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Archbishop Pius Ncube from Bulawayo has bravely and resolutely spoken out against the outrageous abuse inflicted by Mugabe's agents. Archbishop Pius provides practical assistance, food and where possible medical care to thousands of ordinary people who arrive at his church daily

Upwards of 3 million Zimbabweans now live in South Africa where they hope to find a better life. Many arrive, penniless and hungry in Johannesburg and are given shelter, food and counseling by Methodist **Bishop Paul Verryn**. Bishop Paul now provides a home to almost 1000 refugees - many of whom are torture victims - and cares for them on the most meager of budgets.

Zimbabweans face some insurmountable hardships as they struggle with an inflation rate of over 2000%, chronic food shortages, over 80% unemployment and the collapse of medical services. Life expectancy for Zimbabwean women is now only 34 years, the shortest in the world; this in a country that once had an admirable public health system.

As if this were not bad enough, over 700,000 have had their homes and businesses destroyed and thousands more have been brutally beaten and tortured by the violent Mugabe regime as it desperately clings onto power. Recently lawyers, including the internationally respected Beatrice Mtetwa, were publicly beaten for defending Mugabe's opponents.

As Zimbabwe has descended into the tragic mess that it is today, Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube has been a beacon of hope for many. An outspoken critic of the Mugabe Regime he provides much needed support to thousands of Zimbabweans who come to his church daily, seeking food, shelter and medical care.

You can assist with the noble efforts of these remarkable leaders. Your contribution will fund urgently needed medical care, food, clothing and shelter. In addition, your contribution will help with counseling of torture victims and will help exiles to find some form of gainful employment. The churches of both Archbishop Pius and Bishop Paul provide an invaluable and irreplaceable service to some of the most vulnerable Zimbabweans at home and in exile and they deserve our support.