

# The Telmans

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Answering God's call to  
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“Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.” (Jer 29:5)

God is working!! For some time now I have been praying about the garden here in Mbira. We had been trying to grow food on about 2 acres. We had not been very successful. There was no one watching it very closely. So after praying about it here is what God has done so far.

1. After praying for a garden tractor, God provided a Cat Backhoe. We have been able to remove stumps and clear land that was not farmable before. We have cleared 5 additional acres that we are planting right now.
2. God provided the money to purchase a 2 acre tract of land that is very fertile and already planted with coffee, bananas and sweet potatoes.
3. We have an additional 5 acres of land that needs to be cleared in the dry season. We are praying that by February we will be planting farming 14 acres of land.
4. We are confident that the 7 acres we are planting now can reduce our monthly food budget for Grace Project by 20% and pray that when we are using all 14 acres that it will be reduced by 40%. These percentages are much lower when we have to hire a tractor to plow the fields. It costs \$50 per acre to plow. There are 2 growing seasons here, so when we are at full capacity, it will cost \$1400 per year to rent a tractor and plow. This expense really hinders the bottom line of the garden.
5. God has led a young man from Mbira Baptist Church to step up and volunteer to help supervise the gardens and be a good steward of what God has given us. I am praying that the savings to the food budget will allow this to become a full time paid position for him.



New Farmland



We had many volunteers to help plant

This is one of the most important self-sustainment projects we are working on. We have seen God provide and so we are praying for some additional blessings for Grace Project:

1. We are praying for a piece of equipment for the Cat Backhoe. We found a new 16 disc harrow that can be pulled behind the Cat to work the ground and eliminate the need for hiring a tractor and plow. This harrow will cost \$4000. It will save the project \$1400 per year and allow us to hit our goal of 40% budget reduction.
2. We believe that with 30 acres of good farm land, we could virtually eliminate the food budget. Right now food is approximately 50% of the project's budget. We are praying for God to give us an additional 16 acres of farm land in His Perfect Timing.
3. God has provided the land for us to build a Jjaajja home across the street from the project. We are praying for the funds to build this complex that will house 10 Widows/Widowers comfortably and allow us to be close by when they need help.
4. We have a 4 phase plan for building staff housing across the street from the project. Phase 1 would construct 3 apartments for \$6000. This would allow some of our staff to bring their families to live with them near the project. Each phase would provide the same amount of housing for the same price. The next phases are not as pressing, as we are able to rent housing for unmarried teachers.

Please pray with us for God to meet these needs as only He can do...



Handing out Bibles to the Bible College Students.



The Cat Backhoe that God Provided



Part of the new farmland

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