

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

— Matthew 9:36–38

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Investing in What Lasts Forever

Zimbabwe

Raising Up a Generation for Christ in Zimbabwe

If you had the opportunity to invest in a generation that could carry the Gospel farther into Zimbabwe than we ever could ourselves, would you?

That question is at the heart of what **Cozmore (lower right), Charl van Wyk, and the Zimbabwe ministry team** are doing through this Christian youth camp.

Zimbabwe's young people are growing up in a country that has endured decades of economic hardship, political instability, poverty, limited opportunity, and the long-term effects of destructive national policies. For many families, simply providing food, education, transportation, and basic necessities is a daily struggle.

And yet, as serious as those needs are, there is an even greater need.

These young people need Christ.

They need the truth of God's Word planted deeply enough in their hearts that it will remain when hardship comes. They need godly men and women who will walk beside them,



answer difficult questions, challenge them to live differently, and show them what it means to follow Jesus Christ faithfully.

That is why this camp matters.

For many of the approximately 80 young people attending, an opportunity like this would normally be completely out of reach. Their families simply could not afford the transportation, food, materials, accommodations, and other costs involved.

But through the faithful work of Cozmore and his team, and through Charl's continued mentoring and investment in Cozmore as a ministry leader, these young people are being given something far greater than a weekend away from home.

They are being given **time under the Word of God**.

For several concentrated days, they will hear the Gospel clearly. They will study Scripture. They will worship. They will ask questions. They will be surrounded by Christian leaders who care about their souls and their futures.

That kind of concentrated discipleship matters.

The teenage years are years when convictions are being formed, identities are being shaped, and decisions are being made that can



influence the direction of an entire life. The world is already discipling these young people every day. The question is not whether they will be influenced.

The question is **who will influence them and toward what end?**

This camp is one intentional answer.

It is not the whole discipleship process. It is not a quick fix for everything these young people face. But it is a meaningful next step in helping them understand who Christ is, what He has done for them, and what it means to belong completely to Him.

And the potential benefit reaches far beyond one young person.

A teenager who comes to know Christ today may become a faithful husband and father. A young woman grounded in Scripture may raise children who know and love God. Another may become a pastor, teacher, evangelist, missionary, church leader, or Christian business owner whose influence touches hundreds of lives.

That is how Kingdom investment multiplies.

We are not simply helping provide meals and beds for a youth camp.



We are helping place eternal truth into young hearts.

We are investing in future disciples who may strengthen Zimbabwean churches, lead their families in righteousness, resist the spiritual pressures around them, and proclaim Christ to another generation.

Psalm 78:4 reminds us, **“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”**

That is exactly what Cozmore and this team are seeking to do.

They are telling the next generation.

They are planting seeds.

And while only God knows the full harvest, Scripture assures us that His Word never returns empty.

Perhaps the Lord would allow you to have a part in that harvest.



Your prayers and financial partnership can help make it possible for young people who could never otherwise attend to sit under Biblical teaching, receive godly mentoring, and take another important step toward becoming faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Would you prayerfully consider investing with us in Zimbabwe’s next generation?

We may never know this side of eternity how far that investment travels.

But one young life surrendered to Christ can influence a family. A family can strengthen a church. A church can transform a community.

And faithful disciples can carry the Gospel into places we may never personally reach.

That is an investment with eternal returns.

Editors note: As we come to press, Charl says this camp was so successful that the campers and team are asking when the next camp will be. Cozmore and Charl have another camp planned for November/December.

Charl shares the cost per camper is approximately \$60 and the venue with staff is an additional \$500. How many young people can we send to this life changing experience? How many future leaders are in this group and the next group of campers?

Thank you for helping plant the seed of God’s Kingdom in the hearts and lives of these young people. One simple act of obedience to the Lord’s leading can change a country for all eternity.

- Charl van Wyk, Cozmore, Steve Evers



Dear Team...

The Far-Reaching Fruit of a Faithful “Yes”

Remembering Robert M. “Bob” Evers and the God Who Multiplies Obedience

My dad, **Robert M. “Bob” Evers**, went home to be with the Lord on August 7th. He was 96 years old.

Dad lived a remarkably full life. He served in the U.S. Army, traveled the world as an industrial engineer and consultant, loved photography and his treasured Hasselblad camera, and loved cooking for his family. Even into his 90s, as macular degeneration gradually took his eyesight, he continued attending a weekly men’s Bible study and volunteering at a local food kitchen.

