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The Spirits of the Valley - oil painting by Will 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



In February 2023, I visited Zimbabwe and spent time with a number of the ZAWT students. Sadly not all were able to attend.



ZAWT supporters will no doubt be aware of the continuing challenging economic situation in Zimbabwe. This of course has now been compounded by the economic situation both here in the UK and in Europe. Rising energy bills and high interest rates here are not helping.



One thing we can be sure of - our students are always grateful for the extraordinary privilege you provide for them and regularly respond with the words 'your assistance is always highly

appreciated'. Thank you all so very much.

The four young ZAWT scholars who have graduated from University

The four young ladies whom we have supported since an early age have graduated from their respective Universities. All did remarkably well.

Mary Kambarami (left) studied at Chinhoyi University for four years. She studied for a degree in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and achieved a BSC (Honours) degree in Biology, specialising in Tropical Disease Biology. She graduated with an Upper Second degree in August last year.

She stands alongside **Fortunate Kambuzuma** who also studied at Chinhoyi University, in the School of Entrepreneurship, achieving a BSC (Honours) in Supply Chain Management, graduating with an Upper Second Degree in August last year.

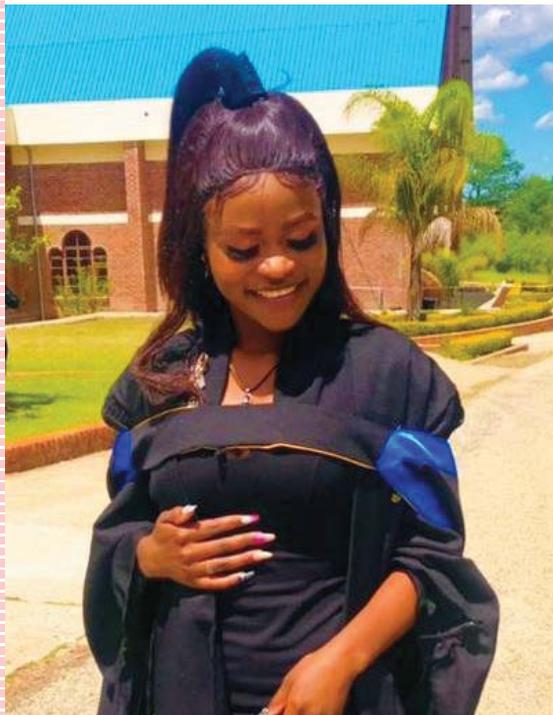
Both of these young ladies, with our help, are trying to find employment in Harare in Zimbabwe, but it is proving elusive at this time. The challenging economic environment does not help.



Polite Shara studied at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare for 4 years, specialising in Industrial Pharmaceutical studies and achieving a BSC (Honours) degree in Pharmacy with an Upper Second grade, graduating in December 2022. Polite has now found work in a pharmacy on an internship and hopes to progress to being a full time employee within the next few months.



Thabiso Chimsonde completed her degree at Midlands State



University in Gweru, Specialising in Tourism and Hospitality Management and achieving a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree with an Upper Second grade. Like Mary and Fortunate, and along with the help of ZAWT, she is working hard to find employment within the hospitality and tourism Industry, though finding it a challenge at this time.

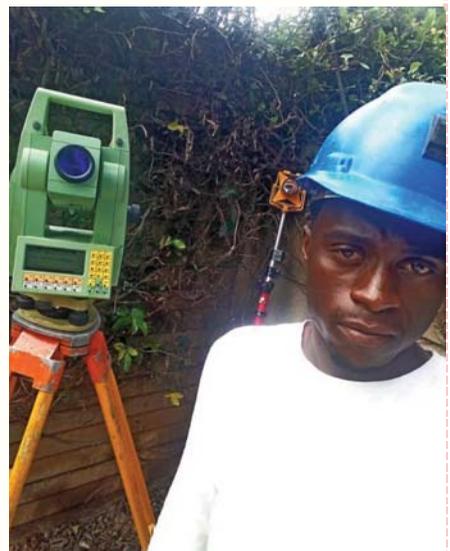
The five young ZAWT scholars who are still at college and school



