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## **BOTSWANA AND ZIMBABWE 3rd**



440 families were fed, 21 pastors and seven of our Bible school teachers are receiving much-needed food aid. They say half the population of Zimbabwe is at a starvation level. Thank you CSI and others for your donations. Contact CSI if you want to give food

### **Nash Family AIM Trip to Botswana and Zimbabwe**

Our family (Matt, Onnalisa, Maddie (11yo) and Parker (7yo)) had the honor to go on our first AIM trip from January to April of this year to Botswana and Zimbabwe. We felt the calling to missions a little over 2 years before our trip. We

knew there were going to be a lot of details that had to work out but we felt the call so strongly we just continued to pray for His will as we watched him work out every detail. We even felt we had missed our calling when we went to AIM training as a mid 30 year old couple. The majority of the people there were much younger than us and most had just graduated from Bible college. We thought we had waited too long to do God's will and we had missed it. Then we were talking to a young couple there about how we felt and they surprised us by telling us they were thinking the complete opposite about us. They were hthinking, "they have so much more experience than us, everyone will want them." It truly does not matter how old you are or how many things you have going on in your natural life. When God places a burden and a calling on your life, it is in your best

interest to tune in. God worked out so many details for our family. My job let me take PTO for the entire 3 months. We were able to pay off both our cars and all our debt besides our student loans and mortgage to help us financially with our personal bills while on the field and once we returned home. Both of the public schools our kids' attended said they could do their schoolwork remotely without hesitation. Every detail kept working out perfectly along the way. We did worry



about the kids through all of it though. How would they adjust to life in another country? Would they get homesick? Will they make friends? Will they be safe? We knew we were called but what about the kids? During this time we visited Bro Hattabaugh's church where my husband's grandmother attends and during a conversation he stopped mid sentence and looked at me and said, "don't worry about your kids, God is going to use your kids to reach people you can't." God called our kids too. We had many discussions with them prior to our AIM trip to help them with knowing the purpose and the calling we had. Once we were on the field it was more than obvious that God planned for our kids to be a part of our calling. The first service we were there my husband

made the altar call after preaching and most of the congregation went to the altar except not one child went up. Then, our 7 year old son went up to the altar as all the kids watched him lift his arms to pray. Then, all of the kids in the service went to the altar. It was so beautiful! They adjusted so well to life in Africa. They connected with ease with other kids there. They loved helping with outreach, cleaning at the church, helping with painting or anything else we were doing. They wanted to be a part. God used them just like He said he would. Written by Sis. Nash.

We are so very thankful for the AIMers that have helped us in both countries. Bro. & Sis. Nash and two children, Sis. Claudia Robinson returning soon and Bro. & Sis. Grey with their three boys who are currently there in Botswana, we couldn't have done it all without them.



