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GLAD TIDINGS



by Marcellina Muchemwa

Christmas season is upon us. As Zimbabweans we understand this season very well. I remember travelling to kumusha as a child to celebrate the festivities with family. Groceries would be bought, chickens and goats slaughtered and we would feast and make merry until the time came to return to the city. There was such a richness to these experiences as the children from the city mingled with their rural cousins and we all learned from each other. We were fascinated by our rural cousin's ability to do hard physical labour and simple things like cooking over a fire without getting affected by the smoke. They were equally fascinated that we found cows scary and would run away. As I reflect on the typical Zimbabweans Christmas

RADICAL is a Christian movement started in June 2019 to promote the values of **Respect, Accountability, Discipline, Integrity, Courage, Attitude and Love**. The restoration of values is spearheaded by **RADICAL** champions drawn from various sectors of Zimbabwean society. In being **RADICAL**, we seek to **BE MORE**. These values are extracted from our African way of being, which is Ubuntu and are the key to solving the national crisis of moral degradation and selfishness. When we seek to first change our own hearts and attitudes, then change will come to the nation.

of soft drinks and meat eating, I am left wondering whether we ever really made the Christmas Festivities about Jesus. In the same manner, its widely said and believed that Zimbabwe is a Christian nation but do we understand what that means. In a nation where people don't think twice about paying a bribe or not keeping a promise, can we say we exhibit the values of who we claim to be? Just drive on any road and so called Christians will be driving in a reckless and selfish manner. Never giving way, doing illegal things like overtaking on double lines and generally driving recklessly. I would like us to reflect on who we have become and how far this is from who we say we are. **WE CAN CHANGE**. We can be better, we can be more.

CALL TO ACTION

- Sign up for values training for your company.
- Sign up for a Values Talk at your local school or Church.
- Purchase a **RADICAL** bumper sticker for your car.
- Send us your story of a **RADICAL** Zimbo in your community.



Heads of HR Training Workshop September 2019



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RADICAL ZIMBO OF THE MONTH



Our RADICAL Zimbo for the month of December is Desire Masuku. Last month when Desire was driving along one of Zimbabwe's major highways, he came across 2 ladies in their 70s who were stuck at a toll gate as they had no bond notes/RTGS currency.

The ladies were foreigners, one a first time visitor to Zimbabwe and only had foreign currency on them. As we all know, foreign currency is not accepted at the toll gates. Desire stepped in and paid their toll gate fees and then offered to

drive in front of them and pay at every toll gate until they got to part ways.

Although the ladies did give him his USD equivalent, they were still touched by his generosity of spirit and his positive, helpful **ATTITUDE**. The best part is they have shared this story and now speak of Zimbabweans as being helpful, kind and positive. If everyone could endeavour to be helpful and kind, we can restore hope not just in our country but in humanity. It takes nothing to smile at visitors, be welcoming and show them that great Zimbabwean brand of being a warm and wonderful people. Thank you Desire for showing our visitors ubuntu, hunhu hwedu. They are no doubt coming back and saying great things about our country in Uganda and France because of your great ATTITUDE. You're a **RADICALZIMBO** and we are proud of you.

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