

ZimSEF AGM PRESIDENTS REPORT 2016

During 2016, the focus for ZimSEF has been on strengthening our profile as an organisation and continuing our commitment to consolidating our Education Fund for future years.

Our committee has developed as a dedicated and strong team, working together, with our partners YASD, to fulfil our goals.

We would like to sincerely thank all committee members for the time and effort they give to ZimSEF and look forward to their continued support in 2017.

We would also like to thank Geoff Vanderfield for stepping in as Acting Secretary and to Natalia Moyano for her work as Treasurer. Natalia has resigned from the committee due to her extensive workload and other commitments. We have appreciated her contribution and assistance in improving our financial systems and reporting. We wish her well with her future career.

We have welcomed Julie Hanley to our committee this year and are pleased to report she has offered to take on the role as Treasurer in 2017.

In June, we were delighted to receive our Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement. All gifts and donations to ZimSEF will now be tax deductible. This will assist in strengthening our status as a non-profit organisation and should assist in our fundraising abilities. Thank you to Tempe for all the work preparing the application.



*Petros, Farai, Teachers & Students
Mayua Adventist School*



*Tempe & Students at Hatcliffe
Primary School*

THE EDUCATION FUND

In 2016 we continued funding 17 children from families in the Hatcliffe Extension in Harare. 16 students successfully completed the school year.

This included 6 primary students, 9 secondary boarding and 1 day secondary student. We were sorry to lose one of our recipients, Asani Malungisa due to his relocation elsewhere. Many of our students are progressing well with their studies and a number of senior students are taking on leadership roles in their respective schools.

Due to limitation in funding we decided not to take on any additional students in 2016.

Our close relationship with YASD has ensured the student's progress is closely monitored with school reports being received on a regular basis. We continue to work with the YASD team on improving reporting methods and liaison between YASD, the schools and ZimSEF.

We wish to thank all the YASD team, in particular, Petros Chatiza and Farai Mweta for their coordination of the Education Program and mentoring of the students. We look forward to continuing the strong co-operation between the YASD team and the ZimSEF committee.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

In 2016 we focused on expanding the ZimSEF Sponsor Program. Due to our efforts, there are now 11 of 17 children sponsored. We encourage a personal link between each student and their sponsor, by giving them updates on the student's progress and sending them correspondence and school reports. We are grateful for the effort by our partners, YASD and Tempe to maintain this relationship.



ZimSEF Senior Students at Mayua

Not all sponsors of senior students take on the full financial commitment. This means that ZimSEF supplements the balance of funds. This structure is designed to keep sponsors on board, as our priority is to maintain the sponsorship relationship, even if it is not for the full amount. This structure requires that we maintain our fundraising efforts to continue the Fund as, without the supplement funds, some students would miss out on the many benefits that we know sending them to boarding school provides in their senior years.

THE BIG GIG

FUNDRAISING

As in previous years our fundraising has focussed primarily on an annual event. This year, we have raised additional funds through our sponsorship program and some individual donations. We rely primarily on the generosity of family, friends and the community to raise the required funds to meet our budget.

This year we decided to have an evening event, held at Easts Rugby Club. We were delighted to have the Twilight Zone band to provide the entertainment at “The Big Gig” Fundraising party. It proved a very popular event and created additional goodwill towards ZimSEF as an organisation. We raised close to \$25,000.00 and secured an additional 6 sponsorships. We had a very positive response from all those who attended and everyone had a lot of fun.

A special thank you to Tempe and Angus Esslemont for coordinating the event in conjunction with Easts Rugby Union Club and The Field Catering service. In addition, a huge thankyou to Tony McMinn and other band members for their generosity and great entertainment, and to all friends and family who organised donations of fabulous raffle and auction items.

Special mention should also be made of our team of volunteers, who help us every year and assist in the smooth running of the evening.



The Twilight Zone performing at The Big Gig

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

We are continuing to investigate opportunities to assist the Hatcliffe community and plan to fund more projects in the future. We hope to provide opportunities for encouraging sustainable programs and self-reliance within the community.

We will continue to explore opportunities for funding new projects in 2017.

The solar system and library continue to provide additional support to the children in Hatcliffe. This has also allowed YASD to set up their office in the premises, so they can now operate on site.

Circumstances in Zimbabwe are still very grim for much of the population. The need to continue to support the children, families and community of Hatcliffe Extension is as important as ever.

We look forward to continuing our close relationship with our partners, YASD and thank them for all the effort in implementing the Education Program and achieving our goals.

We would like to thank all committee members, family and our ZimSEF friends for their ongoing support and generosity.

Amber Maiden

President

Tempe McMinn

Vice President

