



Following farming training from ZimPro, Tendai and Ngoni Mureravanhu have been able to double their maize yield.

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An extraordinary harvest for Albert

Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

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A man surveying his crops with pride might strike you as a very ordinary picture. But this image has a hidden story. Albert Nkomo lives in Mataberland, Zimbabwe. And the story of his harvest is one of extraordinary hope, determination and sheer resilience against all odds.



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Zimbabwe is in crisis. William Anderson, Christian Aid's country manager in Harare, says: 'The very infrastructure of Zimbabwe needs to be repaired. Until this happens, Zimbabwe will continue spiralling downwards.' It is no surprise then that millions are forced to survive on food aid because of successive droughts and bad governance.

But Albert Nkomo is determined that his family will be self-sufficient. At 60, he is elderly in a country with a life expectancy of only 40. But he is determined and energetic.

The Zimbabwe Project Trust (ZimPro) has taught him new conservation-farming techniques. He has applied its four main principles meticulously by planting his crops on time, to a high standard, without waste and with enthusiasm!

Albert has never given up on his goal at any stage, not even when he had to

do the hard physical work himself, because he had no money to pay for younger farm hands. And as a result, he has seen an amazing harvest. So good that he doesn't have space for it all in his old storage drums!

Now, his extraordinary harvest is also reaping rewards for his community, as he passes on what he has learnt. He frequently welcomes other farmers to see the rewards of his work. He can then share tips from his experience and the detailed records he has kept of different seed types, distribution dates and rainfall amounts.

N Dube, ZimPro's project coordinator, says Albert and his family are 'well on their way to kissing food aid goodbye.' Its work with countless families such as Albert's is essential for keeping hope alive in Zimbabwe today, and building for its future.



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£11 could pay for seeds for one household to help them produce enough food to last through the year.

£110 could provide training in conservation farming so that ten households can increase the yield of future harvests.

Commitment for Life continues to work with partners in Zimbabwe through the current political and economic uncertainty. Just like Albert, we won't give up until we see the country restored, with families free from food aid and able to build a life for themselves, and their nation.

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Please give generously to support **Commitment for Life's** partners in Zimbabwe – they can't afford to give up, and neither must we. **(Don't forget Gift Aid).**

Please also pray for a change to the political situation that is at the root of so many of the problems in the country.