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John Bradburne Memorial Society

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Dear Father Joseph,

I am writing as secretary of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, which was founded in 1995 to help support the people living at Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe, in memory of John Bradburne, who has been nominated for canonisation to become Zimbabwe's first Saint. John dedicated his life to look after the poorest, most needy leprosy patients and society's outcasts, providing ten years of selfless physical and spiritual care. He was murdered in 1979. The society raises funds for the leprosy care centre and educates people regarding Bradburne's Sainly life and his prolific poetry writings.

This August one of our JBMS members living in Ireland, Gordon Celender will be running the County Antrim Half Marathon and is raising money for the residents living at Mutemwa in Zimbabwe. All the money raised from Gordon's race will go directly to supporting the patients and families living at the Mutemwa, who we support through housing, medication, food and in bettering the patients' lives.

We would really appreciate if you could promote Gordon's half marathon race within your parish and newsletter, in hope of gaining some more support for him and in turn for our community of patients at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre.

To make an online donation: <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/jbmsrace> or people can donate over the phone: 07979 187498 or by post, cheques payable to JBMS to the above address.

We really appreciate any help that can be given in helping us continue our work in supporting those living with leprosy in Zimbabwe.

Yours faithfully

Kate Macpherson

Secretary of The John Bradburne Memorial Society