

AN EASTER MESSAGE OF HOPE



Dear Friends, Family and Supporters

A very blessed and happy Easter to you all.

As I write to you, it is a beautiful day and suddenly from the dark, cold, wet days we've been having, all the bulbs, the blossom and primroses are bursting with life and hope.

It reminds me of what Jesus did for us on that cross. He died for us to bring us forgiveness and he rose again so that we could have Life in Him now and for all Eternity. So once again we celebrate this year's Easter with God's message of Hope.



An alternative compensation initiative for dispossessed farmers and agricultural rebuilding strategy

It is 23 years since the brutal farm invasions began in Zimbabwe, triggering the country's chaotic downward spiral, with the food security crisis affecting millions and catastrophic economic decline.

Despite the ongoing chaos in Zimbabwe, there are signs of hope.

For example, the Southern African Agri Initiative (SAAI) is now assisting our dispossessed Zimbabwean farmers, many of whom are destitute, with an alternative compensation and agricultural rebuilding strategy. SAAI is the South Africa-based agricultural interest network which is "for farmers by farmers". It is committed to protecting and promoting the rights, values, ideals and needs of family farmers regionally in the primary production sector.

Without the resolution of compensation and property rights for expropriated farms according to international law, and restoration of the rule of law in Zimbabwe, the crucial agricultural sector cannot be rebuilt.

Royal Geographical Society event in London on Tuesday 20 June 2023 from 7.15 - 9.30pm Doors open at 6.30 pm

2023 Breakthrough Zimbabwe Election? Seeds of Hope!

We are excited to invite you to the Mike Campbell Foundation event at the Royal Geographical Society in London.

We have an exceptional line up of speakers.

Please put the date in your diary and come and support this event.

Tickets: £15; Students and group bookings of 4 or more: £10 per person.

Bookings can be made through the Bookitbee website, please click [**HERE**](#).

You will be also able to book your tickets for the event on our new website - or by sending a cheque to Mike Campbell Foundation - please send to our address at the foot of this letter.

Our update event will take place at a critical time ahead of the 2023 elections which are likely to be held between 26 July and 24 August. We would so appreciate seeing you there.

Our planned guest speakers will be:

Dr. Theo de Jager: Chairman of the Southern African Agri Initiative (SAAI). He was president of the World Farmers' Organisation from 2017-2019, which represents farmers in over 80 countries around the world. He is a farmer, as well as a qualified lawyer and valuator and has played a pivotal role in agriculture in South Africa, Africa and internationally since 1997.

Hopewell Chin'ono: An award-winning documentary filmmaker and international journalist. He has worked for ITV News, The New York Times and the BBC World Service. He has received numerous awards and is one of the most courageous men we know, constantly facing jail and worse at the hands of the Zimbabwe government.

Advocate Fadzayi Mahere: A prominent Zimbabwean lawyer who currently serves as the National Spokesperson for the main opposition party, the Citizens Coalition for Change. Fadzayi is one of the bravest women we know. Having obtained a Master of Laws (LLM) degree, she went on to get an LLM in International Criminal Law and International Commercial Litigation at the University of Cambridge. She worked for a year at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. As a lawyer she is often in court defending others, but she finds herself in the criminal dock frequently, being charged criminally for speaking out against injustice.

Ben Freeth MBE has continued to stand for justice wherever he can, particularly against the injustice that continues to be perpetrated in the agricultural sector. Ben has also been persecuted by the authorities, including being beaten up very badly on a number of occasions. He is desperate to see Zimbabwean agriculture rebuilt, with property rights established throughout the region.

Baroness Kate Hoey: We are very honoured to have Baroness Kate Hoey chairing the event. She is a wonderful ambassador for the suffering people of Zimbabwe. She has travelled bravely to the country on many occasions, sometimes undercover, and has experienced several threats of arrest from the Zimbabwe Government.

We hope to have another honoured guest who will join the panel for questions.

We will be sending out a flyer later.

Al Jazeera's remarkable exposé of a top-level gold smuggling network from Zimbabwe to Dubai

"The Gold Mafia", Al Jazeera's 4-part undercover investigation into gold smuggling, reveals in **Part 1: "The Laundry Service"** how billions of dollars' worth of gold is smuggled from Zimbabwe to Dubai, allowing criminals to clean dirty money through a web of shell companies, invoices and paid-off officials. A senior Zimbabwean ambassador offers to launder US\$1.2 million using the cover of his diplomatic bag. At the centre of their operations is southern Africa's biggest "Laundromat", the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

Please, please watch this exposé. Settle down with a cup of tea or a drink and be prepared to be shocked! To watch Part 1 of this highly incriminating documentary, click [HERE](#). [Length: 51 minutes]. It's hard to believe this has been happening. It's horrific!

Part 2: "Smoke and Mirrors" [Length: 59 minutes] – to watch, click [HERE](#).

We thank you all so much for your continuing support for what we are doing together to bring new life, new hope and new beginnings in Zimbabwe. We wouldn't be able to do any of this without your help. Your support is invaluable.

Once again I, together with all the Trustees and Ben, pray that this Easter will be a special time for you and your families.

With love and blessings



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What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" -Micah 6:8