

The President's Letter

MDC Message from President Tsvangirai

June 2008

Post Election Volume 14

Let us Hope and Pray Together



Dear Voters

The Bible says "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven".

We know now is the time for change in Zimbabwe. We know too that "two are better than one. . . If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

As we approach election day, the time is urgently upon us to work together, vote together, hope together and, those who believe in God, must pray together.

We know the days ahead will not be easy. This is why we must strengthen each other in our times of despair, fear and doubt. Your vote still matters, even if the road ahead is fraught with uncertainty.

For the runoff, MDC has launched get a out-the-vote campaign called One + Two = Free!

1+2=Free!

What does this mean?

This means on election day, do not vote alone. Bring at least two of your friends and your family to vote, too.

It means, if you have transport, give at least two people a free lift to the polling station. We cannot let the regime's evil mind games get us down. They want us to believe the election is hopeless, that it will be so flawed that we might as well stay home.

What I say is this: it will DEFINITELY be flawed if you stay home. You will become voiceless. Your silence will be the voice of defeat.

Your vote will be the voice of victory. Your vote will be a vote against violence.

With the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, I want to caution our supporters not to

"satisfy (your) thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force."

My Fellow Zimbabweans -- people of different languages, faiths, colours, creeds and even political affiliations -- we are all one in our desire for a better life for our children. Most all of us are also one in our desire for peace and prosperity.

All of us have a dream, not just of high-sounding promises, but of genuine change that results in restored dignity, freedom and hope for our people.

Nelson Mandela wrote "Prison is designed to break one's spirit and destroy one's resolve. . . and rob each man of his dignity."

We are all in a prison that is called the dictatorship of Zimbabwe. But we do not have to be in a prison that is called despair and apathy.

My friends, each of us must "be bold and of good courage" and help our friends be bold and courageous, too.

On 27 June, do what you need to do. Bring your friends and family to the polling stations. Let's finish it!

I thank you and may God bless Zimbabwe.



Movement for Democratic Change Head Office
Harvest House, 44 Nelson Mandela Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe
Phone: +263 4 780 301-3, Tel/fax: +263 4 780 301-2
www.mdc.co.zw