

Welcome to the 3rd issue 2021 newsletter. We hope that you find it informative as you read the articles. Thank you for taking an interest in the work of Nehemiah Project, and for the many of you who contribute to its success in so many ways

## MORE SITE DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY IN COWDRAY PARK

The Trust has been privileged to have been entrusted with funds from many donors, with some sizeable amounts coming in, thank you so much to all who continue to donate to this necessary work – we couldn't do it without you. In addition, during the worldwide pandemic, applying those funds to works that need doing has been very difficult. Schools have been closed, borders have been closed, government orders have been issued requiring people to stay at home. Across the globe life has been very different and challenging for the last 18 months or so. Zimbabwe has not been unaffected.

Consequently, funds have built up and now that the world is opening up so much more again, we asked the Project what works they would most value being done. They said "we would love a proper, brick built terrace of 3 classrooms at our site, Ithemba Centre in Cowdray Park".

We set about talking to our builder to find out what we could do and how much it would cost. Whilst we don't have enough for all three, for \$30,000 of our donated funds we can put a slab down, build a roof structure for all 3 classrooms, and complete one full classroom in the middle with roof canopies either side creating learning spaces with good shade from the fierce African sun. As further funds come in, we will infill the walls of the left and right hand classrooms to finish the terrace of three.

Work is underway as can be seen from the pictures accompanying this article. As a UK Trust we are very excited about this next development, and that excitement is replicated and amplified in Zimbabwe.

You've heard us say it before, many times, but the sentence is worth repeating. Education is the primary route out of poverty. These classrooms will be a great facility for the delivery of educational programs for children who have been chased from school for not paying fees, for young adults who were never able to finish their education, early

childhood development work and any number of other applications. There's ambition to have the site registered by the local education authority which will open up further opportunities for beneficiaries of the Project's programs. This is a great start in a great direction and the sky's the limit!

### BUY A BRICK & BUILD A CLASSROOM!

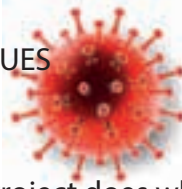
We've launched a fund raising initiative to finish the classrooms. What an achievement that would be. We can do it, together. A "Marshall's red Edmonton" costs about US\$1 (google it!). £7.60 buys ten, £76 buys 100 – if you're feeling flush, £760 buys 1000. I can't promise that they're exactly the same cost in Zimbabwe, but it's probably not far out.

Here's how you can donate:-

- Online banking: Donate to Nehemiah Project Support Trust, sort code 207093, account number 63415805. Use the reference BRICKS and we'll know how to process your donation.
- Send a cheque to "Bricks Appeal, Nehemiah Project Support Trust, C/o 29 Daws Heath Road, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 7QJ.
- Pop some cash through the door of that same address, in an envelope marked "Bricks appeal". We'll be sure to put it towards that.



## COVID RESPONSE CONTINUES



This is “the story of our time” and it is important that Nehemiah Project does what it can to support any initiatives aimed at saving lives and alleviating the hardships that have come along with the global pandemic. The Project was encouraged at an early point to get involved with Community Healthcare initiatives and this has continued.

Pictured, a project worker is distributing PPE. Very often local authority initiatives to assist communities can be hampered by the simple lack of access to an adequate vehicle. Not only was Nehemiah Project able to provide personnel to help with COVID relief efforts, but its trusty Toyota Noah could be deployed too. It’s a great tool and we’ve been blessed to have it for the last 11 years.



We hope that pandemic relief work will be able to fade into the background over the coming months, but if Nehemiah Project is needed, it stands ready to answer the call and do whatever it can.

## FUND RAISING GOLF DAY



Here in the UK, two of our Trustees organised a Crazy Golf day in August of this year, as lock downs and restrictions continued to ease. A great time was had by all and a lot of money was raised for Nehemiah Project to apply to its core initiatives in supporting and strengthening children and families infected with or affected by HIV.

Amazingly, Nehemiah Project founder Dave Green was over from Zimbabwe for a very important family event, but was able to participate in the event and talk to those that came out in support. We can see him in the photos, concentrating hard to get off to a good start on the first tee! UK Trustee Andy Thorn can also be seen in the other photo, next to our information boards that were brought along to add content to the afternoon. It’s great to be back doing fund raising events again after such a long absence.

## AND FINALLY/...

Its important that the staff in Bulawayo have the right equipment to do their jobs well, so you can imagine how pleased they were to receive three new laptops to replace the tired, old, slow ones they’ve had to soldier on with for so long. Here they are in the project’s office in Bulawayo Central Business District, just out of their boxes.



We’re hoping for some good work and quality reports with your new kit with its new software. “Happy computing.”

