

# Buy A Brick Foundation News

## June 15, 2016 -- by Gib Leonard

Hi Jay ~ I hope this letter finds you doing well. I would like to personally thank you for your friendship and the support of the Buy a Brick Foundation that you have given over the years. As a small grass roots mission it takes everyone you know doing different functions to make it all possible. I want to give you a brief update on a few things. First, we love Alabama and our little town of Old Daphne, but more on that later...

**The above picture, which is not the best but, it shows the Leonah Clinic.** We started building this clinic in April 2014. We are very close to completion. **The impact is going to be huge for the 2000** people that live in that bush area called Vulindlela. There will be 3 full time nurses and 1 full time Doctor that live at the clinic offering round the clock care. We hope the Grand Opening will be in July 2016 while we are there.



Currently, the Clinic is open and serving the community as a Registered Nurse comes to the clinic every other Thursday. The Leonah Clinic is only 200 yards away from the Vulindlela High School that we build in 2014. This July we hope to deliver a number of desks as Sheila has been working on Grants. This \$1,500 Grant comes from the workers at The State Department. We continue to explore every avenue to keep the funds coming in to support the ongoing projects that we have committed to.

**The next very exciting news for the July 2016 trip** is that after two years The University of Florida has agreed to send Dr. Fitzroy Beckford on a fact finding mission. Roy, as we call him, is in charge of the International Agricultural and Farming Extension Program. This is how God works behind the scene.

Two years ago after I returned from Zimbabwe, God placed on my heart to search the internet for an expert dealing with a plant called Jatopha. This is an incredible plant that has so many byproducts to it that we have to grow it in Zimbabwe. Well, I found Dr. Roy Beckford, University of Florida. **I placed just one text** to him and he responded with interest in what we were doing. The rest is now history. Now, two years later he is coming to Zimbabwe to determine if Zimbabwe will be their next project. I'm sure it will be and Dr. Beckford believes it to be as well. Dr. Beckford will also be teaching at the Dadani school. Dadani is the first school that we built. It was just a very small 20 x 20 yellow cinder block building. Today, it is a Technical College and is thriving with students. **GOD is GREAT.**



**This is what the University plans to do in Zimbabwe if** this project is accepted as their next International Agricultural Project.

1. Create self-sustaining villages, by planting a rotation of crops through-out the year. Today, the people in the bush are truly starving and are in need of a food source. This program will give them the opportunity to grow a sustainable food supply that is so desperately needed.
2. This Agricultural program once proven over a period of time has the capability to expand, creating a needed economic money source by growing and selling additional crops. If The University feels the conditions are right they will implement a Package Plant that will allow the Villages to sell (a packaged product) locally, within the country of Zimbabwe and also once approved by the Ministry of Health the packages can be exported.
3. The long term goal would be for the University of Florida to approve Zimbabwe as their next international project. If approved the University will commit 5 to 8 years in the country of Zimbabwe establishing a major Agricultural growing and harvesting program.

**What's next on the July 2016 trip**, more awesome news. As you know, Joni and I moved to Alabama four months ago. I decided to try a church called Celebration. The first time I walked in the doors of the church I saw their Missions Board Wall. They are truly a mission based church serving in 8 countries. Well, Pastor Johnny Hunt had heard about the Buy a Brick Foundation and called me in for a meeting. **He asked if he could come to Zimbabwe on the next trip as The Lord had placed on his heart to Plant an International Church in Africa. Celebration Church wants to partner with the Buy a Brick Foundation and build a church which will be supported fully from America.** How Awesome is that? So, Johnny Hunt and I will be leaving Alabama together and flying to Zimbabwe as he is ready to find a piece of ground to build a Church. We have a Group of Pastor lined up in Zimbabwe for a full in depth meeting so Pastor Hunt can get a feel of the knowledge that these local Pastors have. We are truly excited as we've seen The Lord work in so many different ways.

The key is to keep pushing, don't give up, because God will never give up on you, or the mission that he has placed on one's heart.

**The picture to the right shows the final corner of the foundation to the Chidobe High School. We broke ground 3 weeks ago. These are the 13th and 14th school blocks** that we've built since we started doing The Lords work in Zimbabwe. Chidobe is the 7th Village to receive the assistance from The Buy a Brick Foundation. The impact of these schools has touched the lives of thousands of children and members of the community; as the school blocks act as worship centers on the weekends and community centers during the week. We need to raise the \$70,000 to complete construction of the Chidobe High School by the end of 2016. We have a full plate already lined up for 2017 as we have committed to build a large 3 school block High School in the heart of Victoria Falls Township.

See our website: [www.TeamAfrica.com](http://www.TeamAfrica.com) Donations welcome either online or by check to the address below.

The Gideons are engaged and sending a Rep to Zimbabwe. Hopefully we will meet them in July.

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