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A gaggle of guineafowl — drawing by James Maberly

"I never realized that broken glass could shine so brightly".

From Leonard Bernstein's opera "Mass", quoted by Henri Nouwen.



Thank you all so much for all you have done for us so far.....

We have achieved so much and changed many lives: it may not be thousands and millions, but we have enhanced the lives of some, and we feel that is more important than anything else.

We hope you agree

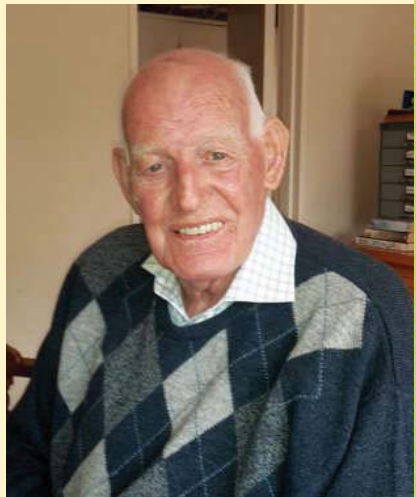
The situation in Zimbabwe has shifted once more into a state of crisis. Even FEWSNET have announced that crisis level food shortages in about 80% of Zimbabwe will occur between now and January 2020.

The power struggle at the highest levels of Government in Zimbabwe continues and there is no respite for the residents of this once prosperous nation. But first, see what we have achieved in this last year. We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

John Laurie leads the Compensation Steering Committee in progressively successful negotiations with Govt.

John Laurie's continued efforts to secure compensation for former farmers continues unabashed. He and the Compensation Steering Committee (CSC) have had a roller coaster year with both high and low moments in the process of discussion with Government.

A few months ago, it was agreed that an interim payment would be made by Govt to all claimants who are in financial distress of ZW\$55,000. The deal was agreed, but just as the money started to be transferred, the rate between the USD and the ZW\$ reached 12:1 and the real value dropped to US\$ 4,500. Government then announced the banning of use of forex in the local market and announced that 'Bond' notes are now the official new national currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar.



Only 50 claimants are alleged to have been paid out so far. The agreements however still hold, and whilst a global value is finally determined by the Government for full compensation, John and his team will continue to engage not only the Govt, but also all other stakeholders, i.e. the IMF, the World bank, the European Union and others. It is hoped that by the time this figure has been determined, a way forward for payment to all claimants is found and that the process gets underway ASAP. We continue to support John in his work.

The eight young ZAWT students are flourishing at University and College

It is a great pleasure for us as Trustees to know that these eight young students are flourishing at their universities or colleges. After such a challenging start to life here they are, all studying to gain diplomas and degrees in their particular subjects. They want to make a difference, not only in their own lives, but also because they want to give back to society, just as they have been supported by all of us. Rev Augustine Mlambo, their mentor, has impressed upon them a sense of responsibility and they each take this very seriously.

In November last year, I visited Zimbabwe and spent time with them all which was a delight. (see photo right). They were in high spirits and could not have been more thankful for the help that we are all providing. Polite Shara (left) was busy that day so Rev Mlambo and I



saw here the very next day. Polite is at the University of Zimbabwe studying Industrial Pharmacy, after achieving an ABB result in her A levels last year. It was a remarkable result, given the challenges she has faced over the years.

Nicholas Bvumbura and Marshal Chidewu are both currently attending the School of Mines in Bulawayo, having both received full scholarships

from Anglo American and are really enjoying their course. At Chinhoyi University of Technology, Fortunate Kambuzuma is studying Supply Chain Management and Mary Kambarame is studying Biotechnology both really enjoying the opportunity and the location.

In Gweru, Thabiso Chimsonde is studying Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Midlands State University and really enjoying the course. In Harare, Obey Manyere is studying Accountancy at Denmar College, whilst Takunda Musiyiwa is studying to be a surveyor at the Harare Polytechnic. He is also a highly skilled basketball player and thus is active on that front also.

The costs for paying for and providing support for all these youngsters is more than we have, and we are therefore appealing to you to give specifically towards their education. We seek an additional £36,000 to cover their education over the next 3 years. We really believe in these young people, having brought them a long way to this point and we really hope you do too.



Borradaile Trust has work to be done—we're helping

Last year in November, Lao Watson-Smith and I visited Borradaile Trust to hear from them what their challenges are and to see how we might help. We met with Ian Michell who took us around the complex and pointed out two areas that particularly needed funding. The first is that, in order to ensure all residents have easy access to hot water, they wish to install solar water heating systems on each residence.. The second area was that they wished to make the location more secure, by building a new wall around the property to make residents feel safer in their old age. Part of the wall had already been completed, so it is a work in progress and is on-going.

Whilst there, we also had a look around the Frailcare Centre which is looking so much better than before and it was a pleasure to hear how much of a difference the new Alarm and CCTV system that we financed (with your help), has made.

We have provided funding towards the solar heaters—there are only a few residences so far covered and we felt this really would make a difference.



Musha Wevana—the orphanage in Marondera

We have only been able to help Musha a little this last year as we simply were not able to keep funding all the projects on our books. They continue to do excellent work and, despite many regular challenges and influxes of new young orphans, they keep going.



The children grow up in a safe environment, well managed and looked after by an excellent team of carers, house mothers and trustees. Luckily they have additional funding bodies to continue to assist them.

Please help us to fund the six youngsters going through University. We believe in these youngsters and see them as future change makers.

“It is time to take the joy of moving even just one life forward, knowing that each one cascades out in a powerful affect that will make a difference.”

Details of how you can assist them can be found on the back page.

Thank you.

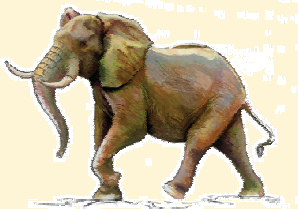
How can I continue to support ZAWT?

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

- Make a regular monthly gift by **standing order** (**see across** →)
- Make a one-off gift by **cheque** (use enclosed envelope or Freepost address)
- Make a gift donation by **transfer** to our Bank account; ZAWT, CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Acc No. 00019818
- Make a monthly donation **online** or a one-off gift at www.zawt.org

However you give, if you are a UK taxpayer, please don't forget to **Gift Aid it**. That way ZAWT can claim tax back from HMRC.

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.



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.

One way you could really help us is to pass this information on to any contacts you may have. If you would like an electronic version, contact us on info@zawt.org and we will forward one to you immediately.

