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TWO HARVESTS!

As we enter the sixth and final month of the Special Appeal we report on, not one but two harvests. In both we see, unmistakably, the hand of our gracious and compassionate God. We also see, linked to his hand, the hands of those our ZVSF team on the ground and those working with them.

The first harvest is the obvious one – the crops now standing tall in the fields, some just a few weeks from being harvested. We remember that the crop



shown in the first photo, grown by Deacon Pauline, a very talented farmer, was grown from seed maize donated through your generosity.

Do you see - your generosity, the hard work of those who till the land and nurture the crop, and the Lord's provision of sunshine and good rains – and they were all needed for the harvest? It's too early to say what the national harvest will be, and we cannot gauge what impact even a good harvest would have on the most vulnerable. But certainly a reasonable harvest would bring some relief and a sign of hope to a desperate people.

Meanwhile, perhaps less obviously and alongside that sowing of the seed and tending of the crop, a second harvest was being prepared. Here it was the preaching of the word of God by Pastor Albert and his team, their teaching of the faith and solidarity in suffering, which is producing an amazing (spiritual) harvest. From Pastor Albert I learn that during lockdown and across the scattered, make-shift preaching places, more than 200 people have come to the Lord. Covid-safe baptisms are being planned – and what joyful celebrations they will be! In the

second photo we see a mother kneeling in deep gratitude for the blessings of a new-found faith and the food to sustain her family meanwhile.

Thank you, co-workers, for your vital contribution to both harvests.

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