

Dear AFUMC,

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We want to express our sincere thanks for your generous support of our recent trip to Zimbabwe. Because of your kindness, we had a very successful trip and were able to touch many, many people in need.

When we arrived at Hanwa, the school building was to the eve level. We were there to help with the gables and to erect the trusses. We also got the roof 99.5 % completed before we left. We were delayed by a shortage of roofing material and were two pieces of roof cap short of finishing. They should get the roof caps early this week. The outside of the building and one of the rooms was coated with dagga (mortar) before we left. As soon as the building is dagga'd, they'll work on the windows and finish the floor. The school building is really important as it will enable the school to be accredited for administering the state's standardized testing. Currently, students from Hanwa have to walk to a distant school for their standardized testing. We also left funds for the school to purchase tables and benches for the classrooms.



The final picture above is the closing day celebration in one of the classrooms. The celebration lasted about 4 hours and included speeches from local school, community, and church leaders. The school also provided entertainment and a feast.



We also refurbished Hanwa's church while we were there. The community has been worshipping in a former worker home. Prior to our arrival, the community had taken down the walls and added new windows. We helped paint the building and install window panes.

One of our team members also made the cross on the church (below). The community really enjoyed the cross, as the previous one was small and in pretty poor condition.



One of our major challenges during the trip was the lack of water. We used a water trailer for most of the trip. There was a non-functioning well and pump about a quarter of a mile from where we stayed. We had the pump repaired and replaced the water tank (above) after it exploded. We were able to provide fresh, clean water to a community that had not had a water source for several years.



We also visited the clinic (above) in Dindi that we helped build 4 years ago. It's fully operational now, and last year we helped pay for a solar generating system, as the clinic and mission school is about 20 miles beyond the end of electricity. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide much needed medical supplies this trip. Unfortunately, the toilet and bathing room in the final picture are not operational as there still is no water on site.

Thanks again for your support. Because of your generosity, we were able to improve the lives of a lot of people living on the edge. We also thank you for prayer support as all of us returned safe and healthy.

Thanks and God Bless you for your support,

Ron and Adele Hanes