

# Home-Based Care Zimbabwe

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Home Based Care is so important for those who are living with HIV and AIDS because it ensures they, and their caregivers, are given support and assistance.

↓ Zimbabwe has suffered through droughts, political and economic problems. Hospitals cannot cope and so the majority of the sick stay at home. Most families cannot afford to buy the more expensive high nutrition foods and medicines for sick members.

This project ministers to people living with HIV and AIDS by training church volunteers to minister to sick people and those looking after them. The sick are given assistance with ambulance fees, prescribed medicines, food and hospital fees. Voluntary Counselling and Testing is promoted throughout the community, and those that test HIV+ are encouraged to form support groups to assist in living positively with HIV.

↓ Update from Project Manager, Caiphaz Ngarivhume, April 2010.

We have begun to see a new kind of volunteer emerge in our Home-Based Care project. Some of our support group members are now joining with our other volunteers to visit and help families looking after sick people. They make very effective volunteers because, in addition to everything, they share their experiences of how they coped with HIV and AIDS in their own lives, and being stigmatized.

Farai, Nyemudzai and Chirashwa are three such volunteers. Farai and Chirashwa have been living with HIV since 2007, and Nyemudzai since 1998. They all have a passion to share their experience with others so that they

encourage other people to go for HIV testing and to live fruitful and healthy lives.

They have been getting support with medicines from our Home Based Care ministry since 2008. Each of them got sick some time in 2008 and they got medicines and hospital fees from the Home Based Care ministry and have recovered fully. They are ready to walk and share their lives with others.



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