

# Love Boxes for Zimbabwe

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ITMI's Director **Steve Evers** and 8-year veteran missionary **Tim Keller** have just completed a trip to communist Zimbabwe. Their mission: to deliver "Love Boxes" containing dry food products, soap and other basic personal survival items that cannot be purchased in the country. These urgently needed supplies were a gift from our sister mission Frontline Fellowship and specifically designated for the elderly of Zimbabwe. They ignored the great personal risk involved for the joy of sharing with fellow believers, suffering severe persecution under communist rule in Zimbabwe.

The state of affairs in Zimbabwe is disturbing to say the least. Poverty is everywhere, the economy is in shambles and the citizens are destitute. The government cannot afford to pay its bills or to provide basic services for the people. Thus, folks burn their trash because it's never picked up. The few who have cars leave them in line on the road hoping for gas stations to have supplies by next year. Under the guise of paperwork or permits, and in an effort to pay its bills, the government shuts down businesses that sell something the government wants to sell. The communists *legally* raid and loot people's homes after having passed a law that gives them ownership of all private property!

A retired educator in Zimbabwe receives approximately Zim\$400,000 each month from the government as *pension*, the equivalent of \$5 (US)! President Robert Mugabe is systematically starving selected people-groups in Zimbabwe. The elderly suffer most. Senior citizens must choose everyday whether to eat or to buy medication. Few have the means to do both. Zimbabwe is chaotic and dangerous, but the Lord saw to it that Steve and Tim made it in and out safely. He allowed them to cross the borders without difficulty and deliver their precious cargo into trusted hands. They will distribute them to the elderly of Zimbabwe who need help so desperately.

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