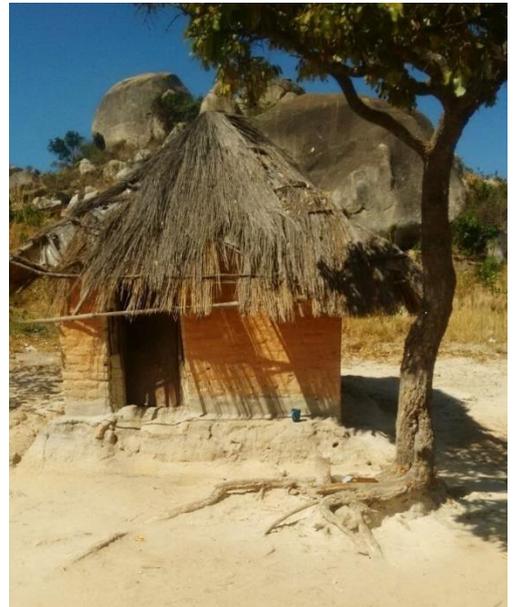


# ARTPEACE AND FRIENDS

**THOMAS' DILEMMA:** Togara Machingiri (photo opposite page), whose delightful work is often on display in St Andrew's Gateway and Southwark Cathedral, explained the disturbing plight of one little boy: 'Dear John. Thank you for my sales money. My friend Ignatius told me that you and church friends help poverty stricken people so I decided to send these photos of Thomas Chazara, a poor disabled boy who lives a few metres away from my homestead. Thomas is 14 years old and lives with his granny. His mother died and his father abandoned him when he was only three because of his condition. Thomas has never ever walked and crawls like a baby. His



granny cannot afford to send him to school. Sometimes he suffers serious wounds on his knees as he even crawls over rocks trying to move from one place to another. During the rainy season, it is so hard for him; he is also open to some of the diseases associated with water - typhoid, bilharzia and cholera. Food and clothing is also a challenge for him and his granny as she has to work for others to survive.' Photos of Thomas near his basic home taken by Togara Machingiri.

**LIZENI:** Last month's article said that artist Lizeni Nasho appeared to be on the road to recovery but she has since taken a turn for the worse. The family spent the last of their money sent last



month on a visit with overnight stay in hospital where a diagnosis of ulcers etc. was made. The doctors also think Lizeni may have had a slight stroke but she could not afford an X - ray or blood tests so was discharged the following day. I sent more of our donations to cover the cost of a prescription to treat her ulcers. Sandra, her daughter, used the balance to buy food recommended by the hospital and is so relieved and grateful for this support - food and medicines are so expensive in Zimbabwe. All the artists visited Lizeni to boost her morale and pray with her for her recovery. She appears to be improving but will need further tests.



**DOMINIC:** On a happier note, Dominic above right, (reference Oct. newsletter article) who supplemented his meagre diet with mice was thrilled with his money via a donation and bought some decent food plus new clothes ☺.

**OCTOBER** was a record month for sales according to Jon Dollin - Southwark Cathedral's Shop



manager. Togara Machingiri's work is much in demand at both St Andrew's and Southwark. One Guernsey customer and a fan of Togara, has built up a great collection of around 20 Artpeace sculptures and says he needs a bigger home! Togara is delighted with our support as he often visits and cares for his mother who has heart problems and lives far away. His UK sales money goes a long way towards her hospital fees and medicines. Artpeace also have another fan – no less than Jan our church cleaner who loves her job and does such good work keeping St Andrew's spick and span whilst many of us are tucked up in bed! **Photos:** left - Togara at work.



Right, his Giraffe family in leopard rock are now happily grazing in Guernsey with their 'friends'.

**ASPECTS OF LIFE IN ZIMBABWE** – Below **Left:** A man digging a toilet pit at Caledonia Farm where AP live: they have been without sewage pipes for 5 years and fear typhoid. **Centre:** The next Ronaldo? A young boy on a sparse pitch at Caledonia, waiting to take a penalty: the team have no shirts or boots. **Right:** A sad lonely Jeffrey Nyakudya (22) reduced to living in a mud hut survives by herding cattle for war veterans who pay him in maize. *Photos provided by Coster.*



**STOP PRESS - MARLOW URC come up trumps again!** Last month, elders ran a service based on photos and reports from Artpeace: the congregation were very moved. Church secretary Martin Beck followed this up at their church meeting which resulted in a unanimous decision by the congregation and minister to gift the group a tremendous donation covering a year's supply of seed, nitrate and compound fertilisers as the rainy season is due. This should increase yields helping to feed their extended families of around 300 people. The other half of the donation will go towards 1) the deepening of artist Peter's 12 mtrs. deep well (dug by himself) using explosives to free up a large stone blockage. 2) a useful sum of cash for each artist to buy food and medicines etc. and 3) 3 eBay used Smartphones to facilitate photos.



**Thomas, Dominic and Jeffrey**, will also benefit but more on this exciting development next month! *Photo: Ecstatic artists loading some of the fertilisers & early maturing seed.*

**Johnston Simpson**