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of destitute people who would otherwise be forgotten. Were it not for ZANE's donors, they would die of starvation or lack of medical care. We are hugely fortunate here in Australia. Imagine living in a country without social care provision, Medicare or a state pension; in Zimbabwe, there is nowhere for the poor to turn to other than ZANE.

Your generosity provides food, shelter, medicines and comfort.

Your kindness provides hope and saves lives. For all this we **THANK YOU**.

Alan*, 66, has never married and has no family. Despite a rewarding career in engineering, poor health forced Alan to retire early. Soon, after a series of inflation tsunamis, his savings and pension vanished.

Your donations allow ZANE to assist Alan with a grant of \$230 a month to cover his rent and utility bills. ZANE also provides a fortnightly fresh food parcel comprising a range of vegetables, eggs and chicken. In addition, ZANE covers the cost of his monthly asthma inhalers at \$60 and top-up oxygen at \$20.



Alan says: "Thank you to ZANE donors. Were it not for the money you give, I simply couldn't survive. Your help keeps me housed, food in the fridge and crucially pays for the inhalers that keep me alive. I am so very grateful".

ZANE has been assisting Irene*, 78, for the last three years since her husband died. She has hypertension, severe arthritis and has recently developed complications with her eyes. ZANE assists Irene with a grant of \$135 a month towards her living costs. In addition, ZANE covers the cost of her monthly medication for high blood pressure (\$15), anti-inflammatories (\$35), pain killers (\$10) and eye drops (\$15).

Irene's health has improved since she met ZANE, and this has greatly enhanced her quality of life. However, as with so many vulnerable people supported by ZANE, the Covid enforced lockdown has hit Irene hard; she has felt isolated and lonely. The ZANE team look forward to being able to spend more personal time with Irene and the many others like her who look to ZANE for support.



Irene says: "Thanks to ZANE donors for caring. Your kindness to a stranger like me is extraordinary. God bless the generous people from ZANE".

Ruwa, 8, joined one of ZANE's pop-up classes last year. Prior to that she had never attended school. She lives with her mother and three siblings in a simple shack in a township without running water or electricity. Ruwa's father died 18 months ago, and the family struggled to buy sufficient food. Thanks to the generosity of ZANE's supporters, Ruwa receives a hot meal every day she attends the classes.

The difference in Ruwa's health in a few short months since starting school and receiving a regular meal is incredible. She has gained weight, has more energy and has grown in confidence. Ruwa has a strong desire to learn and she has made remarkable progress; she is reading full sentences and has progressed to subtraction after mastering addition. Were it not for ZANE, Ruwa wouldn't be receiving any education.



Ruwa says: "Thanks to ZANE, I can go see my friends: we sing and dance. I can read now and am very proud of myself".

How we spend your donations

pays for hypertension medication for three pensioners for a month

\$135

pays for a cataract operation for one pensioner

covers the travel cost for ten veterans to collect life-saving medication

successfully treats a child with clubfoot; ZANE has treated over 4,000 children to date

\$100

pays for diabetes medication for three pensioners for a month.

\$150

spent per pensioner on fresh vegetables each year

\$280

per month spent on rice for Bulawayo care home residents

\$700

per month spent on eggs in Harare care homes

The ZANE Team have selflessly supplied me with veggies, groceries, medicines and help towards my rent on a monthly basis and have blessed me at Christmas with lunch and a hamper.

Depression sets in now and again and it is comforting to know that, apart from material support, words of encouragement and support are always forthcoming. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all that you are doing.

From a grateful recipient, Harare





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