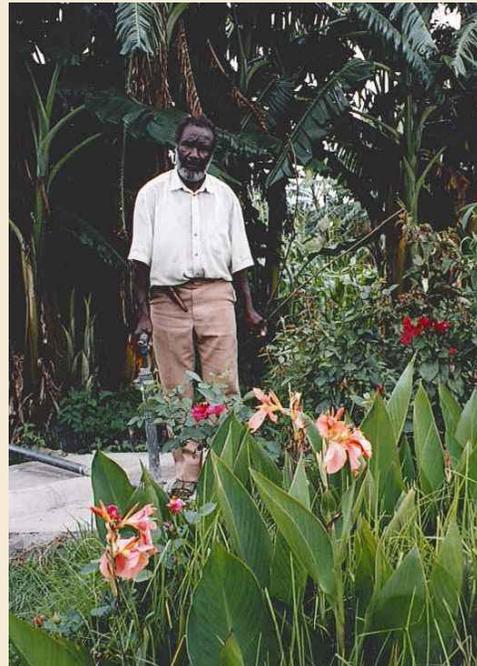


*The Friends of  
Mr Zephaniah Phiri Maseko*

*and the Centre for  
Applied Social Sciences  
at the University of  
Zimbabwe have the  
greatest pleasure in  
inviting you on August  
24th, 2010 at 2:15 at  
Lecture Theater 500  
(to be confirmed)  
University of Zimbabwe*



For a celebration and lifetime achievement award for Mr. Phiri for his commitment to community programs in agricultural innovation and water conservation & management on his farm at Msipane in Runde Communal Area and through the Zvishavane Water Project



Mr. Phiri, a humble son of the soil and daily miracle worker with water, soil and seeds, is internationally renowned for his practical innovations in small scale agriculture and his ability to share his energy and knowledge with people from all walks of life.

Detained, denied work and tortured during the Liberation War Mr. Phiri built a new life around valuing water in his little piece of sandy soil and vlei in a semi-arid area of Midlands Province, beautifully blending indigenous knowledge, science and religious inspiration.

Innovations in farming and water management, and careful long term experiments on his farm enabled him to transform his land into an extraordinarily productive and resilient oasis.

Having researched water problems with communities he founded Zvishavane Water Project which has over 20 years of success in assisting people to improve their lives through better water management in close collaboration with local government and other organizations.

Thousands of farmers, development workers, government officials, conservationists, researchers and countless others have visited his farm from all over the country and around the world. They return home inspired with the spirit of innovation and respect for creation; write books and articles that describe his genius, and urge others to replicate his approach.

In thirty years of service he has traveled across Africa as well as to Europe and the United States to share his vision with farmers, specialists and leaders.

In 2006 he was honored by the United States National Geographic Society and the Howard G. Buffet Foundation with their annual Award for Leadership in African Conservation.

Today we honor him at home for what he has achieved so tirelessly and graciously for thousands of farmers and communities with solutions that will endure.

Join us with your blessings, stories, and commitment that his life's work continues!

Please confirm your attendance or send questions and information to:  
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