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Newsletter



Guineafowl; the evening call - 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 effect that will make a difference." - Marcia Shafer



The world seems to be in some turmoil as we send out this newsletter, and all the while, our ZAWT students continue to labour away at their studies. Some are just entering their final semesters now and are desperate to gain the best possible grades.

Since 2002, we as ZAWT have supported many farmers and farmworkers whose lives were devastated by the Mugabe regime, whilst latterly we have focused our attentions mostly on the education and support of a group of farm orphans. We began with 78 at primary school and of those, eight have reached university and college and all are in their final years of study. Our ambition is to see these young students launched into the world, equipped with skills that will allow them to flourish as their lives move forward.

Our funding however is at its lowest ebb - we have never had so little money in the pot - we have got them this far, we really can't drop the ball now, so we ask you please to help us in this (hopefully) final push for support. In fact, we have secured a donor who is willing to match fund the first £2500.00 of donations—so please, have a read and see how well they are doing. We need to raise £8000 in order to complete their education, so we hope you will consider carefully offering your support.

The eight young ZAWT scholars are nearing the end of their studies

Despite this challenging last year, our students have all remained active and engaged with their studies. Their resilience and determination continues to amaze us. Here is an update from each of them;



*"Hi, my name is **Mary Kambarami**, currently a final year student studying biotechnology at Chinhoyi University. Last year I was on attachment and passed with straight A's. Recently I started a project to investigate the antimicrobial activity of a certain native plant species found in Zimbabwe and I do hope as I progress with the project I will be able to make pharmaceutical products out of this plant."*

*"Hi. My name is **Fortunate Alice Kambuzuma** a final year student studying Supply Chain Management at Chinhoyi University . Last year I was on attachment and I passed with flying colours. I'm currently working on my research and I'm hoping to pass my final year with distinctions."*



*"My name is **Polite Shara**, and I am now a part 4 Pharmacy student at the University of Zimbabwe. We went for a rural attachment at Mvurwi hospital in March 2022 and we learnt how drugs are procured and distributed in rural settings. We visited a traditional healer who taught us how herbal medications are used to treat different ailments. We also did awareness campaigns about drug abuse at Mvurwi High School. I also went for a 6 weeks attachment at Reliance Pharmacy.*



*I am currently doing my part final project entitled **Formulation Development of an Immediate Release Tablet from Extracts of Peltophorum Africanum and Pterocarpus Angolensis** for potential management of Pain and Inflammation."*



*"My name is **Thabiso Chimsonde**, studying Tourism and Hospitality Management. I have really enjoyed my time during the work related learning. I have learnt a lot about the tourism business during my attachment from serving a customer to marketing the tourism product. This is my 4th year, 1st semester. Face to face tuition has been for a short period of time, most studies have been online owing to Covid. So far I have managed to write 2 exams but I am still to*

write 2 more. I am enjoying my studies and learning new things each day that passes. Many thanks to you who made it a possibility."



*"My name is **Obey Manyere** and I am studying accountancy. I am on attachment with Associated Meat Packers, where I will be learning and trained to be an Internal Auditor for a year. I have been learning more about the way they run their operations in the factory, from boning to making sausages. I still attend lectures twice a week. I also wrote exams on 1st April and hope soon to have FSSC 22000 V5.1 Certificate from DQS with internationally recognized certification. I will write more*

exams that will be evaluated at the end of my attachment in March next year when I hope to receive certification for internal auditing."

*"My name is **Takunda Musiyiwa** and I am studying to become a Surveyor. This, my final year, we have been doing practical work with a Theodolite (a method known as Triangulation) and also some trigonometrical levelling, using a Total Station (Leica TCRA11055"- see picture), which is effective, fast, accurate and reliable when computing distances, angles, bearing and anything that has to do with surveying. I will be completing the course in March/April 2023 after further examinations."*



*"My name is **Marshal Chidewu**, studying at Zimbabwe School of Mines pursuing a national diploma in mine survey. This is my final year which will end with an industrial attachment at a mine. I am in the process of looking for an attachment at any mine, whether in Zimbabwe or any country outside Zimbabwe, but it is currently almost impossible. So far I have covered a lot on my course work conducting practicals and surveying methods through various modules. On*



completion of the attachment, which should be 8 months, we have one final project to complete before final completion in 2023."

Introducing Chantelle Ncube—our latest ZAWT student

We have adopted a delightful and gifted young lady called Chantelle who is studying in Harare. In her own words;

"My name is Chantelle Ncube. I am a girl aged 13. I live in Kuwadzana. I am in form one this year at Queen Elizabeth High School. I am doing the following subjects; Maths, Shona, English, Combined science, French, Family Religion and studies, Accounts, Geography, Heritage, Food Technology and Design. I like this school because it is one of the schools which produces a very high pass rate. I like to study very hard so that I will have a brighter future with my mother and sisters. My school clubs are Health and Literature clubs."



Whilst the Global Agreement with the Zimbabwe Government holds, there is still no money with which to make payments to the farmers. John Laurie updates us on the current situation.

"We appear to be moving forward, as when Government gets an external loan (we think possibly from Abu Dhabi?) they wish to complete the payment to farmers for all immovable assets on their farms. This appears to be most likely in July and will amount to 3.5billion USD.

I believe that Government is anxious to resolve the whole issue of Compensation, excluding land, which will have to be dealt with at a later date by farming representatives.

I have set up another Committee for myself which includes a couple of people from outside agriculture which is proving very useful as it includes business elements."



John Laurie— Compensation Steering Committee

Note; As ZAWT, we have always been amazed at John Laurie's energy and determination to find ways to resolve the compensation issue. Whilst he is no longer the Chairman of the Committee, we continue to support him in order for him to continue his excellent work in this area. His ability to build bridges with the Government hierarchy when all were railing against them has allowed them to reach the position they are in now. John's work continues.

How can I continue to support ZAWT?

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

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