

ARTPEACE AND FRIENDS (ZIMBABWE)

LIVING IN FEAR: The demolition of homes at Caledonia Farm displacement camp home to some of the artists, continues. Whilst families sell vegetables in the foreground of the photo below taken by artist Fortune, the pall of smoke in the background masks yet another tragedy. Fortune explains: 'One resident was so distraught at the thought of losing everything with nowhere to go that he set his own home on fire and then took his life. His body was found



hanging 200 metres away.' Fortune and his family live in fear and dread. They dare not leave their home least bulldozers arrive and trash everything. There is no warning, no support or alternative accommodation provided – only destruction without compassion making many families destitute. Fortune took the photo below of a bulldozer working on a road getting closer and closer to his home. He approached the driver who refused to tell him whether his modest house would be destroyed. This family have already suffered so much.



THE GOOD SAMARITAN: The photo below shows Eunice Patrick a 35 yr old Malawian (in pink and white blouse) who, following the demolishment of 15yr old Faith and siblings' home (October



NL refers), offered the family of five orphans accommodation. Artist Coster who supplied the last story with photos and whose own home was demolished said that Eunice, a widow without children, regularly attends her Apostolic church. Donations pressed into my hand after church the other week, were speedily sent to help this family. Eunice used part of our gift to buy and resell fresh fish caught by fishermen at Lake Chivero - this is how she mainly survives. She was most

appreciative of our support which cheered the family (above) enormously. Faith has now been discharged from hospital but cried with pain walking home: our donation will also cover vital medicine. The next photo shows Eunice sitting on a bed settee between Faith and her brother Tatenda. The other children sleep cramped on the floor. Light flickers from a solitary candle. Our Harvest Collection will further benefit this family, Artpeace and friends plus others in need.



THE RACE IS ON! Such is the demand for Nativity sets from our Southwark friends that the shop has virtually run out. Some were snapped up by London schools so the race is on to get as many as possible over before Christmas. The sample left, one of three different sets by two artists, was carved by Godfrey William whom the congregation may recall almost died from TB earlier this year. **QUITE A SPECTACLE:** A few days after Cobham Hospital management team's gift arrived (Oct. NL refers), Leo Mazengula (Fr

Koni's right hand man at SH), gave Lizeni Nasho and Peter Kananji a lift into Harare to visit an optician. Both had been suffering from bad



headaches for months. Photos above left: Lizeni awaiting her prescription. Right: Sorted! Simple items like glasses which we take for granted are way beyond the means of Artpeace. Cobham Hospital were delighted with the quick response to their gift and are now considering buying some sculptures once various rooms at the hospital have been redecorated. **Johnston Simpson**



CHILDREN'S CORNER : Although these children look happy having their photo taken by Fortune, one of our artists, they would far rather be at school with friends. However, their parents, if they have any, cannot afford school fees. Sadly, school is not always free as in this country. Instead, they help by carrying heavy containers of polluted river balanced on their heads; this is used for washing and sometimes drinking as clean drinking water is not available. In the background can be seen pools of nasty sewage. The land is very dry at present awaiting the rains but look at the splendid photo of a friendly chameleon below recently taken near Fortune's house - it is changing its skin - how cool is that! Zimbabweans say this is a good indication of rain - essential for growing maize, their staple food. **JS**

