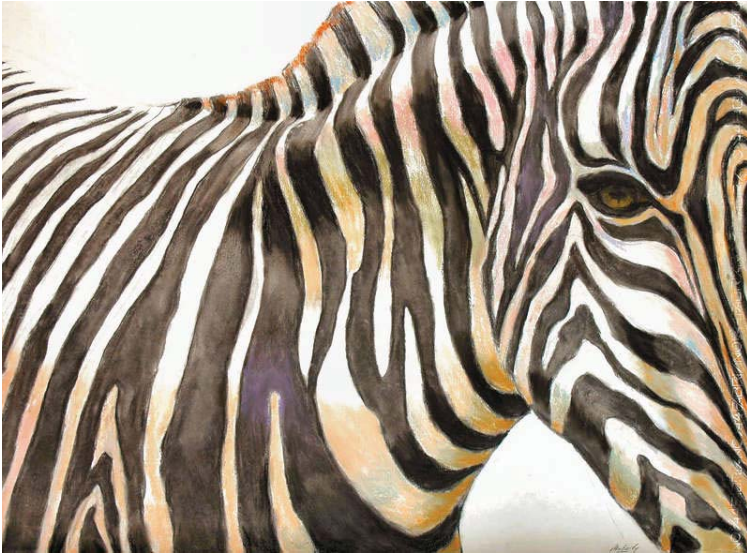


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Zebra Stripes—drawing by James Maberly

“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.”



What an extraordinary year this has been. Who could have imagined quite what was coming in January last year and here we are in June 2021, over a year later, and we are just beginning to see a little light at the end of the tunnel.

Thanks to all of those who have continued to support us, we have been able to keep going and support our two main projects—the eight young students at University and College and John Laurie and the Compensation Steering Committee.

Here is an update....

John Laurie and the Compensation Steering Committee sign the ‘Global Compensation Deed’ with the Zimbabwe Government

It is nearly two years since the last newsletter and it is remarkable quite how much the CSC has achieved in their negotiations with Government. Much debate had gone on for many months particularly amongst those farmers who felt the deal wasn't good enough, but it became clear that there were no other initiatives on the table, and that this was the best opportunity available. Thus on 29th July 2020, the **Global Compensation Deed** was signed by Government and the farmer representatives (CFU, CSC and Valcon). It has been a very time consuming and exhausting process for those who have been involved in this from the beginning and the prime mover over that time, sometimes working entirely alone, has been John Laurie.

The challenges are however not over yet. Now serious work has begun as they grapple with key aspects of the next stage. These include: a) sourcing the required funding, b) developing the claim process, c)

identifying the necessary legal processes and d) regularising the tenure status of land.

None of this is easy. It remains exhausting work. John and the CSC are now in the process of trying to secure the second wave of 'Interim Relief' payments to former farmers who are struggling to survive.



The eight young ZAWT scholars are thriving at College and University

Despite this challenging last year, our students have all remained active and engaged. The costs for both their education and maintenance continue to rise with the on-going decline in the economy. This year, on average, each student costs us £1500 to maintain and £800 for college fees, even though some are on attachments. Rev Mlambo remains their guardian and keeps a close eye on their progress.

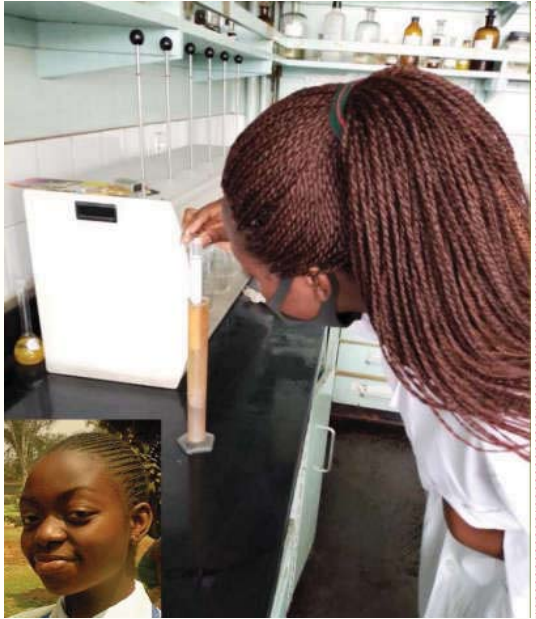
Nicholas Bvumbura studies Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy at the School of Mines in Bulawayo after receiving a scholarship from Anglo American.