My name is **Marshal Chidewu**, studying at Zimbabwe School of Mines in Bulawayo, pursuing a National Diploma in Mine Survey. This is my final year of completing my course. I have completed my course work including various surveying methods through various modules and completed an industrial attachment at Sabi Mine in Zvishavane for the whole of last year. Currently I am completing my final project which I shall present officially at the end of May. My graduation

ceremony will take place towards the end of 2023.

Takunda Musiyiwa. My attachment has been exciting whilst finishing it end of this month . I conducted different 'practicals' such as relocation, topographical survey and such. Attached is a picture of me during a deformation survey of a building. Our final exams are set for March next year since we are supposed to complete 3 terms for the school calendar and graduation is set for May 2024.





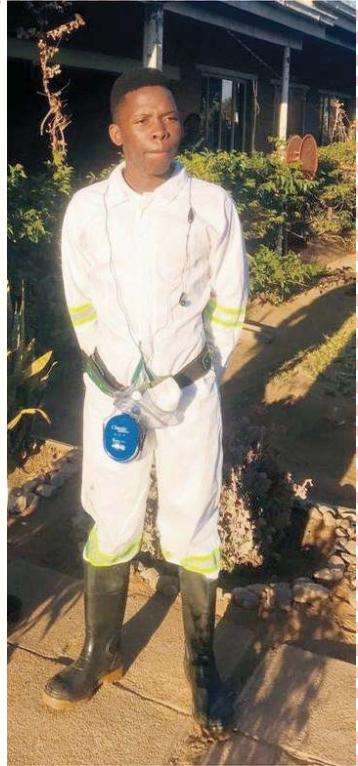
Obey Manyere. For the past year I have been on the attachment with Associated Meat Packers. I started in the Accounting department and an opportunity came for internal Auditing, raised by the food safety team and I took the opportunity so I am now doing internal Auditing in the food safety team. It was a great learning curve for me as I was trained of all their processes in the factory in my early days of the attachment. I have two terms left at College and Graduate in December.

My name is **Chantelle Ncube.** I am a girl aged 14 and I am currently doing form two at Queen Elizabeth Girls High School. At school I do ten subjects and I managed to pass only six subjects including English, Shona, Heritage, Combined Science, French and Family religion studies.

I do not have sporting activities currently but I am a member of two clubs which are Health club and Junior Cop. I joined Health Club last year and Junior Cop this year. These two clubs are both educational and they teach us about self awareness. I am really enjoying my school experience and determined to do well.



Nicholas Bvumbura has completed the majority of his education at the Zimbabwe School of Mines in Bulawayo where he has been studying for a National Diploma in Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy. He is required to seek attachment at a working mine for at least nine months to get on-the-job training and experience, and then to finish his education by spending a further three months at the School of Mines working on his final project. Then he will graduate. He has so far attained very high academic grades in his studies. Sadly, despite a year of effort on his part, he has not been able to find an attachment, and so is currently stuck in limbo, unable to complete his education. The mining sector in Zimbabwe is not currently flourishing and so it is difficult to find such attachments. We will all continue to search for a way forward for him.



ZAWT remains committed to the completion of these young peoples' education. They have come through so much to achieve their dreams of a good education. Bear in mind also that all of these youngsters are orphans and thus their lives to date have been considerably more difficult than most.

We hope that you too can reflect on the amazing journeys they have made, and indeed what a difference each of you has made to their lives with your contributions to ZAWT over the years. We hope that you can assist us once more as we help them over the final hurdle of their tertiary education. Thank you.

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 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 jambomabs@gmail.com and we will forward one to you immediately.

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

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- Make a one-off gift by cheque (use enclosed envelope or Freepost address)
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