

## Continuing to support those in poverty in Mzimvubu

Covid-19 continues to spread rapidly through some parts of the world. Although it doesn't make the UK news headlines, the deprived area of the Diocese of Mzimvubu in South Africa is no exception. Thankfully, we in the Diocese of Truro are able to provide some help and support to our link diocese through the generosity of many individuals across the county.



In March of this year we sent a further sum of £6,000 to their Disaster Management and Response Committee. This was distributed among 6 Archdeaconries, assisting 180 families with food parcels and 4 with school uniforms.

We are told that it is not easy for them to access shops to buy the food parcels, as people are given a specific time for their shopping, and if Covid strikes, then the shop has to be closed. Their report says, "Jobs continue to be lost, deaths due to Covid-19 still occur, but through God's grace we are able to intervene through your donation. Children continue to lose their parents, some flee from unpleasant treatment, and we see street kids. We continue to promote the spirit of Ubuntu."

Each Archdeaconry hands over the food parcels after they have been blessed at a special service. In Mbizana Archdeaconry, an area in great poverty, Bishop Tsietsi joined the Archdeaconry clergy at the service. In others, the Local Municipality attend and give messages of support.



In one service a woman with a young boy gave a touching speech in which she said "I always pray before I sleep, but my prayer ends half way, especially when I think what I will feed these kids on. But I have never lost hope, and the church has strengthened my trust in God."

In Mount Ayliff Archdeaconry, many people do not have Identity Documents and the children do not have Birth Certificates, which prevents access to government services. The church has been able to assist with obtaining documents and with online registration.

Please continue to hold the Diocese of Mzimvubu in your prayers. You can find our prayer points here: <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/social-action/truro-diocese-international-links/prayer-requests/>

The TDIL committee would like to thank our many donors who continue to give regularly to this project. If you would like to give towards the aid we send to this impoverished region, please contact either Sheri Sturgess on [sheri.sturgess@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.sturgess@gmail.com) or the Finance department at [finance@truro.anglican.org](mailto:finance@truro.anglican.org).



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