His scholarship holds and he is doing exceptionally well. In this image he is conducting work at How Mine near Bulawayo.

Marshal Chidewu also studies at the School of Mines, studying for a National Diploma in Mine Survey. He is currently in his third year. Here he is preparing for a mine exposure practical where he collects co-ordinates through surveying, before using them as references for his mine survey. He works extremely hard and is commended by his Head of Department.



Mary Kambarame is studying biotechnology at Chinhoyi University and is currently on attachment to a Lab in Msasa, Harare. Here she is in a microbiology lab carrying out tests mainly on water. She says "We carry out tests to prove the clarity and to see whether the water is safe for drinking. We also carry out tests on chemicals used to treat drinking water to evaluate their effectiveness."



Fortunate Kambuzuma is studying Supply Chain Management at Chinhoyi University and is currently on attachment with Alpha Packaging in Harare. Working in purchasing, she deals directly with suppliers, raising invoices, following up on payments and monitoring the process to delivery. She is then required to switch to stores, where she receives and labels the goods as required, dealing with any issues that may arise and she is also currently in charge of stock counts.



Polite Shara is studying Industrial pharmacy at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare. All is going extremely well on the course. She will not be going on attachment to an outside organisation until such time as she has completed her degree. Her Research focuses on applied pharmacoeconomics, pharmacy management and applied regulatory affairs pharmacy, all aimed at addressing the issues faced within Zimbabwe today.

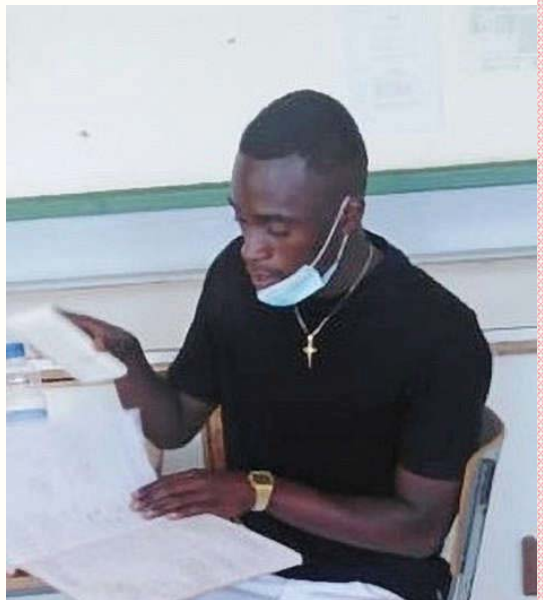


Thabiso Chimusonde is studying Tourism and hospitality management at Midlands University in Gweru. She has completed two years so far and is currently working on attachment for work experience with a restaurant called Las Vigo in Gweru. She is thoroughly enjoying her work and enjoying seeing the entrepreneurial potentials. She has a great sense of humour and makes the most of life.



Obey Manyere is studying accountancy at the Harare Polytechnic. Obey is in his final year and the course is going very well. His course ends this year, so he will be looking for employment in a range of positions such as a bookkeeper, Accounts clerk or an Administrator from that time.

Takunda Musiyiwa is studying at Harare Polytechnic to become a Surveyor. This is his third and final year and his results to date have been most encouraging. On completion of the course he will have a thorough knowledge of all types of Surveying, of the properties and mechanics of construction materials, the mechanics and structure of soils, and of hydraulic fluid mechanics and the economics of building. We believe this will give him a good solid base for his future.



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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.

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