



10th July 2014

Dear Friend

I am writing again to update you with news from Africa Enterprise Trust Zambia (AETZ).

### **Kids Aid Scheme**

Two of the children in the local community who have been supported with school fees etc via the Kids Aid Scheme wrote their grade 12 exams in December. While awaiting the results, they attended AETZ's Enterprise College and completed all the available computer courses. They both heard in February/March that they had passed grade 12 with good marks (Doreen – 1 distinction, 2 merits & 3 credits; Christopher - 4 distinctions, 3 merits & 1 credit). Doreen is now hoping to be able to train as a nurse, starting next January, and Christopher is hoping to find funding to be able go to university to study Mineralogy or Metallurgy.

### **Chimwemwe 1 Home**

This year has seen the retirement of the original houseparents of the Chimwemwe 1 Home. Lamson and Maggie Musonda have done an excellent job in bringing up a large household of children, many of whom arrived with 'issues' related to their previous experiences of life. The children who have recently left the Home are great examples of the ability of these lovely people to care for such children and bring them up to be well-adjusted adults.

Joseph M was one of the first children to be cared for in the Home. Although he was ready to be 'graduated' last autumn, he had no traceable relatives with whom he could now stay. However, he applied for and was accepted on a course at a college with boarding facilities. AETZ agreed to fund the course and his basic living costs, and so he travelled in February to Kabwe (a town about 85 miles north of Lusaka) to start a 2-year plumbing & sheet-metalworking course. David and I were able to visit him a few weeks ago. He is enjoying the course, and his tutor reports that he is 'doing well and is a very pleasant young man'.

### **Computer school (Enterprise College)**

Juneid is an example of one type of student that attends Enterprise College – those who do so not long after completing their schooling in order to obtain additional skills that are of immediate practical value in actually securing employment. Juneid completed his schooling at the end of 2012, and attended the college from March to August 2013. He reports that when he first came he had some idea about computers, but did not know how to use them. After finishing the course, for which he was awarded a certificate, he was successful in obtaining a job with ZESCO – the

Zambian electricity supplier. He is currently working in Livingstone (near Victoria Falls) as a Data Entry Clerk and making good use of his computer literacy.

### **Chimwemwe 2 Home**

Yorum, Dalitso and Joseph S are 3 of the boys who live in the Chimwemwe 2 Home. They all managed to pass their grade 9 exams taken last December, and now go to the local senior high school. However this is approximately 50 minutes' walk away so AETZ has provided them with bicycles to cut down on travelling time. Most of the children looked after by AETZ will have missed out on schooling before coming into the Chimwemwe Homes because of lack of finance (schooling is not free), lack of understanding of the need for education, etc. Also schools in Zambia are poorly resourced and very often have large numbers of children per class, which means that it is difficult to provide help that is specific to an individual child's needs. As a result of these factors, AETZ has found it necessary to supplement some of the children's education. This year I have been giving some extra tuition, mainly in maths & English, to the children in Chimwemwe 2.

Unfortunately, three of the children (siblings) in Chimwemwe 2 have been diagnosed with glaucoma this year. They are now receiving the appropriate treatment and hopefully their sight will be preserved. In the UK, we tend to think of glaucoma as an old person's problem, but unfortunately that is not always the case, particularly in Africa - glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world.

### **Marathon places**

Have you ever fancied running a marathon or do you know someone who would like to? If you or they would like to run the London Marathon next April, and are prepared to raise sponsorship to support Africa Enterprise Trust in the process, we currently have some places available. Such sponsorship has been a valuable source of income to AET in the past. Please contact David Brown at [davidmbrown55@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidmbrown55@ntlworld.com) for more information and/or to express your interest.

### **Facebook - reminder**

The AET Facebook page was revamped at the end of last year and now provides more regular news, information about life on the ground in Zambia, and some colourful photos. If you are on Facebook, and would like to see this material, search for Africa Enterprise Trust, and then ask to join the group and your application should be processed within 24 hours.

Thank-you for your support on behalf of all those AETZ is able to care for, assist and train.

Yours sincerely

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The Chimwemwe 1 family in the early days



The Chimwemwe young adults over the last year



Lamson & Maggie discussing their well – earned retirement



Sonia teaching Lucia



Joseph M showing off one of his productions



Joseph with some classmates in the workshop