



Africa Enterprise Trust December 2021 newsletter

Chimwemwe Home

Once case numbers for covid-19 reduced as the third wave of infection faded in Zambia, all the children were able to return to formal schooling by the end of August, and the Computer School reopened.

Three of the children have just sat national exams. Harrison was doing grade 7, and Godwin & Gideon were doing grade 9. As Godwin is now 19 years old, he will have to leave the Home in the New Year. Discussions are taking place with his extended family about where he will live. Assuming he passes at grade 9, we hope that AETZ will be able to provide funding for him to continue in education to grade 12, which he is keen to do, whilst living in the local community.



Harrison



Gideon



Godwin

Whenever they have the opportunity, the younger children in particular are always keen to engage in craft activities or do puzzles.



Francis



Harrison



Computer School

Edith (19 years old) is one of the recent successful students. She came to know about the school through her brother who was once a student there too. Edith came as a complete beginner, with quite a poor background academically, but, as she dedicated herself to the course, she developed an interest that enabled her to focus even more and become a better student. While she was still a student, she applied for a job as a secretary in a marketing company. Once she had successfully completed her course at AETZ she was called for interviews which involved tests in the computer literacy skills in which she had become very competent. We are proud to report that she turned out to be the best candidate, and therefore was selected for the job. This job has become her major source of income and enables her to support other family members as well.



New and old staff members



Nathan is a new addition to the staffing team of AETZ this year. He is employed as a security guard, in place of Victor who left earlier in the year. Security guards are expected, during their day-time shifts to keep the grounds clean and tidy, cutting the grass and hedges, etc. Nathan is very pleasant and always has a smile on his face.

Michael, who featured in the July newsletter as a former computer school student, is currently helping with teaching in the computer school. He has a Diploma in Secondary School teaching (grades 8 -12), with majors in teaching English and in Librarianship. Following his training, he set up a business selling sleeping bags and camping beds and also formed a music band in order to make ends meet. He then attended the computer school and finished his studies there in May this year, having heard about the school from a friend at church who had attended about 7 years ago. He is keen to help out wherever he can at AETZ and also wants to advance his ICT studies so that he can be more efficient and effective. He is already doing well using a computer software package in which to write his own music.



David & Sonia Brown recently visited Maggie, retired house mother from the first Chimwemwe Home. She continues in good health and enjoys being involved in the life of her great grandson (Lamson, named after her late husband) as well as the grandchildren she helped bring up. She is still in touch with many of the children she helped look after in Chimwemwe 1, and always has an open home for them. She sends her greetings to all who know her.



Other



Earlier in the year, AETZ received a generous grant via Opportunity2Hope (another humanitarian arm of Global Horizons) to enable them to install solar panels to help power the computer school and office base. This has resulted not only in a decreased payment for mains electricity, but better handling of the power cuts which have become more frequent again recently. In the past, a generator was used when there was a loss of power, until the fuel ran out and there was no money to pay for more!

Best wishes for Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

From all of us at AETUK & AETZ



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