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Much anxiety at the Vigil about the cholera epidemic. Patson Muzuwa said he knew of eight people who had died. There was certainly a feeling that the death toll was much higher than the figures given. Ephraim Tapa said he had received reports from Zimbabwe of hundreds of deaths a week. We were sorry to hear from Chipu Chaya of our Vigil management team that her cousin has the disease.

On a cold, gloomy wet day, when the light went at 4 pm, we were cheered to find three people (Andrew Kumwenda, Anesu Monalisa Mlambo and Kudzanai Kanyimo) who had come down all the way from Liverpool. They left there by bus at 8 am and were due to get home after 11 pm.

Six-year-old Candice visited the Vigil with her school's teddy bear, Bill. The teddy bear stays with a different child each weekend and the child then reports to the class on his adventures. This is probably the first time he has taken part in a human rights protest!

As the year nears its end we have been looking at attendance figures. We are grateful to the following core supporters who have attended 20 times or more so far this year: Chipu Chaya, Francesca and Sue Toft, Fungayi Vincent Mabhunu, Batson Chapata, Arnold Kuwewa, Moses Kandiyawo, Dumi, Gugu and Zizi Tutani, Luka Phiri, Jenatry Muranganwa, Patson Muzuwa, Sam Takaravasha, Simon Mambongo, Lovemore Mukeyani, Ephraim Tapa, Rose and Dennis Benton, Kelvin Kamupira, Paradzai Mapfumo, David McAllister, Roseline Motsi, Ian Pocock,

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Agnes Zengeya

, Nobuhle Ndlovu, Rugare Chifungo, Rosemary Mandizvidza,

Bonny Adams

, Willard Karanga, Addley Nyamutaka, Munetsi Toro.

Our new website contact facility has brought us some appreciative emails. One that touched us especially and so encourages us in these dark days was from Sister Maria of the Poor Clare Colettine Sisters in North Wales: "Dearest friends, we are contemplative Poor Clare Colettine Sisters in North Wales. We are with you and we support you. We keep a vigil every night in adoration of the Lord and for the needs of the world.

I do not exaggerate, when I say, on behalf of my beloved sisters, that Zimbabwe

is nearest to our hearts as we pray. Supporting you in Spirit. Your little Poor Clare Colettine Sisters of Ty Mam Duw".

For latest Vigil pictures check the Flickr link in the right hand column

FOR THE RECORD about 120 signed the register.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

* **Central London Zimbabwe Forum.** There is no Forum on 1st December as the usual venue is not available because of Christmas bookings. The Forum has managed to find an alternative venue for the next two weeks (Mondays, 8th and 15th December) –

The Cole Room, Fabian Society,
11 Dartmouth St

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(020 7227 4900). Nearest station: St. James' Park.

* **ROHR launch meeting in Hatfield**, Saturday, 6th December, 13.30 – 17.30. Venue: The Memorial Hall, French Horn Lane, Hatfield AL10 8AQ.
Contact: Emilian Muradzikwa on 07886098012, Mary Muradzikwa 07920170620, Phillip Chakanetsa 07988496771 or P Mapfumo 07932216070 / 07933831617.

* **Next Glasgow Vigil**. Saturday, 6th December 2008, 2 – 6 pm. Venue: Argyle Street Precinct.
For more information contact: Patrick Dzimba, 07990 724 137,
Tafadzwa Musemwa

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344 123 and Roggers Fatiya 07769 632 687

* **ROHR general meeting in Newcastle-upon-Tyne**. Saturday 6th December, 1400-1700.
Venue: 61 Bishop Road, Benwell, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE15 6RY. Contact: P White 07500207668, Madziva 07905850073 or L Chingwinyiso 07894142263.

* **ROHR launch meeting in Reading**. Sunday 7th December, 1400-1800. Venue: Hexam Community Centre, Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7UD. Contact: Tracy Ndoyi 07899867536, Tomson Chauke 07979994278 or P Mapfumo 07932216070 / 07533831617.

* **Zimbabwe Association's Women's Weekly Drop-in Centre**. Fridays 10.30 am – 4 pm.
Venue: The Fire Station
Community and ICT Centre,
84 Mayton Street

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London
N7 6QT, Tel: 020 7607 9764. Nearest underground:
Finsbury
Park

. For more information contact the Zimbabwe Association 020 7549 0355 (open Tuesdays and Thursdays).