MUTEYO



Christina & Lance Muteyo ZIMBABWE

LANGUAGES

Shona Ndebele

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship, Evangelism, Peace and Justice

BIRTHDAYS

Christina 11/29 Lance 8/22







ABOUT



addition to their primary work of peacebuilding and conflict transformation, Christina and Lance develop leaders through training and capacity building, and they oversee sustainable economic development projects. They share, "It is our belief that peace, justice, truth, and mercy are ingredients for sustainable peacebuilding."





Peacebuilding and community development participants practice facilitating a workshop.



MINISTRY STORY

Trees of Peace Africa's mandate of peace and justice work has been getting a lot of support. In April 2023, we conducted a training of trainers in peacebuilding and community development in Zimbabwe using experiential learning methodologies. This training developed 24 carefully selected leaders from Zimbabwe's ten provinces. The intensive capacity-building training led to the formation of the Peace Building Network (PBN). This platform allows Lance and Christina to visit the people trained and supervise them in their provinces as they conduct their own training. It's also an online platform to share resources.

Each participant learned, understood and demonstrated competency in facilitating and implementing 25-30 tools that are used to de-escalate and transform conflict. Some examples include mediation, negotiation, mainstream/ margin, nonviolent direct action, power, designing workshops, group formation and trauma healing.

The core group of 24 trained peace practitioners went on and arranged dozens of workshops and mediation activities in their respective communities countrywide. With this method, we have managed to increase the sphere of influence of the training far beyond the physical training space.

Today, participants are continuously empowered to provide leadership in nonviolent movements for social and political change and lead in mediation efforts to end conflicts in their contexts.

In addition to trainings, we are managing a tailoring project for vulnerable women. The second cohort of seven women graduated in November 2023. We will continue, through God's grace, to empower communities through mental emancipation, social transformation, economic empowerment and spiritual upliftment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for peace in Zimbabwe and especially for the trainers of peacebuilding to have the heart of Christ.

Pray for us to have wisdom so that we can meet communities at their point of need.

SCRIPTURE

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

