

NEW BEGINNINGS FEEDING PROGRAMME
Chikomo and Emobeni Schools
South Eastern District of Zimbabwe



The gathering of the beneficiary grades at Chikomo School, E.C.D. through to Grade 3, Teachers and Headmaster in the background along with our S.A.L.T. liaison, Hippo Valley Christian Mission schools' Chaplain, Cephas Zivanai. All these happy faces will benefit greatly from the feeding programme, the anticipation was palpable as you can see from the smiles of the kids, and their gratitude was unmistakable. Many are 'at risk' children with sustained exposure to immune-compromised lifestyles, either due to malnourishment or disease or both. Their joy was contagious.



This was the gathering of the beneficiary grades at Emobeni School, again E.C.D. through to grade three. Cephas Zivanai, our Liaison, is featured on the far left of this picture and one of the teachers and the headmaster are standing behind the pupils. As with Chikomo School the gratitude and excitement here was immense. In a country and time where care is not a priority the simple act of providing an extra meal or supplement goes a long way and has a significant impact, not just on the physical well-being of the children but also on their emotional and psychological health. Suffice to say, their spirits were lifted.



Chikomo School: the dry food being mixed with water to cook in time for the children's mid-morning break. One of the teachers exhibiting a very "hands-on" approach by assisting one of the cooks in the food preparation whilst the headmaster looks on in the background. With hearts that are willing and hands that are able a lot can be done and a little can go a very long way.



History is being made in this photograph, Des Naude serving up the first portion of the Power Foods Meal supplement. This is significant and we hope it defines the way forward, one small step into a massive enterprise that reaches many people.

Zechariah 4:10 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁰Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."



The smallest and youngest recipient of the Food supplement receives his meal at Chikomo. He wandered off and sat in bewildered silence and then proceeded to consume every last drop of his food. He was very sad when it was finished. The wonderful thing is that he can rest assured that there will be more tomorrow.



This little boy was the picture of contentment and satisfaction. I don't think he stopped smiling the whole time he was eating and he checked his cup very carefully afterwards to make sure that he had got all of it.



This young boy at Emobeni also couldn't stop smiling after the meal, the little bits of food on his face evidence of the gusto with which he consumed it. His eyes seem to say "what good thing comes next?". It's not just food, it's energy, it's education enhancement, it's the ability to run and play and laugh and learn, it's more than a meal, it's hope.



The empty pot at Emobeni says it all, they were hungry and they were fed.

Matthew 25:34-40

[34](#)“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. [35](#) For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. [36](#) I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

[37](#)“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? [38](#)Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? [39](#)When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

[40](#)“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,^f you were doing it to me!’