

## Letter from Zimbabwe

This is national collection week for Operation Christmas Child all across America, and it is an especially important time for associates of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home and the communities where they serve. Since 1995, Life Care has been a national sponsor of this campaign, and the results have grown dramatically – from 19,483 shoe boxes collected in 1995 to 319,819 in 2005.

What does a shoe box mean to the child who receives it? The answer is reflected in a letter from Tsaurai Kadange, a 13-year-old girl living in Zimbabwe, to the women in Life Care's Treasury Department in Cleveland, Tennessee. There are two boys and three girls in her family. Her father died in 1994 and her mother is "always sick," she said. "I was very excited the day I received your gifts of love. May God bless you all. I wish God will provide you more." Attaching a photograph of herself and a sister, she added, "Pass my warm, tender greetings to you all, my mothers and grandmothers."

The joy in her letter is evident. Millions of others will have the same reaction, thanks to Operation Christmas Child. The deadline for preparing boxes to send to Samaritan's Purse processing centers is next Monday, November 20.

As we enter these final few days of the campaign, let's involve our associates, families, churches, schools, businesses and civic clubs in a grand harvest of shoe boxes, delivering the message that Jesus loves the children.

--Beecher Hunter