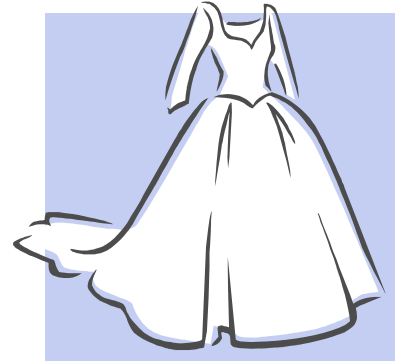




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Operation Wedded Bliss

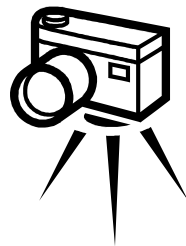
Many young couples wanting to get married in Zimbabwe obviously want a day to remember. In their situation, couples hire most of the items for a happy wedding day from commercial companies in Harare. For those living in the townships and those on severely limited incomes, this leads them into spending far more than they can really afford and thus into inescapable debt.

In our training Centre in Kuwadzana, we already hire out our community hall and catering facilities for weddings. *Operation Wedded Bliss* aims to build on this by providing a complete wedding package to those living in the townships, especially Kuwadzana. The aim is to supply the following types of item for hire:

1. Wedding dresses donated by people in the UK
2. Bridesmaids dresses and jewellery etc for bride (from UK)
3. Wedding invitation service (using computers already at the centre)
4. Photography service (using a good quality camera from UK)
5. DVD service (using a good quality camcorder from UK)
6. Flowers posies, church and table decorations (many grown in our grounds in Kuwadzana plus silk flowers from UK)
7. Wedding Cake service (we already have a supplier locally)
8. Catering service (the centre already has kitchens and items available for mass catering)
9. All tables, tableware, chairs, décor (some already available, other items to be collected in UK)
10. Hire of hall and grounds, overnight accommodation for travelling guests if necessary

In addition, couples would be offered a marriage preparation course to prepare them for married life both spiritually and practically.

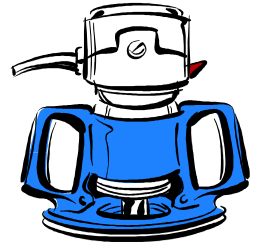
The benefits of this project ,apart from being able to supply a good quality service at a more reasonable price to prevent debt, is that it would create employment for local people (much needed where unemployment is 80%) and it would provide some income to help in the maintenance and day to day running on the Training Centre.



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Operation Resource and Recycle

Operation Resource and Recycle is a new project for Zimbabwe for 2011 which seeks to help resource the work of our projects at Kuwadzana Christian Training Centre with a range of necessary equipment and resources collected in the UK and transported by ship to Harare via a container.

Background to Operation Resource and Recycle

Recently in January 2011, Lynda Hulcoop, the PCNI Director, visited Zimbabwe to assess the situation and state of PCNI projects there. What became clear was that the Christian Training Centre in Kuwadzana is running very effectively but is having to cope with a severely limited range of resources in various areas making the work yet more difficult and arduous than it could be. Furthermore, the vision for future projects to serve the community would all require resources in terms of tools and equipment. Although the shops in Zimbabwe are now well stocked with many of the necessary items, prices in US\$ are now incredibly high even compared to UK prices and in a country with 80% unemployment and extremely low wages, buying things locally is not an option.

On the other side of the coin, people in the UK who are struggling with recession are finding it difficult to give as much to charitable concerns as previously in monetary terms but still do have a lot of excess resources in their possession which they would be willing to recycle and donate to such a good cause as the work in Zimbabwe.

Aims of the project

Given the above, the aim of *Operation Resource and Recycle* is to use our network to collect the much needed goods and equipment for our work at the Training Centre and to resource other future income generating projects and hire a 20ft container to be shipped to Zimbabwe in 2011.

Goods Required

Books (Christian/ study books for O level and A level; General reference and interest books; good novels, Gardening equipment and tools; tables, chairs, kitchen and cooking equipment; sewing machines; wedding dresses and goods for Operation Wedded Bliss; electrical equipment; tools, bicycles; crockery; cutlery, office equipment e.g. laminator, photocopier, printer, sports equipment, musical instruments; audio equipment, PA system, computer soft ware, clothing, shoes, blankets cleaning equipment, painting tools, board games etc

Currently, we are looking into the costs and procedures for shipping. It is estimated that to send such a container we will need to raise approx **£6000** to cover shipping costs.

