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FESTIVAL REPORT 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Over 66,000 Festival Attendees
Over 311, 941 Overall Activity Attendees
148,012 Decisions to follow Christ

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What an incredible journey the Love Zimbabwe Festival has been! As I look back, my heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy. It's hard to imagine that the amazing journey that started some few years back through the invitation of spiritual Fathers in Zimbabwe has finally come to pass.

From the moment the first tents went up to the final echoes of worship at the Zimbabwe Grounds, we witnessed something truly special, the Church united, communities transformed, and thousands of lives changed forever. Everywhere you turned, there was laughter, dancing, dust rising from the joy-filled crowds, and the unmistakable tangible presence of God moving among His people.

It's hard to put into words the beauty of those moments, the children's laughter, the excitement of the BMX and Kubamba teams, the heartfelt worship led by our choirs, and the thousands of hands raised in surrender to Christ. Each scene told a story of hope and revival. Whether at the Women's Conference, the Eyeglass Clinics, or the Disabilities Outreach, it was clear that this Festival was more than an event — it was a movement of love across Zimbabwe pioneered by the local church.

The spiritual guidance and wisdom from the Advisory Team and the implementation of the whole plan by the Executive Team was impeccable and we shall forever be grateful. To every volunteer who showed up early, served tirelessly, smiled through the dust, and gave your very best — thank you. You were the heartbeat of this Festival. You carried chairs, prayed with strangers, welcomed guests, and helped make every soul feel seen and loved. The impact you made goes far beyond what any of us could measure. Heaven itself rejoiced because of your obedience and sacrifice.

Therefore, on behalf of the entire Palau Team, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the churches, pastors, leaders and volunteers who poured their hearts, time, resources and energy into making the Love Zimbabwe Festival a powerful and unforgettable experience.

As we look ahead, may this Festival remain a reminder of what happens when God's people come together for one purpose — to lift up the name of Jesus. You were part of history, part of something eternal. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for saying "yes." Zimbabwe will never be the same again — and neither will we.



Bishop David Chigamba
Director, Africa Festivals



REPORT SUMMARY

The historic Love Zimbabwe Festival, held from September 26-28, 2025, at the Zimbabwe Grounds in Harare, was a wonderful success. Organized by the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishop's Conference (ZCBC) and the Union for the Development of Apostolic Churches in Zimbabwe (UDACIZA) in conjunction with Palau and other Christian bodies, the festival brought together thousands to celebrate faith, unity, and hope. The festival featured vibrant worship, inspiring messages, and diverse activities, uniting churches and communities across Zimbabwe in an unforgettable celebration of faith and outreach.

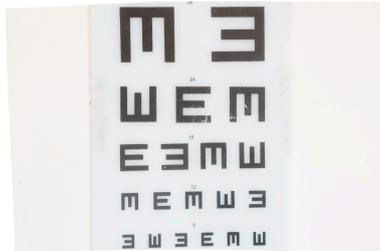
MINISTRY WEEKS

Prior to the Festival, from Tuesday, 9th to Thursday, 25th September, 2025, several Ministry activities took place throughout the city.

Outreaches teams went to Primary and Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, Eyeglass Clinics, Orphanages, and Sports Tournaments. The Women's Conference and two Affinity Dinners added some extra flair. Approximately 192,678 people were reached before the festival started.

Eyeglass & Medical Clinics

The clinics provided reading glasses along with eye exams and referrals by local doctors and student doctors, prayer and the gospel message.



Eyeglass clinic highlights:

At the four clinics hosted in Glen View, Mbare, Chitungwiza and Glen Norah, 8,759 people were seen and 2,098 made decisions for Christ. The clinics not only provided needed reading glasses and critical referrals but also touched lives spiritually, showcasing God's love in action!

Primary Schools

Children were ministered to through various child friendly activities like BMX stunts, dances, skits, bible lessons and choreography. In partnership with AWANA, Doug Horley and many children's ministries, the goal was to help the children to know, love and serve Jesus Christ from a young age. The excitement, dancing, and worship filled the atmosphere as young lives were touched by the love of Jesus.

