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ZAWT helps Borradaile to “secure” the Frail Care Centre with your help

The Frail Care Centre at Borradaile Trust in Marondera has been facing substantial challenges recently – the most important of which has been ensuring the property of the older residents is safe. With ZAWT’s help, they have now raised the necessary funds and this new security system is currently being fitted. This will provide a substantially more secure environment.

In the meantime, further improvements are required to bring the Centre into a good and effective operation. Whilst their current facilities are functional, they are old, unhygienic (by UK standards) and unattractive and thus less and less people are entering the facility. With additional funding, they will be able to raise the effectiveness and quality of the services on offer.

Ian Buckle, the new Warden, has a strong programme of reform prepared and is working with a number of younger businessmen within the community to achieve this.



National financial collapse

The challenge they face is that Zimbabwe has never been at such an economic low as it is now. The US dollar currently remains the national currency, but the Government is shortly due to bring in a new internal currency in the form of ‘Bond’ Notes. These will technically have the same value as the USD, but already economists and other financial leaders are saying that the bond notes will be discounted almost immediately by over 30% and this is likely to trigger a run on the currency as has been seen in the past.

The Warden extended his very grateful thanks to all ZAWT donors for their kindness and generosity.



The ZAWT students exhibiting at St Peters

Our Kubatana students have passed out with flying colours

The farm orphans we sent to St Peter’s Kubatana for practical training in skills that would give them a basis for an income have all passed out with flying colours. ZAWT have been funding these particular orphans for 11 years.

Their skills cover woodwork, metalwork and hairstyling and having spoken to their tutors at some length, I was greatly heartened by their progress.

Deeply touched

As I wandered around looking at some of the very impressive work they had been creating, several of the students came up to me, of their own volition and took me aside. They said they wanted to thank ZAWT and our supporters for their help over so many years and for sticking with them. One of the boys, Morgan, came up and spoke to me quietly and said;

‘May God bless you for what you have done for us. Until now we have been rejected by society, but now we can walk proudly and make things as good as and maybe better than others. May God bless you for what you have done.’

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Farmworker's medical bills assisted by ZAWT



An unemployed former farmworker was rushed to hospital with severe internal issues in March. Here is his story; "Classy was rushed into Parirenyatwa Hospital on 29th March 2016 (by ambulance from Banket Hospital) and, after diagnosis (Compound Volvulus) an emergency operation was done resulting in him having a colostomy done. He was released with absolutely no instructions as to how to look after himself and more importantly with no bags and any other of the bits and pieces that go with having a colostomy bag.

He was later seen by a specialist who was so pleased with the results to date and booked him in, there and there, for a reversal of his colostomy on 30th May 2016. I was delighted as, quite frankly, under the conditions of how and where he lives, life would have been extraordinarily problematical.

The problem of course was finance to cover this operation and after several days of searching, in desperation I turned to the CFU who put me in direct contact with ZAWT.

Classy is now back home again and under medical supervision, is recovering well."

"God bless you many times for everything you have done."

Morgan

Former Churu Children Flourishing at senior school

One of the visits that touched me most on this last trip to Zimbabwe was to Glen View School where 10 of our former Churu school children have not only passed their O levels, but have now started on the A level education programme. I saw six of them on my visit (the others were unavailable) and I could not have been more pleased with not only their academic progress, but also the spirit of cheerfulness, confidence and vitality that abounded. They were such fun to be with!



One of them (left in the picture) has been promoted to school prefect, whilst several others are house or sport leaders. For a group of farm orphans, with no immediate family to support them, this is impressive.

I chatted with each of them and all were so pleased to have made it this far and kept saying over and over again, "We will not let you down".

"We will not let you down"

'A' level pupils at Glen View School



“Zimbabwe has not succeeded in sustaining economic growth under these conditions. Claims repeated frequently in official statements that growth was achieved in 2014 and 2015 should be called into question. The current pronouncements that growth will be achieved “again” in 2016 stretch credulity too far.”

John Robertson - Economist

Musha Wevana Orphanage in severe financial difficulties – they need help

This last year has seen a massive reduction in the funding received by Musha Wevana. Their funding from the USA has almost completely dried up and they remain supported by only a few key groups (ourselves included). However, their costs are now far higher than their income and they are in real trouble financially.

Added to this, they continue to be harassed by the Government’s Social Services department who seem unable to reconcile their institutional demands with the financial circumstances of the given organization they are dealing with – a challenging situation for the Chairman, Pastor John Chinyowa.



The children continue to live in a well-cared for environment, though some of the older children now need additional supervision, which they are not able to afford. This has caused some challenges (with children going over the wall at night) and they are doing what they can in difficult circumstances

“We don’t know quite how we are going to cope”

Pastor John Chinyowa

Matabeleland in a serious drought - the Trenance Feeding Scheme continues

The great challenge in Matabeleland is the lack of rain this year which has very badly affected the whole population. Our small contribution, in liaison with the Lions Club of Khumalo continues to assist a number of families in and around Trenance School, a rural school that we have supported in the past. These are the poorest of the poor and the project is monitored by The Lions Club on our behalf. Rather than just the children, we are supporting whole families, thus giving the children the best possible environment for development and growth.

The Mapping Project ZAWT has been assisting has provided stability to the land compensation debate

The work being conducted by John Laurie continues to provide a solid base for negotiations over land compensation for farmers. Whilst no further decisions have been taken recently, The Reserve Bank, the Ministry of Lands, the World Bank, the IMF and other participants have now recognised the crucial role the mapping project has and will play in the future of agriculture, be it in determining compensation or in restructuring the sector. The World Bank has commented that they have never seen such an extraordinarily comprehensive database anywhere else in the world.

How can I continue to support ZAWT?

Specific projects

If you would prefer to donate to any one of these projects specifically, please inform us when you forward the details of the donation

A standing order in multiples of one pound a week

Please would you also consider setting up a **standing order**. Such support makes it easier for us to plan our work and also enables us to respond to crises as they occur.

We would like to suggest an idea which may appeal to you. By contributing in multiples of a pound a week, i.e **£52, £104, £156, £208, £260 or more per annum**, it is easier to work out exactly what you are giving, making the whole experience much more satisfying.

The **standing order mandate** can be found on the reverse side of the ZAWT letter that accompanies this newsletter.



There are five ways by which you can support ZAWT's work

- Make a regular monthly gift by **standing order**
- Make a gift donation by **text**. Dial 70070. Text ZAWT11 £10 (or a lesser amount). Donations can only be in the amount of £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, and £10.
- Make a one-off gift by **cheque** (use enclosed envelope or Freepost address)
- Make a monthly donation **online** or a one-off gift at www.zawt.org
- Make a gift donation by **transfer** to our Bank account; ZAWT, CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Acc No. 00019818

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Please complete the **Gift Aid declaration** and send it to; Freepost RTCG-YHRA-SYAE, ZAWT, 20 Green Street, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 6RN, or by using the enclosed envelope.

Final Words

"Nothing in the world is so bad that it cannot be solved with chocolate."

Anonymous.

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