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## Zimbabwe: Mission of Hope



*Above: During the course of the summer, NAPS fed over 6000 people in Zimbabwe.*

Zimbabwe has gone from being the "Bread Basket of Africa" to being on the brink of starvation. The failing economy, the prolonged drought, and the persistent HIV/AIDS crisis have created widespread distress. Presently, most staple foods are only available on the black market and, due to the rise in fuel pricing, transportation has nearly come to a standstill. Hospitals are without

equipment and, at times, must function without electricity for several days. The summer of 2007 brought NAPS face to face with the unfolding crisis. NAPS responded by operating youth training programs for not only the people of Zimbabwe, but also for youth from South Africa, Botswana, and Zambia. NAPS trained these youth in community service operations, HIV/AIDS prevention, and evangelism throughout Zimbabwe. Over a period of about five weeks, over 6000 children and adults were



*Above: Kethia leads the students in song. The programs for the children included music, skits, crafts, and Bible stories.*

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## Youth for Jesus Project 2007

In many US cities, the summer brings more opportunities for youth to become involved in disruptive behavior. After their return from Zimbabwe, NAPS participated in the annual ASI-sponsored Youth for Jesus program, training earliteens to give back to their communities. They conducted Bible studies, children's programs, and evening evangelistic meetings, which presented information on HIV/AIDS, education, health and the Bible. As a result of the mission in Kentucky, three young men were baptized, and many others decided to continue spreading the love of God throughout their hometowns.



*Above: Nicole takes a special interest in teaching a child. NAPS also trained the children to minister to their own community.*

## Zimbabwe Mission (Continued)

fed. NAPS secured a storehouse where it stored tons of food for alleviating hunger. In September, a team of NAPS youth from Zambia risked their lives to bring more food into Bulawayo and Harare, Zimbabwe. The Zimbabwean people were extremely grateful for the supply. Despite the turmoil and hardship, the NAPS youth in Zimbabwe are continuing to take the Gospel to the outermost parts of their country. During the month of June alone, over 450 souls were baptized. "The work doesn't just stop when NAPS leaves," says Aminta Bullard of NAPS USA, "but it continues with other youth who are motivated by the same Holy Spirit." Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe as we continue to minister to their needs.

*Clockwise from Right: A school teacher receives a Bible study; a baptism in Bubude; NAPS Zambia unloads a truck of food for Zimbabwe; a class is taught by NAPS volunteers; a NAPS-sponsored march against AIDS; NAPS members give medical care to a villager.*



## Virginia Tech Tragedy: Weeping With Those Who Weep

On April 16, 2007, 33 people lost their lives, and the entire country was unsettled. Although preparing for finals, 15 Oakwood College NAPS students drove to Virginia Polytechnic Institute, arriving exactly one week after the massacre. The band played as they marched through the campus, encouraging students and teachers alike with hugs and kind words. "Thank you for being here," one young lady said. "Many schools mailed in cards and banners, but you guys actually came and delivered yours. We really appreciate it." "Something had to be done," one member replied. "It was the least we could do."



*Clockwise from above: A V-Tech professor receives a hug; Cherisse prays with 2 students; the band plays with flag and banner held high.*



## Food Delivery Project

This year NAPS has partnered with **Feed The Children** to help distribute food to the North Alabama region. They are giving donations to 20 local churches and agencies that render food services to the community. "There are many families in need of food assistance," says Chester Harris, coordinator of *SDA Systems*, one of the organizations that will benefit from the partnership between the two organizations. NAPS is happy to join this program in hopes of preventing domestic and worldwide starvation as it has sought to do for over 30 years.

*In cooperation with Feed the Children, NAPS will be able to provide food for more people in times of need.*



## An Unprofitable Servant: Q&A with Marlo Hodnett

An interview with NAPS member and trained medical missionary Dr. Marlo Hodnett about her experience in service.

**How has being a member of NAPS contributed to your perspective on life?**

Being a full-time member of NAPS has taught me to keep God's mission first in my life. My first foreign mission to La Chapelle, Haiti, was when I first experienced the Lord's voice guiding my life. When I first reached the shores of Haiti, all of these children ran up to me and clung to my body, just holding me as tight as they could. At that moment, I heard God tell me that I was to be more than just a physician—I was to be *His* physician.