Over 124,123 children were reached, and an amazing 89,605 decisions for Christ were made!



Secondary Schools

The impact on secondary schools was profound, thanks to the incredible efforts of Kubamba Missions from Kenya, who brought energy and passion in engaging students through lively, interactive sessions. We saw students actively participate in worship, games, and discussions that opened their hearts to the message of Jesus Christ. **Over 39,587 students were reached, with 9,289 making life-changing decisions to follow Christ.**

We thank God for the trained children's ministry workers who played a key role in guiding the students, and express deep gratitude to the school leadership and the Ministry of Education for their support in making this possible.



Universities



Ev. Paul Saungweme brought a powerful message of HOPE to the young people! Students joined in a sports tournament. The worship and dancing was led by Kubamba and various singers. **747 Students were reached, with 289 making decisions to follow Christ.**



ORPHANAGES

Between 22nd and 25th September 2025, our team, accompanied by officers from the Department of Social Development, conducted visits to four orphanages within Harare and Chitungwiza. The purpose of the visits was to provide spiritual, emotional and material support to children living in institutional and community-based care. The reception at all four centers was warm and appreciative. The four orphanages visited include the *I Am Zimbabwe Trust*, the *Maunganidze Foster Home*, the *Shungu DzeVana Orphanage* and the *Mathew Rusike Children's Home*.



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Persons with Disabilities Committee, led by Br. Jimmy Sikalama from Miracle Missions had the privilege of visiting four remarkable schools—St Catherine's Special School, Batsirai Special School, Masimba Disability Support Group and Mwari Anesu Disability Support Group. These visits formed part of our ongoing commitment to evangelism, inclusion, and building lasting relationships within our community. Pastor Hamandishe, who shared from John 3:1, reminded us that because we have the love of God, we are called to share that love with others—embracing everyone without exception.



AFFINITY DINNERS

Women's Dinner

Women of influence from various industries invited friends and colleagues to an elegant dinner at the Rainbow Towers International Conference Centre. Renowned gospel singer, Janet Manyowa created a beautiful atmosphere as she sang some of Zimbabwe's favourite songs. Karen Mutasa shared inspirational stories of hope from her own life. It was amazing to see how Wendy Palau's message blended with Karen's stories to inspire all the ladies. A total of 410 women attended, and 96 made decisions for Christ. What a powerful move of God!



Wilson Smith, former head designer at Nike shoes did an incredible presentation sharing inspirational stories of how God helped him in working with famous stars like Serena Williams, Michael Jordan and others. Andrew Palau connected to some of the principles Wilson shared and shared how he came to follow Christ.



Business Dinner

The Business Leaders Evangelistic Dinner saw a remarkable turnout of Harare's business and political leaders. Over 410 attendees gathered to hear the gospel, presented in a setting designed to inspire hope and faith in the marketplace. Janet Manyowa set the tone with her beautiful songs followed by an inspirational testimony by Roy Chimanikire, Deputy CEO of Econet. Roy shared a touching story about his father last moments and said that it is never too late to make a decision for Christ.



The dinner provided an invaluable opportunity to reach influential figures, with 143 individuals making decisions for Christ. This demonstrates the profound impact of the event in the business and political spheres, as many left encouraged and committed to fostering godly leadership in their respective areas of influence.



Women's Conference

The Women's Conference in Chitungwiza saw 3000 women experience powerful moments of healing, rededication and surrender to Jesus. More than 684 women walked in droves to receive Christ as their personal Savior. "I have shared my story because if God can heal my heart, He can heal yours. If He can change my story, He can change yours too." Wendy Palau.



Sports Tournaments

The final sports tournament of the Festival took place on the morning of the first day of the Festival, featuring leading teams from earlier rounds. Youth and adult games added excitement, with trophies awarded to winning teams. **In total 8,321 people listened to the gospel message at the tournaments and 811 made a commitment to follow Jesus.**





FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

ACTION SPORTS

The action sports at the Love Zimbabwe Festival were a thrilling highlight, with BMX bicycle and freestyle motocross (FMX) drawing large crowds of young people and kids.



