



# RENEWAL MINISTRIES

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Dear Family, Friends and Partners,

Wow! 2023 has kicked off for us with such a whirlwind of activity and excitement. We believe the Lord has given us 5 major reminders/instructions for 2023:

1. **He has been working in the darkness.** Jesus said, “my Father is always working!” We are reminded in Romans 8:18 and 28 that these difficult times are being used for our good!
2. **There is life after disappointment.** Ruth was so distraught by her circumstances that she lost her identity (Ruth 1:20) but her story was not over and neither is yours or mine!
3. **Go West.** This is a year to move forward and to move towards Him. Dreams and plans that have been on hold are to be taken up again and pursued with renewed passion!
4. **Fill your space!** The original command to mankind was “be fruitful and multiply, Fill the earth and Subdue it”. You have a God given space, a garden, that you are to fill. Know your boundaries you can fill that space
5. **GROW!** “Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home and spare no expense” - Isa54:2 (NLT).

For the full sermon, you can check it out on the following link...

## On the home front:

As you all are aware, we have been caring for baby Nakiso since Dec 8 last year. She is a delightful baby girl with the brightest eyes and a big destiny ahead for her future, but the enemy has tried hard to take her out. She has been very ill and in the hospital since January 15th. She has had a tough road of all sorts of tests, blood work and scans, and since she is in a government hospital that is severely understaffed, we've been responsible to provide 24 hour bedside care for her, along with all her needed supplies, including hot & cold water in thermoses that are brought twice daily from home. The hospital staff does daily rounds to check her status and administer medication but that is all they can manage. As you can imagine, this has caused an added level of stress and pressure to our already very full household days. Between David & Amy, and our care staff for baby Nakiso, we make 3 to 4 daily trips to the hospital in downtown Harare. Our kids have all been amazingly cooperative during this difficult season to do their school





assignments in our absence and get on with many of their activities without our oversight.

At this time, Nakiso has made improvements. She is no longer on the feeding tube after two and a half weeks, and no longer on the oxygen. She has just started a long term medication that will require on going monitoring and weekly follow up doctor visits once she is discharged. Our big prayer requests for her at the moment are for the fluid that has built up on her brain to drain into the spinal cord normally, that her head circumference returns to normal, and that she re-learns how to suck in order to be bottle fed again so she can return to us at home. Please continue to stand in prayer with us for this precious little girl who has been through so much these last couple weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers for her healing miracle!!

### **Renewal Fellowship**

We make an effort each year to take our team away and spend a few days together in prayer and seeking the Lord about what the next year holds. We feel so encouraged by all we sense Him saying for this next year. We have added an amazing young couple to our leadership team - Anesu and Grace. Both are gifted worship leaders and Anesu has done an amazing job with our youth group on Friday nights, reaching the lost and connecting with our own at the church. Our youth ministry is thriving under his leadership. Anesu and Grace have a little girl named Zu and twins named Ari (a boy) and Aria (a girl); their names mean lion and lioness!!! Watch out Kingdom of darkness!!!



Since the beginning of the year, we have been maxing out our seating capacity in the church sanctuary and we are seeing God move in powerful ways in our services. We are going to have to make a plan for growth and this is always an exciting problem to have. We will do a special update for you this month on how God is meeting that need in such amazing ways!!!



### **Moses Basket -**

While we still do not have any babies other than Nakiso being placed with us, God is allowing us to serve our Department of Social Welfare in other ways. We are building relationships with the newer social workers by meeting needs of transportation for children, school fees for some, medications for others - all children who are in the system but they do not have the resources to do all of these things. We still pray and believe that in time we will see the MB home open again meeting the temporary needs of abandoned babies and helping to find for them their God intended forever home!

### **Pari Project -**

Working in our local maternity hospital, Mbuya Nehanda, has been such a trying and rewarding experience over the past year. 2023 began with us meeting with the medical and administrative staff of the Hospital. We were blessed to hear from them, “We have never had a partner like you guys who come when they say they are going to come and do what they say they are going to do.” To God be the glory!

The highlight of this meeting was to hear that the mortality rate for the Kangaroo Unit went down to zero for 2022 since we installed the AC units last year. Never has that been the case! Literally lives were saved by your generosity and God’s grace! May His name be made famous!!!

There is so much on the cards for this project this year that we will have to do a special bulletin for you on this.

### **Mbudzi Project -**

Our team had an amazing trip to the rural area of Nyamanyanya this month. This project has been met with divine favor by the chief, local member of parliament and church leaders in the area. In an election season when many NGO’s are being shut down, we are watching God use this project to improve our relationship with local government! Our God is Good! This past month we were able to take the “first fruits” of those goats that have reproduced and add 7 more vulnerable children to the program!!! It is becoming self—sustaining and self propagating. Of the original 38 goats in the program, 19 have now reproduced. Of those 19, 5 have died due to disease or accident. The balance who have not been transferred are too young yet to take from their mothers. Please continue to lift this program and these children to the Lord as He prepares their futures for them!

### **Blessed to be a blessing -**

As we have been praying for a new ministry vehicle, we felt the Lord lead us to sow the one we have as seed. Over the years we have supported Pastor Chris Nenga from World Impact Trust.





Chris does so much for the Kingdom caring for the very needy and disadvantaged. In the past we have not only supported him financially but have supplied him with a vehicle to meet specific needs. Last year we loaned him the truck to deliver seed maize to rural pastors and while he was away doing that, we felt God tell us the truck needed to belong to him now. After servicing and preparing it, we were thrilled to hand over the keys to this vehicle which has served Renewal Ministries so well.

Thank you so much to all of you for your continued prayers and support. We are continuously grateful for the way God is utilizing each of you to accomplish His plans here Zimbabwe. May God bless you and your families.



*Christmas was a wonderful reunion with David and his 3 sisters and their families being together for the first time in 7 years!*



Much Love to you all,  
*David and Amy*

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