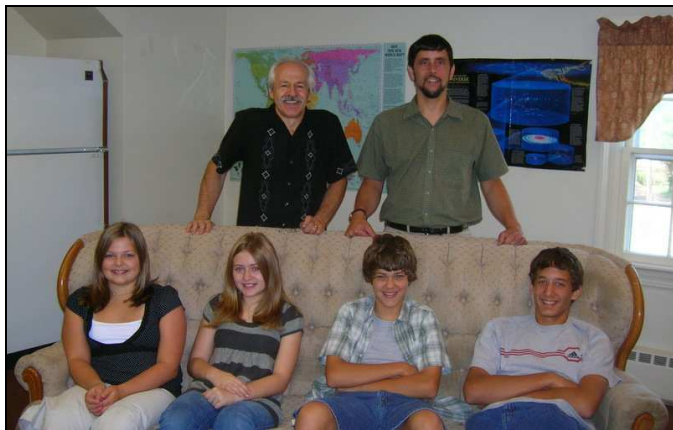


## Join the Jr, MYF in helping Gwab Mopfu fill a container for his home country: Zimbabwe

**News Item:** John Sentamu, African-born Anglican Archbishop of York, startled a nationwide BBC audience on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2007, when he sliced up his clerical collar during a live interview and vowed not to wear it until Robert Mugabe quits as president of Zimbabwe. The Archbishop said Mugabe “has taken peoples identity and literally-if you don’t mind- cut it to pieces” ....he said “Mugabe has turned Zimbabwe, a once wealthy nation from a bread basket to a basket case.”

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### Who is the Jr.MYF?



Jr. MYF Class: Seated; LR Amanda Kolb, Elly Stauffer, Christian Landis, Derek Godshall, teachers, Joe Landis and Joel Alderfer. Missing from photo Austin Yoder and Derek Rowe

### The invitation:

A couple weeks ago a man named Gwab Mpofu from Zimbabwe, Africa came and visited our classroom to share how he is trying to help the people in his home town. He was here a number of years ago with the International Volunteer Exchange Program under the Mennonite Central Committee. He has since become a Microsoft certified technician and is working with computers. After listening to Gwab, we decided to assist him in what he is trying to do as our class project for the year. His goal is to collect the following items, which are still in good condition: \*farming equipment; a small tractor, \*home remodeling items; bathroom shower stall, kitchen sinks, bathroom tubs, \*computer equipment, and \*clothing. His goal is to fill a shipping container.

**WE CHALLENGE YOU TO HELP US**

### Gwab Writes:

*My parents and siblings and many friends and acquaintances still live in Zimbabwe. They tell me that the situation is dire. In recent years, the government has repatriated land from commercial farmers and as a result, food production has dropped by more than 80 % resulting in hunger and very high costs for food. Since farming is the main source of income, the general economy has suffered tremendously. People travel very far to find work; they have very little money for basic needs; and there is no growth in the form of economic development. There is very little hope that these conditions will improve soon.*

*I am working with two pastors there --Albert Ndlovu in the town of Lobengula and Notsen Ncube in Nkulumane – who will help me to find deserving individuals to receive the donations we collect. Two churches here have signed on as sponsors to this project – Perkiomenville Mennonite Church and Salford Mennonite Church. But the need is great, and we are welcoming any other churches or individuals who would like to join in this cause.*

### Next Steps:

Contact for donations: Gwab Mpofu; Phone: 610 389 8682. \$8,000 is needed to pay for shipping. Cash donations will be handled by the churches that are supporting this project. Goal is to ship goods by May 2008, which will arrive in Zimbabwe by August 2008.



**We are looking for you**