Dad finished well. With his eyesight mostly gone, he had a lot of time to sit and pull out of his memory Bible verses he had learned through the nine+ decades. He continually shared his current verse of the day and what it meant and how we could make this truth a part of our lives.

But since Dad’s passing, I have found myself thinking about something much smaller.

Many years ago, **Dad invited me to go on a trip.**

He couldn’t have known what God would do with that invitation.

Dad had attended **Bob Jones University** with **Bill Bathman**, who later founded **In Touch Mission International**. Many years after their university days, their paths crossed again. Dad became involved with ITMI, eventually serving as a board member and later as chairman.

Through that relationship, when I was in my late 30s, I was given the opportunity to travel with Dad and Bill to Poland and Romania.

I went.

And God used that trip to change the direction of my life.

I had grown up in a Christian home in America, with freedoms and opportunities that I largely took for granted. In Poland, one of the first Eastern European national believers I came to know was **Piotr (Peter) Zaremba**. Piotr had come to faith and learned to follow Christ in circumstances very different from mine.

As I listened to him and observed his life, I realized there was a depth to his experience of following Christ that I had not personally known. In the years that followed, I would meet many more faithful believers who had endured communism, persecution, poverty, and hardship and yet remained committed to Christ.

God used those encounters to do something in me.

Within a few years, Bill invited me to join ITMI’s board. I had come to believe deeply in ITMI’s commitment to come alongside godly national believers—men and women who understand their own people, language, culture, and circumstances—and help equip them to reach their people for Christ.

Later, I was asked to become ITMI’s director. For the past 25 years, God has given me the privilege of serving



alongside His people in Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia.

And part of the path God used to bring me there began with a father inviting his son on a trip.

Dad couldn't have known.

That reminds me of a young boy described in John 6. Thousands of people needed food, and all he had was a small lunch.

“There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?” — John 6:9

Five loaves. Two fish.

It must have seemed so insignificant compared with the need before them. But placed in the hands of Jesus, that small offering became enough to feed thousands—with food left over.

As I think about Dad, I also think about you, our ITMI partners.

For many years, you have prayed. You have given. You have helped a national believer, supported a

family, provided Bibles, helped drill a borehole, trained a pastor, fed someone in need, or responded to some other opportunity God placed before you.

Sometimes what you could do may have seemed small compared with the need. You may not have completely understood why God prompted you to become involved. And you may never know in this life the full result of your obedience.

Neither did Dad.

He could see an opportunity to invite his son to Poland and Romania. He could not see 25 years of ministry in Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia on the other side of that invitation.

But God could.

Scripture reminds us:

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all

**ages, world without end. Amen.”
— Ephesians 3:20–21**

As I remember Dad, I am grateful for his years of service to ITMI. I am grateful for his investment in my life. But most of all, I am grateful that when God placed opportunities before him, Dad was willing to say yes.

Dad could not have known what God would do with one invitation.

Neither can we always know what He will do with our next act of obedience.

Our responsibility is not to see the outcome. It is to faithfully place what we have in His hands.

The multiplication belongs to Him.

- Steve Evers

FOR PRAISE

1. Poland - Andrew and Anna Gorski - Far reaching ministry to the evangelical churches of Poland, and their loving on needy people.
2. South Sudan - Lazarus - Continued success ministering to the most needy orphans, widows, and gang members.
3. Angola - Johan and Lesley Leach - God's continued favor with leaders in the area of boreholes, and church planting.
4. Poland - Piotr Zaremba - K5N Church - Successful K5N church presence and programs drawing in more searching Polish souls.
5. Zimbabwe - Charl van Wyk, Cozmore - Faithfully serving and sharing the truth of God's word to youth in Zimbabwe camp.

FOR PRAYER

1. Poland - Andrew and Anna - Continued prayer for the Gorski family as they reengage from their sabbatical.
2. Pakistan - Provision for a much needed water borehole to enlarge the Kingdom sharing truth in difficult times.
3. South Sudan - Lazarus - Provision of health for him and family, much death and sickness abounds.
4. All ITMI - wisdom, guidance, integrity and clarity for our partners serving faithfully and obediently to God's leading.
5. Poland - Resources to empower more, deeper outreach ministry to the many lost and broken souls.



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