

# The PEMBERTON Station



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For some time now, HVCM has been sitting on a very large piece of land (150 acres) in a region of Zimbabwe called GUTU. What makes this land so special is that it literally sits directly on the main highway right in the middle of the country between the capital city, Harare, and our Mission base down in Chiredzi.

We have been slowly raising funds to build a school there and currently have the first 4-block building completed. With that being said, it is now time to make our big announcement and share the great vision the Lord has put on our hearts.

We will be naming this 150 acre mission site PEMBERTON STATION in honor of John and Marge Pemberton who first moved to Zimbabwe in 1956 with their family to begin this great mission and to establish the Mashoko Mission Schools. This is exciting! Our plan is to begin with establishing THE LIVING PROOF HIGH SCHOOL on the site! That's right, we will be taking this first 4-block building to start a first rate high school/boarding school which is currently the greatest need in Zimbabwe.



John & Marge Pemberton

## The Plan

Now that the first (of many) 4-block classrooms has been built, we are planning construction of latrines, teacher housing, boys and girls dorms, a kitchen and dining area and plan to be ready to open this new school by January 2023.

We plan to begin with 138 Form One students (first year high school) and then add another 138 each year through Form Six as we build another 4 new classroom blocks each year going forward. Eventually we will have 276 students in each of the 6 high school grades for a total of more than 1600 students!

Under the leadership of our new mission schools manager, Samuel Mahwehwe, our plan is to make this Living Proof High School one of the finest schools in the entire country of



Zimbabwe. Samuel has a stellar reputation in the Zimbabwe educational system because of all he was able to accomplish as headmaster of our fine Dewure High School/Boarding School when he raised their standards and made it into one of the top 10 schools in Zimbabwe. We are anticipating the same here!

Our plan is to have 50% of all boarding students be Living Proof children. The LP kids will be selected based upon academic and character qualifications and will be awarded a full scholarship which includes room and board.

Imagine this! These are kids who would normally have no opportunity to attend a premiere boarding school like this due to the high cost (about \$1,200 per year) yet now they will have an opportunity to be in one of the nation's finest schools! The other 50% of students will be full tuition paying students from around the country of Zimbabwe.

The waiting lists are long for quality boarding schools and the tuition paid by the other half of the students will be sufficient to run and further develop the school.

## Exciting Partnerships

In addition, due to the location and size of this property, we are partnering with **IDES** (International Disaster Emergency Service) to create a large goat and cattle operation on site, and this, along with the **Farming God's Way** mission organization, will allow us to teach all students important skills toward a future in farming, sustainability and entrepreneurship.



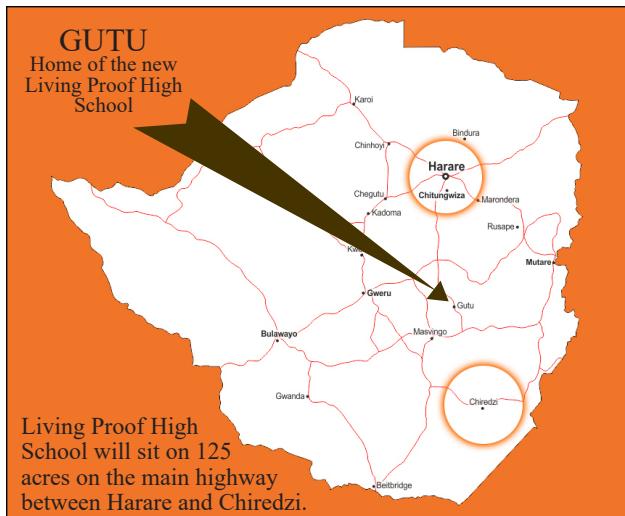
We plan to teach more than reading, writing and Jesus. We plan to teach them how to make a living!

## A Bold Vision

This is Big! This is Bold! This is a big, bold vision!

While we have the first 4-block classroom building finished, it will take significant faith and significant fundraising to see this dream

realized. To be able to open the school for boarders in 2023, we will need to raise an additional \$250,000 US dollars (for the water system, latrines, kitchen, teacher housing, dormitories, etc.). We can do this!



**Giving Honor**

The Bible tells us to give honor where honor is due (Proverbs 3:27). As Pemberton Station is being developed over the coming years, there will be other naming opportunities as we also honor Dr. Dennis and Lucy Pruett and other great missionaries and their families from Central African Mission as well as many key Zimbabwean leaders. There will be school blocks, a primary school, auditoriums, libraries, dining halls, recreation halls and more that can serve as naming opportunities to honor and remember those who gave so much for the Lord's work in Zimbabwe.

## Let's Build Pemberton Station

We need \$250,000 dollars to see this dream launched and realized. This is a big number but we serve a big God! We should expect great things from God and we should attempt big things for God! And that is what we are doing!

We are calling upon our supporting churches and individual donors to consider a significant sacrificial gift to advance God's Kingdom work in Zimbabwe, to make a difference in the life of a Zimbabwe student and to honor these great pioneer missionary families and the African leaders who served and established this great mission. We have already raised over \$50,000 from our Living Proof sponsors after sharing this news with them last month! We can do this!

We want to share this exciting story with you!

Please contact us to have Al Serhal come in to present more details about this big, bold vision. He would love to come meet with your mission team and church leaders with his easel and artist rendering of what the developed Pemberton Station will be one day.