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Operation Mercy

Background to Operation Mercy

On a recent visit to Zimbabwe in January 2011, Lynda Hulcoop and her team had the privilege of ministering to many people in the local community and experiencing first hand the incredible challenges facing many of them. In this ministry, one particular scenario was described again and again: Given the extremely high death rate (often as a result of HIV/Aids), many families are struggling to cope with bereavement in the most practical of ways. They came across several families having to cope not only with the death of loved ones but also being saddled with bringing up the children of the deceased as their own. This means coping with the added mouths to feed, children to clothe and all the added educational costs with absolutely no help from the Government. Some have inherited as many as 6 or 8 children, some even as single parents. Alongside this, there are those who choose to take in orphans from the community, not their own flesh and blood, out of compassion and Christian concern, thus reflecting the heart of God.

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows— this is God, whose dwelling is holy

Aims of Operation Mercy

Given the above situation, *Operation Mercy* seeks to meet some of the most basic needs of such families by offering provision of clothing and food. Where clothes and shoes are collected via our project "*Operation Resource and Recycle*" these will be distributed to the most needy families. In addition the aim is to provide food parcels for such families consisting of the basic foods necessary for survival: maize flour, cooking oil, salt, beans, orange juice etc together with soap for washing clothes and bodies. Such parcels are given out at Christmas but this is not sufficient for such needy families. A parcel such as the one shown here costs approx US\$20 (£13) and ideally needs to be given out on a monthly basis to support such vulnerable families



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Operation Education, Education, Education



Children praying for God's help

in the new term ahead

Background to the Project

Education in Zimbabwe is a vital resource and much sought after. In spite of all the deprivations, parents are keen for their children to go to the best schools. And the children themselves actually want to do to school and learn, not taking education for granted as many in the UK do, but seeing it as a God given opportunity to learn and grow. Currently the state run education system is in a poor state with a limited curriculum and teachers often on strike. Thus most parents want to send their children to privately run institutions such as ours where there will be higher standards, consistent teaching input and a positive learning environment.

Currently on our Training Centre site in Kuwadzana, we run Superkids preschool and host Uniting College Secondary School. We had wanted to offer a primary school so that children can undertake their education throughout at the centre, but sadly the local authorities have said this is not possible due to lack of space. On a recent visit in 2011, Lynda, together with Revd Jonah Masaka, the Centre Director, and Mr Emmanuel Venge, headmaster of the secondary school held extensive discussions looking at the future of the school

The need to rebuild...

Operation Education, Education, Education addresses the urgent need for us to demolish the existing prefab classrooms on our site (put up temporarily by the headmaster some 5 years ago), which are substandard and against Government regulations. Their presence on our site means we incur a monthly fine of US\$300 which is a waste of resources. Inspection of them clearly reveals they are highly unsuitable rooms for the education of children, not in keeping with the good standard of the rest of the buildings on our site, too small and totally unglorifying to God! The aim of the project is to replace them with a new 3 classroom building with offices which will serve to house the secondary school and include a computer room/study zone for both school children and adults who want to come and learn computers. A consignment of computers for this purpose has already been sent out in 2010.

Plans for such a building have already been drawn up and accepted by the City of Harare; also window frames and doorframes have already been made as part of our welding project. The cost of such a building is in the region of US\$30,000 (£20,000 pounds), Such a new building would greatly enhance the school facilities and offer one of the best choices of school in Harare; it will also bring in a stable income to the centre to help with the considerable running costs. It will also enable us to offer the computer classes to a larger class. Currently we can only teach 4 students at a time.



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Operation Sponsoring staff salaries

Kuwadzana Christian Training Centre was officially opened in September 2001. The original vision was to build and run a Bible School for training lay leaders for work in the church and community. Courses began and a library/reading room was also provided to serve some of the poorest people in the high density suburb of Kuwadzana.

Over the years since then, the vision has expanded to include a community hall hired out to other churches, for weddings, parties etc; Superkids day care centre providing nutritious food and education to pre-school children, a secondary school, a dormitory to house people coming into the centre for residential courses, a sewing project centre, farming courses and a brick making and welding project. Each day the centre welcomes hundreds of people through its gates proving to be a real oasis from the deprivation and squalor increasingly found within the township.

Clearly the running of such a training centre requires a lot of workers to maintain good standards and run efficiently to the glory of God. Currently a staff of 10 working under Revd Jonah Masaka are responsible for the day to day running of the centre. The longer term is to make the Training centre self supporting and we hope this aim will be reached within the next 5 years. However, due to the dire economic conditions in Zimbabwe, PCNI are responsible for helping towards covering staff salaries which currently amount to £1000 per month. If God leads you, you may wish to invest in supporting a worker for a month or more.

£100 will help sponsor Netsai, Nyasha, Susan, Mailos, Marion p.m.

£120 will help sponsor Christine or Oripa p.m.

£150 will help sponsor Robert, James or Patience p.m.

Alternatively any gift large or small will make a difference and help us support these faithful workers.

Investing in people is vital to the success of the centre



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