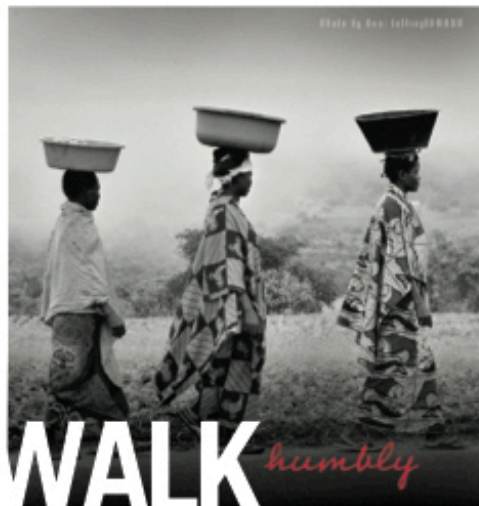
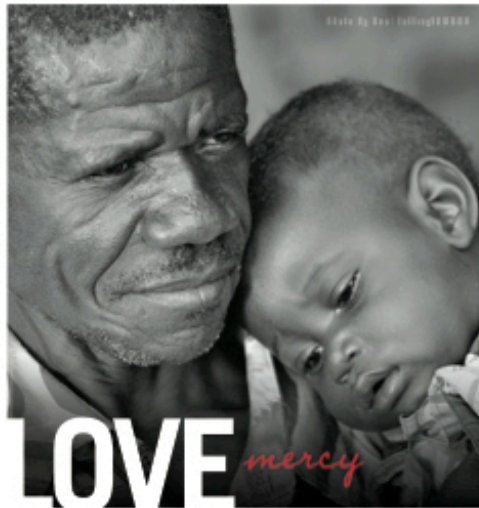


And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Cheers for Pencils

In Zimbabwe, where one of the worst economic crises in history has taken place, resources were scarce and expensive, particularly for those in more remote areas. This left many of the most vulnerable communities without access to basic necessities such as food or clean water, much less the “luxury” of such items as paper or a ruler. Often seen as a privilege, access to education and educational materials are highly valued and much appreciated by all, providing a foundation of hope for the future.

So, when more than 400 children in rural Zimbabwe received school kits from UMCOR to help them prepare for the reopening of their schools there were shouts of joy. These humble satchels containing notebooks, scissors, and eraser, ruler, crayons, pencils and pencil sharpener are tangible gifts of love for children living in an area of the world where life is difficult as best.



Children in Zimbabwe with their new school kits.
Melissa Crutchfield/UMCOR

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