

St Andrew's URC ArtPeace Initiative

Cement bags for blankets: When you snuggle under the duvet tonight, spare a thought for 34 year old Jacob who lives at Guruve Kennedy Farm. Artist Ignatius said: 'Jacob used to work for a Mr Kennedy, a white farmer who was forced to flee when war veterans invaded his farm. In



order to survive, Jacob spends most of his time working for the new owners who do not give him a cent but occasionally provide 20kgs maize and ground nuts. Winter has arrived and Jacob who lives in the plastic shelter (left), has no blankets so uses joined up old cement bags. I gave him an old pair of my jeans.' Extreme Left: Jacob settling down for the night. Left:



outside his shelter cooking some ground nuts and sadza using a traditional pot over an open fire.

FRIENDS: Fr Konrad, my latest invaluable Silveira House contact is currently on a two month well deserved leave to Germany and hopes to visit the UK late June. Konrad will bring more pieces and it will be good to finally meet him after our regular text exchanges. His tremendous work amongst the poor must be exhausting at times but he still retains a tremendous sense of humour.



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Bishop Dieter Scholz emailed me from hospital in Germany where he is receiving treatment. Dieter (75), who met a few elders at St Andrew's many years ago, hopes to retire eventually and applied to Rome five years ago but must wait until a suitable replacement is found. He is keen to meet up again and sent this photo taken

at a mass late March to celebrate the centenary of Kutama Mission. The gentleman in the suit is President Mugabe! Bishop Dieter is still as fearless in his criticism of injustice and atrocities in present day Zimbabwe as when the country was under racist white rule. I hope he manages to visit us in Walton again.



Eleanor Patrick from Kettering URC made the journey by train to 'the shed' and packed a case with small pieces to sell at her church.

Eleanor has now visited 3 times and Toller has proved a great support to ArtPeace over the years.



CHANCE ENCOUNTER: Recently, whilst walking to Walton to transfer sculpture sales money to ArtPeace, I brooded over how little there was to share considering some artists face eviction due to rent arrears. As chance would have it, I bumped into an angel in the form of a member of St Andrew's, a regular giver, who made a generous donation. The following day, the money was in the hands of our friends to their great relief! Transfers used to take a week but for various reasons, I have changed to a new far simpler quicker procedure.

Thanks to Brian Macgarry S.J., the stunning pieces below have just arrived – enjoy!



Burning Heart by Lizeni Nasho



Duck by Edmore Sango



Elephants by Victor Mutongwizo



Bird by Moses



Lovers in Cobalt by Edmore Sango



The Family by Godfrey William



Old Tusker in Vedite by Arthur Fata

A FURTHER SELECTION OF PIECES AWAITING A COURIER

ArtPeace try to keep their families' heads above water and often work growing maize or grab any menial job. Some are too ill to work. Fr Brian said recently that the situation was on a knife edge. Most are below the poverty line. At times there is a shortage of pieces but their friends, also struggling artists like Charles Fundisi and Luke Jimu step in and fill the gap with their work in metal and stone. Some pieces below await a courier but are lighter than usual! Top row features figures by Charles recalling days when he used to meet his girlfriend, now wife, on his bicycle. Centre photo of his family, Below is Luke with family and a selection of his work. **JS**

