



(Debra, David, Danielle, Douglas and Deanna Baasch)

The Baasch Family has been involved in fundraising for the Zimbabwe Orphanage project since 2000. Using their love of music, they have performed in Europe, southern Africa, South America, China, the Caribbean and across the United States to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic and to raise funds for the orphaned children of sub-Saharan Africa. Over the past nine years they have been able to work running dental clinics, building schools and teaching orphans not only in Zimbabwe, but also in South America and Mexico. Locally, they performed annual fundraising concerts to support the AIDS orphans. In 2005 they invited Rip Jackson, Kathy Willis and Jennifer Wright from the Grace Congregational Church choir to join them on a two week trip to Zimbabwe. There, with other friends from Maine, they worked building the medical clinic and nursery at the Newstart Children's Home in Harare, taught each day at the Simbarandega School, tutored the children of the orphanage each afternoon and ran choir rehearsals each evening. Rip Jackson and the Grace Church choir have held annual concerts to support the cause, raising over \$40,000.00. The Baasch Family continues to work to provide funding, clothing, equipment and staffing for the Newstart Children's Home. They plan to return to Zimbabwe this year, if local food supplies and health conditions allow.

For more information <http://www.zimbabweorphanageproject.org/> and <http://www.baaschfoundation.com>



Baasch Family and children at the Newstart Children's Home in Zimbabwe.



Baasch Family with Rip Jackson, Jennifer Wright and Kathy Willis from the Grace Congregational Church Choir in Zimbabwe, 2005.