The stunts captivated the audience, but the real impact came when these talented athletes shared how they follow Jesus in their fields. Their powerful testimonies touched the hearts of many, especially young people, who were inspired to commit their lives to Christ.

The action-packed performances were not just entertaining but life-changing, as the world renown athletes used their platform to point others to faith in God.



The famous jump of death, where the rider jumps over volunteers.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The children's activity areas were packed with fun and excitement, offering a wide range of entertainment including games, jumping castles, carnival rides, swimming, face painting, and horse riding.

Little ones were fully engaged throughout the festival, enjoying a time dedicated to them while also hearing the Gospel message.

The combination of vibrant activities and spiritual engagement created a joyful and memorable experience for the children, ensuring they felt included and inspired as part of the larger event. It was a powerful way to minister to the younger generation in a fun and meaningful way.



Horse Riding

It was a special privilege for the kids to ride horses at the festival, an experience many eagerly lined up for.

The excitement in their faces was undeniable as the skilled handlers guided them around, making sure each child enjoyed the ride.

For many, it was their first time on horseback, and the opportunity brought endless smiles and joy. The handlers patiently took the kids around throughout the morning, creating lasting memories for the little ones.

Jumping Castles

The much-anticipated jumping castles were a major hit, drawing long lines as kids eagerly waited their turn. The excitement was palpable as children bounced and laughed, having the time of their lives. The colorful castles became a focal point of fun, adding to the joyful atmosphere of the festival.

Parents and onlookers enjoyed seeing the little ones fully engaged and happy, making the jumping castles a highlight for all the kids.



Lots of fun



Face Painting

The face painting added a special festival touch for the kids, making them feel included and part of the excitement. They thoroughly enjoyed these free activities, and as joy lit up their faces, they were ministered to, feeling a sense of belonging as they blended in with the other children.

Clowning around



Messages of Hope

Doug and Melinda Horley led the children's workers in dynamic ministry, captivating the kids with fun stories, engaging acts, and lively plays that sparked laughter and excitement.

Through these interactive experiences, a simple yet powerful message was conveyed, ultimately leading to thousands of children giving their lives to Christ. The combination of entertainment and spiritual teaching made a profound impact, creating unforgettable memories for the young attendees.





FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

ARTISTS

Renowned worship leader Ada Ehi delivered captivating worship, prompting the audience to sing along with passion.

She was joined by an impressive lineup of local artists including Michael Mahendere, Takesure Zamar, Janet Manyowa, Mathias Mhere, Dorcas Moyo, Tembalami, King David, Ellard & Sharon Cherayi, Blessing Jeduthun, ROMAC, Trinity Choir, Vabati Vajehova, Boys of Thunder, , Ezekiel Paul, Pastor G, Cleo Arie, Nyasha Mutonhori, Robyn Mafadza, Call to Worship, FIG Worship Center, Joyful Praise Choir and more...

Atmosphere & Energy

Newsreelzimbabwe.co.zw wrote about Friday night : *“The highlight of the event was the electrifying performance by Kubamba, a group from Kenya. Their energetic set had the crowd jumping and dancing”*. Laughter, singing, and dancing created an infectious vibe, as everyone eagerly awaited the next ministration.



THE MESSAGE

Evangelist Andrew Palau shared powerful testimonies from his own life. His emotive illustration of the gospel message was key to unlocking the hearts of so many people. One could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit as he spoke and lead **35,135 people to accept Jesus Christ at the festival.**



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Preserving the harvest

More than 2000 churches from the four mother bodies are working together to do the follow-up of the new believers.



Key statistics

- **148,012** People made a decision to follow Christ.. **All the follow-up cards have already been delivered** to the partner churches that are inviting the new believers to church.
- **222,800 Gospels of John** have been distributed.
- **31,872 New Testaments** have been distributed.

