Greetings (firstname),

Just imagine as you prepare for the holidays and cold months ahead, the warm summer rains are soaking the fields of Zimbabwe and the hard work of planting crops for survival has begun. This year, thanks to the 3rd annual [A Harvest of Hope](http://www.aharvestofhope.com/), selected [community gardens](http://www.asapafrica.org/agriculture_projects/agric-assist.php) in eastern Zimbabwe have received additional seeds and fertilizer for this planting season. These shared gardens help fill the needs of the poorest families in the village as well as Home Based Care Centers that in turn provide support for orphaned children and those suffering with AIDS. We are very grateful to Common Ground Ministries for supporting these efforts through A Harvest Hope again this year.

ASAP continues to fund school fees and work with teachers to improve teaching and learning. Currently an external evaluation of the [Improving Math Skills in Zimbabwe Program](http://www.asapafrica.org/education_projects/IMEPS.php) is underway. We are thankful to [The Flora Family Foundation](http://www.florafamily.org/), Teachers without Borders, and the Anonymous Family Foundation that continue to support this important work.

In partnership with Plan International, ASAP continues to help thousands of women improve their own lives through the [Village Savings and Lending](http://www.asapafrica.org/internal_savings_and_lending_projects/) rural micro-finance project - women like Juliet Chikodo- [click here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TPEHCWIAcs&feature=player_embedded) to watch the video.

Your tax-deductible year-end donation to ASAP Africa is needed more than ever. Making a one time or recurring donation is quick and easy through our [secure website](https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1004568&code=w). If you have already made your donation through your [Combined Federal Campaign](http://www.aidforafrica.org/member-charities/a-self-help-assistance-program/) Aid to Africa Federation, [EBay Giving Works](http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=14057) , [Africa Direct](http://www.africadirect.com/), or [Global Giving](http://www.globalgiving.org/dy/v2/content/search.html?q=a+self-help+assistance+program) - ALL of us at ASAP Africa thank you so much. Together we continue to create a future full of self-reliance, dignity and hope for thousands of families in Zimbabwe.

All the best to you and yours for a safe and joyous festive season!

Sincerely,

Tom Arsenault, Elizabeth Bara, Regai Tsunga and all of us at ASAP Africa