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Life after Death

English translation:

Interviewer: What happens when one dies? Here in the US, people briefly get together for the funeral and burial.

Interviewee: In Zimbabwe, I wouldn't say people celebrate when someone dies, but people gather to mourn the dead. Mourning the dead is a way of sending off the dead to the world of the dead. Zimbabweans believe that when one dies, their life has not ended but will continue with the ancestors (*midzimu*). So, when one dies, people mourn and celebrate and say good things about them and bury them and send their spirit to the ancestors.

Interviewer: Thank you, we have learned a lot about Zimbabwe.

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