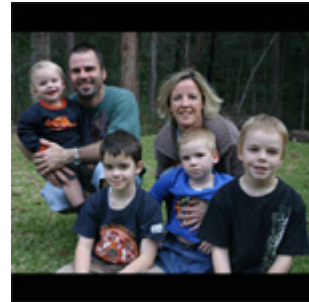




Hello and welcome once again to VANA news...

The Spence family are heading off to "Vana" Zimbabwe for 9 weeks!

We have lots of goals that we would like to achieve or at least put into place while we are there. Our main goal is to set up a feeding program for the orphans of Chivhu, where they will come once a day for a healthy meal supplied by Vana. There are so many children starving in Zimbabwe that we need your prayers to establish the program and for God's continual provision for the ongoing support of this mission.

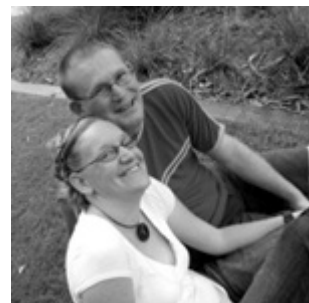


We also have plans for an amazing chicken run to be built by the locals and supervised by Errol. This chicken run will be able to hold a variety of livestock such as chickens, pigs, goats etc.

In the container that was sent over, we have 7 sewing machines and loads of material and now we have a wonderful lady who is coming with us for 5 weeks to spend time with the women from Pastor Makoni's church and to teach them how to sew.

Dion & Rebekah Allen

Dion & Bek Allen are at the beginning of a 12 month self-funded mission trip and have already arrived in Zimbabwe to serve Vana Childcare Ministries in Chivhu. They are very gifted in Children's ministry as well as Sports ministry and would like to set up a kids club for the children of Chivhu and incorporate sports such as soccer.



Because the current situation has not allowed schools to re-open this year, we thought it would be an amazing opportunity to sow into the lives of these children and to teach them about Jesus.

Dion & Bek will continue with the work we begin, as well as being there to assist Pastor Makoni and to build relationships within the community of Chivhu. As you can imagine, they are all doing it really tough over there at this present time.

You may think that we have a lot to do in such a short time and yes we do! So we ask you to stand beside us in prayer, and we look forward to coming back and sharing about the journey of Vana! If you would like to keep track of what is happening while we are over there check out our blog.

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Back to the Future: Donna writing in 2006

Errol and I have been in our business Eye on Africa - which imports handmade African artifacts to Australia - for 10 years now. For the last 8 of those years we have been supporting a Zimbabwean Pastor and his wife, and family. Through Eye on Africa we have been able to build them a home to live in and a church for their community to worship in. The first service in the new church was held in December 2005.



When Errol recently arrived home from one of his regular buying trips to Africa he had it on his heart to do more with Pastor Makoni and his wife Jane. Errol didn't know exactly what he had in mind but said "... maybe an orphanage or something." We both knew we wanted to do something, but just didn't know what and since we have both known for a long time now that God has been doing amazing things through our business, so we began praying about this.

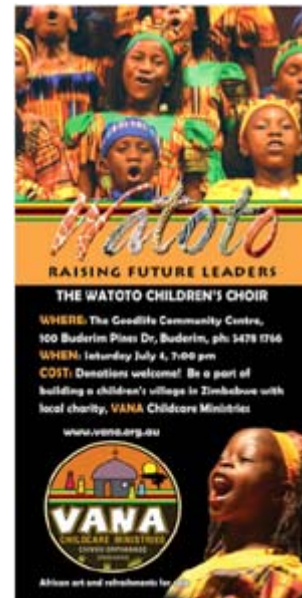
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Upcoming events - Watoto/Vana 'Concert of Hope'

The Watoto Children's Choir are partnering with Vana Childcare Ministries on the Sunshine Coast on the 4th July 2009 at The Goodlife Community Centre, 100 Buderim Pines Dr, Buderim, Ph: 5478 1766.

Donations welcome! Be part of building a children's village in Zimbabwe with local charity, VANA Childcare Ministries.

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A STORY FROM VANA

At the United Assemblies in Africa Church (Vana Church) in Chivhu you will find over 30 orphaned children in a congregation of approximately 200 people. The six children seen here are all orphans and are all related. Their parents died from TB or HIV related illnesses and they are cared for by their elderly grandparents.



For many years the grandfather would catch and sell fish to help them with their basic needs, however he is now too old to work and the only means of providing food for the family, is through people giving them handouts. There is no welfare system available in Zimbabwe to assist families like this.

Chivhu Arts & Treasures

Gather your friends and host an African home wares party. Mary Anne of Chivhu Arts & Treasures (Mobile 0417 799 245) has a wide variety of fine African Art for you to view in the comfort of your own home.

All of the products that EOA brings into Australia are handcrafted by the local Zimbabweans. They rely on

our business to continue with everyday life. Please help us to maintain this vital support and assist these people who are struggling so much at this time.



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