the process of aging out from our care at shammah. The shammah family shall always be grateful for the love from Jonathan Impact and it is such love that keep us going each and every day. On behalf of all the children in our care we are forever grateful from the depths of our hearts.

May the dear Lord richly bless the Jonathan Impact Team for impacting lives and changing destinies of the children at shammah.

Yours for the children, Pastor **Abel Malate**

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## SHAMMAH HOUSE CHILD BIO



Blessing Manyame is a lovely and an energetic eight year old boy who is currently doing grade two at Prospect Primary School. Blessing came to Shammah home when he was two weeks old. Blessing was so little when he came into our care but he has grown up to be a big responsible and ever smiling young boy.

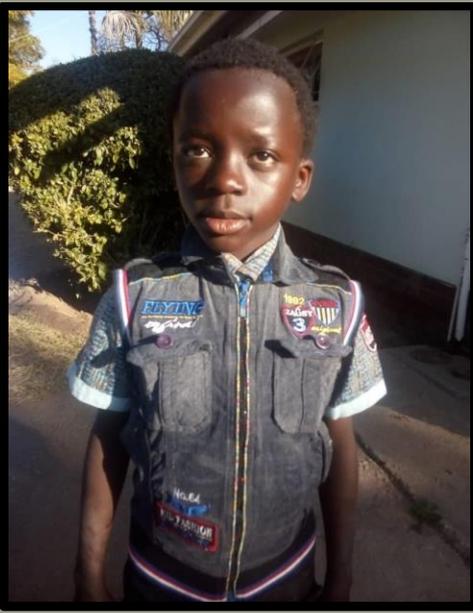
Blessing's mother died during giving birth and when his biological father heard about the news he collapsed and died of shock.

We are so grateful to God for restoring good health to our dear beloved son blessing. Indeed our lovely son is a blessing unto us as his name. He is academically gifted and he loves singing a lot and he can recite a lot of bible verses.

Blessing desires to become an engineer when he finishes his high school. Blessing Birthday – 26 June

By Abel Malate

## CHILELEKO HOME CHILD BIO



Kuzileza came to the Chileleko Home in 2012 .He was only 14 months old. His mother died of a retained placenta and we don't know the whereabouts of his father. He comes from one of the most remote parts of Zimbabwe. He comes from a poor family and he was being looked after by his maternal aunt who had 5 children of her own. Life was tough for the infant. He had severe rickets and was malnourished. Now he is a healthy young boy who is now 9 years old and is in grade 4. Thank you from rescuing him from severe poverty and giving him a chance in life.

By Lucia Dandahuni

### A Word from Lucia, Chileleko Home Director

Jonathan's Impact stands in the gap for us. They have given us the opportunity to share the love of Christ through caring for these children. We want to say thank you all for being there for us. Without your help it would only have been a vision and we could not have been able to do as much as we are doing.

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The 2020 mission trip planned for from May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> was postponed due to the COVID pandemic. We are researching possible dates in mid- to late 2021; details will be shared once a decision is reached. We would love to have you join us.

### CURRENT ISSUES IN ZIMBABWE

According to a press release in late October 2020, Zimbabwe expects its average annual inflation to slow to 134% in 2020, according to a finance ministry document published on Friday, more than halving the central bank's previous forecast. Of course, government forecasts are overly optimistic! The country is grappling with its worst economic crisis in more than a decade, with runaway inflation of 659.4% year-on-year in September, and severe shortages of foreign currency, food, and medicine.

Water shortages continue. From <https://www.newzimbabwe.com/residents-fetch-water-from-graveyard-well/> severe water shortages have forced citizens to draw water from open sources surrounded by graves. Alex Gasasira, head of the World Health Organisation in Zimbabwe, warns that drinking water from a well in a graveyard risks exposure to diseases such as typhoid fever and cholera, which sporadically occur in Zimbabwe.



Shammah House Kids Take a Field Trip to the Airport.

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