

HERE'S A NOVEL WAY FOR A CHURCH TO HELP SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL MINERS' MISSION!

AN EGGSTRAORDINARY HARVEST



A Yorkshire church is backing the work of the International Miners' Mission by hatching an eggciting idea for their harvest project. Morley Community church are selling free range eggs direct from the farm to finance a project to help destitute miners widows in Zimbabwe.

Church members following the IMM Prayer Calendar read and prayed about the plight of such families in the Kadoma area. The loss of the breadwinner through disease or accident has seen their widows and families destitute and without income or support in this struggling African nation. Morley Community Church decided to support the International Miners' Mission as it seeks to address the problem through its *Mine Ministry* in Zimbabwe. Through IMM supported pastors in the mining area of Zimbabwe, scores of chickens, sheds, wire, feed and other equipment will be purchased. Groups of miners' widows will rear the chicks and sell them to make a small livelihood for themselves.

Church members have already made contact with a Christian farmer in Yorkshire and obtained supplies

of free range eggs. They are busy using them for their own consumption and also selling them to friends and neighbours.

Their novel idea also has an eggstraordinary twist.

At the height of the eviction of farmers by the Mugabe regime a decade ago, the church was involved in helping newly arrived Zimbabwean evacuees to settle in the UK. One of the evacuees was John Bion who was hounded from his farm with his family. The church welcomed him to Morley and helped him to make a new start and he eventually settled on a farm in Yorkshire. Besides growing crops, the farm also rears hens and produces free range eggs. They have undertaken to supply quantities of eggs to this congregational mission church for use in this harvest project. All the surplus made from sales will be ploughed into the project.

Church spokesman Andy Dalton commented that eggs was the connecting theme from start to finish. He explained that the church was cutting out the middleman in the supply chain. This enabled them to make a surplus but also make eggs available cheaper than what shoppers would pay in the supermarket. He concluded "*The surplus made from egg sales is being passed on to the International Miners' Mission for this project to bring the Gospel, hope and practical assistance to those who are left with nothing.*"

The project was launched at their recent harvest festival at which local MP Andrea Jenkyns was present who was able to hear about the work of the IMM. The church hopes to raise £200 by the new year.

We are so very grateful for the support and encouragement you give us with the ministry to miners that the Lord has placed on our hearts and we thank Him and you as you choose to partner with us. This year we are able to provide Christmas Cards again for sale which helps towards the work of taking the Gospel to the miners in frequently remote and difficult locations. The Word says 'How can they believe unless someone tells them?' Our heart is for everyone to hear the Gospel preached of the Saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Last year we raised £300. Praise the Lord. We enclose an order form with this issue of Safety Lamp.

The **WORD** daily tear-off block calendars (Authorised Version) are also being offered for sale again this year at £7.50 UK and £8.00 for the rest of the world. (Please 'phone Katherine on 01525 370179 or contact using address on mailing envelope for an order form and more details).

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