**What were some of the lessons your relationship with God taught you in school?**

I was never a really good test taker, and that presented many problems along the path to medical school. What was important during my time in school was prayer and asking the Lord for patience. He showed me that happiness in Him was the key to our relationship and that I should not stress. God would be my peace. I learned throughout my time in medical school that the missionary heart was more precious than any earthly title. While I was in my residency, not one patient asked me about my GPA in college or my awards... but they asked me to share about my testimonies with NAPS.

**Do you have any advice for future missionaries?**

Luke 17:10—"So likewise you, when you have done all things which you are commanded, say, 'we are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

*Dr. Marlo Hodnett is an MD of Internal Medicine in Huntsville, AL and has been an active member of NAPS since 1996.*



# YOD3 Returns...YOD4 Departs: Passing the Torch

Each year, a team of NAPS volunteers take a year from school to dedicate in service to the community and abroad. As the third team of this sort ended its Year of Dedication (YOD), another picked up the torch. This year's team, YOD4 (led by Charles Penick, a recent Oakwood College Biology graduate), is serving in Washington, Oregon, and California. Their foreign mission will take them to the Philippines.



*Clockwise from the right: The "Year of Dedication 4" team; a woman hugs a member in gratitude; Tyler and his young apprentice hand out literature; YOD4 members minister to San Diego wildfire victims.*



# NAPS Abroad

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The Guyana team helped YOD3 start building a church in Boa Vista, Brazil, last spring. The new Brazil team (started last spring) joined the Guyana team to assist flood victims in Guyana by taking in and distributing food last July. Both teams are preparing for NAPS' arrival this December to build a mission station in Sand Creek to accommodate long-term missionaries and complete the church in Brazil.



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NAPS Zambia took food into Zimbabwe this past September to help victims suffering from starvation. Sub-groups are going into various parts of Zambia to continue spreading the message of God's love. They've also started a Jr. NAPS branch, with whom they are going door-to-door to pray with their neighbors and share God's love.

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Despite the trauma taking place in their country, two new Zimbabwe teams are pushing the message out to unreached territories, as well as nurturing the souls reached this past summer. They are also completing the church building in Bubude.

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The team continues witnessing to both young and old in various parts of the country. They are now preparing for the arrival of NAPS in May to work jointly in sharing the Gospel to four regions of the country.

# Gavin and the African-Indian Light Academy



Gavin Gaynair is an Oakwood College graduate from the class of 2007. He is one of NAPS' most respected students of Biology Education. Shortly after his graduation, Gavin answered the call to service in India at the NAPS-constructed Light Academy--the first school for the African-

Indians. He served over 80 students there in Gadgera and supervised a staff of 6. Gavin came back to the US in October, but will return to Gadgera in January. Please continue to pray for Gavin as he continues to share the light of love to the students of the Light Academy in India.



*Left to Right: Gavin holds a future student; the students of the Light Academy; Gavin with some of his students.*



## NAPS NEEDS LIST

Qty	Item	Value
3	Vans (15-17 passengers)	\$50,000
2	Tractors (Farming)	\$30,000
1	Mobile Medical Unit	\$25,500
7	"Lab-in-a-Suitcase" Medical Kit	\$24,500
3	53' Tractor Trailers (trailer only)	\$21,000
3	Professional Video Cameras	\$9,000



*The Jr. NAPS branch in Lusaka, Zambia, holds posters thanking the staff and students of the Randolph School and Huntville Christian Academy for their far-reaching support.*



# Thank You!

NAPS expresses special thanks to individuals and organizations that have supported our endeavors. We especially thank you for your prayers and generosity which provided us with the funds necessary to carry out these missions this year.

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## Congratulations!



In addition to going on the Zimbabwe mission this year, several of our members marked important milestones in their lives. Seven NAPS members received their undergraduate degrees from Oakwood College in May. Justin Kelly (member since Fall 2000) earned his graduate degree at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. After earning their degrees in May, Jaysson Brooks and Brittany Law (members since Fall 2002) united in holy matrimony on the 8th of July, and are now at Loma Linda University studying medicine.



Clockwise from center to top left: Justin Kelly (employed in Huntsville, AL), Anika Salim (Loma Linda Univ.), Lisa Mahoney (YOD4, then dental school), Camille Clarke (Uchee Pines, then Loma Linda Univ.), Lyle Griffiths (employed in California), and Charles Penick (YOD4, then Loma Linda Univ.).

## 2007-08 Missions



Botswana  
 Brazil  
 Guyana  
 Madagascar  
 Phillipines  
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**We wish the graduates and newlyweds God's blessing in all of their future endeavors!**



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