This summer my team and I visited The Salvation Army Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe, which can accommodate up to 144 patients at a time. Good work was evident there, but the building was small and cramped, and the medical equipment was quite outdated. We were taken to the site where a beautiful, brand new hospital was in the process of being built amongst the mountains. However, the facilities were not completed and the insides of the buildings were barren and decaying with time. Money was donated to Howard to fund the construction, but during the days of severe inflation the value of the money drastically dropped and the funds quickly ran out. The building process was never finished. Walking through the halls of the hospital, we noticed that all the rooms were already designated and we could just imagine how beneficial each room would be if only it was completed. The new hospital now seems like a dream they will never reach. Our team was blessed by the joy that the residents of Howard held onto. Never once did we hear a complaint, only talk of reality and how they have learned to appreciate and cope with what they have been given. What a beautiful lesson we learned about having joy in all circumstances! We immediately joined hearts with the staff of Howard in the pursuit of this cause, and we dream of the day when the new Howard Hospital will be completed, allowing The Salvation Army to more effectively meet the medical needs of those in Zimbabwe.

– Reported by Jennifer Felt, 2011 Summer Mission Team Member to Zimbabwe

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