



ZIMSEF 2018 AGM – PRESIDENTS’ REPORT

2018 was a momentous year for ZimSEF, marking 10 years since James and Tawanda met and the seeds of ZimSEF were sown. We are proud of our achievements in this time, including the numerous community projects we have implemented. These include:

- The ZimSEF Library, which is a space used to conduct extra classes to aid the children in transitioning back into school.
- The ZimSEF Solar Project which saw the installation a solar system at the Library site. Access to electricity within Hatcliffe has allowed our YASD to run their programs from the site and use it as a space to mentor the kids. This means that they are now located in the community and can run vital programs from within Hatcliffe.
- And this year we provided sporting goods including 45 pairs of soccer boots, 100 pairs of sports socks, 45 mouthguards, 20 leggings, and 5 t-shirts, to our partners YASD. These goods were received as a donation will be used by YASD in their engagement with the children and young adults of the YASD community.



ZimSEF beneficiary Ashly in class with her school friends

We have also launched and grown the Education Fund, which has taken on 19 children and young adults since 2012. Eight of those beneficiaries have completed their O-Levels and one has completed their A-Levels. We have also taken on 12 sponsors.

Our partnership with YASD in Harare is going strong and we continue to work closely with them to develop and implement community projects and the Education

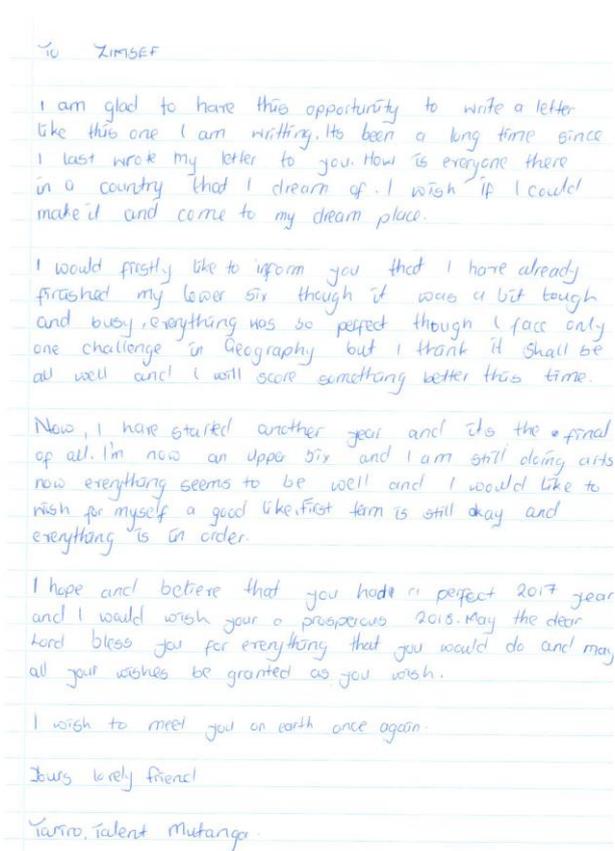
Fund. Our partnership is integral to the successful implementation of ZimSEF initiatives in Zimbabwe.

Our successes over the past ten years also could not have been possible without our strong base of loyal supporters, including our team of volunteers and our sponsors and donors. We would like to thank them for their generosity and ongoing assistance. In particular, a special thank you to Steve Tait, who we say farewell to after serving for 8 years on the ZimSEF Committee, variously as Treasurer, Secretary, and committee member.

THE EDUCATION FUND

ZimSEF continues to work closely with YASD to develop and implement community projects. Our partnership with YASD ensures that education extends outside the classroom to include a strong focus on sport and a healthy lifestyle. We would like to especially thank Farai Mweta, Petros Chatiza, and the YASD team, for their role in

the continuing success of the program.



To ZIMSEF

I am glad to have this opportunity to write a letter like this one I am writing. It's been a long time since I last wrote my letter to you. How is everyone there in a country that I dream of. I wish if I could make it and come to my dream place.

I would firstly like to inform you that I have already finished my lower six though it was a bit tough and busy, everything was so perfect though I face only one challenge in Geography but I think it shall be all well and I will score something better this time.

Now, I have started another year and it's the final of all. I'm now an upper six and I am still doing arts now everything seems to be well and I would like to wish for myself a good luck. First term is still okay and everything is in order.

I hope and believe that you had a perfect 2017 year and I would wish you a prosperous 2018. May the dear Lord bless you for everything that you would do and may all your wishes be granted as you wish.

I wish to meet you on earth once again.

Yours lovely friend
Tariro, Talent Mutanga.

In 2018, 15 students completed the school year: 5 students attended Hatcliffe primary schools, 9 attended senior boarding schools (Mayua Adventist School and Dendera High School), and 1 attended UMAA Institute.

The student's attendance and effort continues to exceed expectations. We are pleased to report Tariro Mutanga has successfully completed her A-Levels, the first ZimSEF beneficiary to do so. Yvonne Jangara and Lonica Kenneth have both completed the first year of their A-Levels, and we hope that they too will graduate with their A-Levels

Letter from Tariro Mutanga, who completed her A Levels in 2018

in 2019.

The Sponsor Program is an important source of funding, and we strive to regularly engage with sponsors to encourage a close connection with their sponsor child. Sponsors are provided with regular updates on their student's progress, and our project coordinator is in regular contact with YASD regarding the performance and welfare of our beneficiaries.

We hope that some of the sponsors may visit their students in the future, and are working towards organising a trip to Zimbabwe in 2020 or 2021.

FUNDRAISING

For our annual fundraiser, in November 2018 committee member Gus Esslemont, got together with his mates Chris Dalton, Nick Buisman and Andrew de Gruchy, to complete the gruelling Alpine Challenge, a 100km Charity trail run through the Victorian Alps marketed as *“without doubt the toughest, most challenging, most spectacular and rewarding all-mountain trail run in Australia—if not the southern hemisphere.”* Through their fundraising efforts, we raised close to \$20,000 for our 2019 activities.

We continue to seek other avenues for increasing funds, so we can expand the education fund and explore community projects in Zimbabwe.

The support of our families, friends, our sponsors and donors is very much appreciated and allows us to continue into the future.



Team ZimSEF completing the 100km Alpine Challenge

THE FUTURE

2018 has also been a notable year because it marked the end of Robert Mugabe's rule, and marks the moment that the opportunity arose for Zimbabweans to shake the legacy of authoritarianism and shape a new future for its youth.

However, we know as well as anyone else that this will take time and concerted effort. For these reasons, reaching 10 years is all the more momentous. And, rather than slowing down, we are planning to continue to do our small bit for the future of young and vulnerable Zimbabweans.

We plan to do this by aligning our projects and objectives with the UN Sustainable Development goals. "The SDG's", otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

ZimSEF is joining this call to action by looking toward how we can engage with the broader community. We intend to achieve this through continuing to work toward the opening of a community centre in Hatcliffe, building partnerships with the primary local schools, and embarking upon more community projects.

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