# ZANE Walk 2021 The Show Must Go On

Over 2,830 miles and still walking for Zimbabwe's pensioners

30 August to 13 September 2021



"That's the way to do it . . ."



ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency

ACN 613802574

#### DEAR READER



# The show must go on

Cases and deaths from COVID-19 rise daily in Zimbabwe. However, with little testing and unreliable reporting the actual number of deaths and active cases is likely to be higher than the official statistics indicate. Of course, the current wave has affected ZANE beneficiaries.

Despite the worsening situation, our loyal team continues to ensure your generous donations reach those most in need: we continue to deliver aid, food, and other supplies carefully to the most destitute. ZANE is ensuring its vulnerable beneficiaries are protected as well as possible. To that end we continue to work in partnership with the British Embassy in Harare to deliver essential PPE to care homes, and we have increased the number of food parcels delivered to the frail and destitute. Because of the generosity of ZANE supporters, our team is providing urgent medical assistance to those most in need: those with nowhere else to turn but ZANE. Your donations enabled ZANE to provide aid to over 3,590 people last year.

ZANE is committed to providing life-saving aid to those desperate new cases where

every other option has been long exhausted. This all costs money, which is why, this month, Jane, I, and our dog, Moses, are walking yet again for the poor and frail looked after by ZANE.

We walk to ensure those who need ZANE most continue to receive the food and medicine required to keep them alive. We walk to let them know that ZANE cares; we walk so show them that they have not been forgotten. We walk to provide a light in these dark times. We walk because your generosity enables ZANE to do its job.

If you have already sponsored ZANE, thank you. Your donation has already reached some of the most destitute and vulnerable people in Zimbabwe.

If you haven't, please do so; your donations make a profound difference and save lives.

Tom Benyan

Tom Benyon OBE

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Read Tom's walking blog at www.zane.uk.com



I have seen a little bit of ZANE's work on the ground and from what I have seen, it is very, very impressive . . . ZANE is one of those lovely organisations that make a little bit of money go a long, long way. ZANE is a good cause and the money is properly and well spent.

John Simpson CBE
World Affairs Editor of the BBC



Date	Daily Start Points		Monday	06 Sep	Lower Shuckburgh, Daventry
Monday	30 Aug	Cheltenham,	Tuesday	07 Sep	Weedon Bec, Northampton
-		Everyman Theatre	Wednesday	08 Sep	Royal & Derngate Theatre,
Tuesday	31 Aug	Beckford, Tewkesbury			Northampton
Wednesday	01 Sep	Lenchwick, Evesham	Thursday	09 Sep	Hanslope, Milton Keynes
Thursday	02 Sep	Welford-on-Avon	Friday	10 Sep	Westcroft, Milton Keynes
Friday	03 Sep	Hampton Lucy	Saturday	11 Sep	Whitchurch, Aylesbury
Saturday	04 Sep	Harbury	Sunday	12 Sep	Upton (via Aylesbury Theatre)
Sunday	05 Sep	REST DAY	Monday	13 Sep	Tiddington
			FINISH		New Theatre, Oxford



ZANE does fantastic work looking after vulnerable people in Zimbabwe and showing servicemen and women that they are not forgotten. They are professional, passionate and scrupulous about how the money is spent.

#### **HMA Melanie Robinson**

UK Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Former Executive Director of the World Bank

# "ZANE supporters have made a huge difference."



Before retired teacher Jenny Wren\* (72) met ZANE, she was suffering the savage reality of life in Zimbabwe.

After a lifetime of dedicated service, the government of Zimbabwe supplies Jenny with no basic social services or

health provision of any kind.

Jenny knows that if you are old, sick, impoverished and frail, if you have no money, you starve or die quickly or slowly from untreated illness.

For forty long years she taught Geography, Religious Studies and English at secondary schools in both Harare and Bulawayo. Jenny is single with no living family. Her tiny teaching pension has been shredded to a pittance by inflation.

When ZANE found Jenny, she was destitute and feebly struggling to survive; her plight was beyond desperate. She had been forced to sell her meagre possessions to pay bills, so her flat was bare: she was unable to afford a fridge. An avid reader, her failing eyesight meant she could no longer read.

Thanks to the generosity of ZANE's supporters, Jenny is now a beneficiary of ZANE's medical fund; in Jenny's case, ZANE gave her new glasses, pills for hypertension, a working fridge, and regular food parcels.

Jenny says: "I would like to say thank you to ZANE supporters - a thousand times over. Not only for helping me but for helping so many others like me.

ZANE supporters have made an enormous difference in our lives. We can smile again and feel cared for by the ZANE team. Thank you."

\*Names and images have been changed on grounds of security.

## **REASONS TO SUPPORT ZANE**

- ZANE provides aid, comfort and support to 2,090 impoverished pensioners with nowhere else to turn. Only those genuinely in need of assistance receive it.
- Donors can choose which area of ZANE's work they wish to support.
- 3. ZANE was the Telegraph Group Overseas Charity of the year.
- 4. ZANE is looking after over 600 aged and frail veterans and their widows. These people fought for the Crown in WW2, Malaya, Korea and Aden. Without ZANE, they would be living with insufficient food and no healthcare.
- ZANE runs education programmes in the high-density areas assisting women and children living in extreme poverty.

- ZANE funded the first clubfoot correction programme in Zimbabwe. Eleven treatment centres have been established and over 4,220 children have received treatment to date.
- 7. ZANE funds the provision of prosthetic limbs for victims of landmine explosions and treatment for people with hearing loss.
- 8. ZANE's funds are subject to rigorous audit and ZANE is proud that since its foundation it has never lost money to collapsed banks, middlemen or corruption.
- An independent consultancy reviewed ZANE and the report stated: "The charity thrives on its responsiveness, flexibility and lack of bureaucracy. Operationally ZANE is frugal, focused and effective in delivering aid to the needy."

## Please help the people of Zimbabwe continue to get vital aid and support

# 3 ways to give: • **Donate online** – http://zaneaustralia.org.au/donate/ • Call us: +61 (0) 473 113 483 · Or return this form to: ZANE Australia, Unit 4, 50-52 Cypress Crescent, Leopold, VIC 3224 Preferred use of gift: Trustees' Discretion ACN 613 802 574 Pensioner Work Impoverished Communities Clubfoot I would like to donate: □ A single gift of ☐ A monthly gift of \$ ABN 36251392094 My details: Title Initials Surname Address Postcode Tel Mobile: Email ZANE will not pass on your details to third parties. If a specified project is fully funded, donations will be used where most needed. How did you first hear about ZANE Australia? I would like to donate by: Cheque □ Credit card □ Visa □ Mastercard Card Expiry Cardholder's name Card number: 3-digit Verification number: Online Direct Deposit to: ZANE Australia Limited, BSB: 032023, Account: 305217 Payment Reference: your name