



LCA SPONSOR NEWSLETTER

Highlights of Term 1, 2015

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The theme for Term 1, 2015 for Lighthouse Christian Academy was, "It's time to".

Students were given the task of creating the end of this story for their Learning Centres and themselves as individuals. Mrs Paspamire's Junior class created the theme of 'It's time to build a firm foundation'. They focused on going back to the basics of their work and understanding the basic principals of learning, so as to complete their pace work well and not only finish their work but to understand what they were learning. Individual students came up with 'It's time to work hard', 'It's time to serve' and many more concepts. This theme was the foundation that the teachers were able to build on in many different ways with the students.

Students returned to the Academy with lots of joy and laughter and fun after their Christmas break. The teachers of the learning centre's were moved to different classes to create some new interests and connections between teachers and students. The supervisors of the learning centres are as follows: Preschool class—Miss Charlie, Junior Class—Mrs Paspamire, Intermediate Class—Mrs Moyo and Mr Tabvuma, New Students—Mr Ndwalaza and the Senior Class—Mr Mavundukure .

We welcomed Mrs Nokatula Moyo and Mr John Tabvuma to the staff. Mrs Moyo has taken on the role of Supervisor and Mr Tabvuma as Monitor in the Intermediate Class. Mrs Moyo and Mr Tabvuma have a passion to serve God in this ministry and have fitted into the academy extremely well.

We also welcomed eight new students this term. Six of the students remain at the academy to date. Mr Ndwalaza took on the role of supervising these students and assessing where the students should begin their school work. The students have fitted into the academy successfully and we are grateful to God for bringing them into our little 'family'.

Following are some highlights of our term, although there are so many more highlights on a daily basis.

Meet our new Students

We welcomed into our student 'family' eight new students in the first few weeks of the term. Unfortunately two of the boys have returned to the streets and have not continued with Lighthouse. The other six students have settled in well and are all doing various pace work according to the level of schooling that was attained before they were unable to continue prior schooling due to many varying reasons. All eagerly participated in the school concert and the day they received their new uniforms was a memorable day for all of us.

The students attended swimming lessons on a weekly basis for the first six weeks of the term. The junior students went on Friday mornings and learnt more swim safety. Our senior students attended on Thursday morning and were split into 2 groups—the first group were taught water safety and the second group progressed onto stroke correction. A huge thank you to the swimming pool for donating the use of their facilities to our students. It is so much appreciated that they are able to participate in these various activities.

The intermediate and senior class embarked on excursions to the National Museum every third week and were privileged to learn a little more about the Zimbabwean culture in a real setting. This allowed the students to apply their new-found knowledge in the classroom and gain a greater appreciation for their ancestors.

Service was a small feature of the term, with the students attending the babies home to help clean up the outside grounds and do some laundry along with an afternoon spent cleaning the walls in our school. We would like to see the students engage in more service in the future to give back to the community a little of what they receive.

The major event of the term was the whole school concert which was held on Friday, 27th March at the Bulawayo Baptist Church. It was such an encouraging night of showcasing the many and varied talents of our students. More about this concert appears on the following page.

We received a generous donation for a group of people from the Sunshine Coast (Aust) of approximately \$500 worth of sporting equipment. This equipment has allowed the students to experience a variety of new sports. We played volleyball regularly at break-time and there was a lot of laughter and competition between both students and teachers.



LCA Student Concert - A night of Praise, Worship and Celebration.

The students of LCA spent many hours during the term practicing and refining a variety of performances for our Annual LCA Concert - A Night of Praise, Worship and Celebration. The performances by our Junior Students included singing, poetry and bible verses. These included singing Masingena and Stimela and reciting Psalm 100. They performed so well and I am sure each and every parent that attended was as proud of them as their teachers were. They showed their love of God and each other in a most perfect way.

The senior students performed group songs, sung in beautiful harmony and these included Somlandela, Hlonolo Fatsa and Jesu Nqaba.

There was dance performances by several different groups including 'Joyful, Joyful' by Bheki, Rememberance, Respect, Brian, and Nkosiazzi. 'Together' was danced by Respect, Paida, Bueler, Shelton, Nkosiazzi and Indaba. Brian and Respect performed a very moving and emotional dance to the "The Prayer", It was performed with such grace and passion. Rememberance showed his amazing talents and dancing prowess when he danced DubStep style to "Like a Bullet Train". Wellington, Desmond, Simba, Nhlanhla and Shelton bought the house down with their 'Gumboot Dance'. They were incredible and we are sure they enjoyed performing it just as much as we enjoyed watching it.

Bheki showed his passion for God and his dedication to being a witness to those around him by rapping his own compilation called 'I'll be praying'. Knowledge showed his talents on the drums performing a solo using three African drums. This performance shows that Knowledge has a future in this area and so we pray that opportunities become available to him to pursue this. Nelson, Brian, Bheki and Nkosiazzi performed a beautiful rendition of 'Amazing Grace' in true African style.

And the teachers were not left out of the program as they sang a song called "Old Time Religion/Ivangeli". The students were very supportive and cheered, as they seemed surprised that the teachers had it in them.

The evening was filled with praise, worship and celebration and it was clear that this event had brought our students closer together as a student body. They encouraged each other and cheered for each other all evening long and there were so many beautiful smiles.

A huge thank you must go to each and every one of the staff members as each of them took up the call to teach, coordinate, practice, administrate and encourage the students to bring the concert to the place where every person there was glowing as they left.

The seniors take on ZIMSEC.

This term it was decided that four of the senior students would cease doing ACE work and embark on a new learning journey to write their "O Level" exams in November. ZIMSEC is the local schooling examination program that students write in Zimbabwean schools. Mr Todd and Mrs Pasapimire have dedicated themselves to co-teaching the students 5 subjects: English, Commerce, Science, Mathematics and Art. The students will need to be extremely dedicated in their studies to complete this program.

Bheki, Brian, Nelson and Paida are certainly enjoying the change in the learning style from Pacework to more traditional classroom teaching. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

Farwell to Knowledge

We say farewell to Knowledge as he leaves the academy at the end of Term 1. Knowledge has come to the end of his time at Lighthouse and will be endeavouring to pursue his love of playing the African drums and is seeking to learn to teach other students the art of drumming.

We ask you to join with us in praying for Knowledge for his future and thank him for the many joyful occasions where he has filled the school with the sound of drums.



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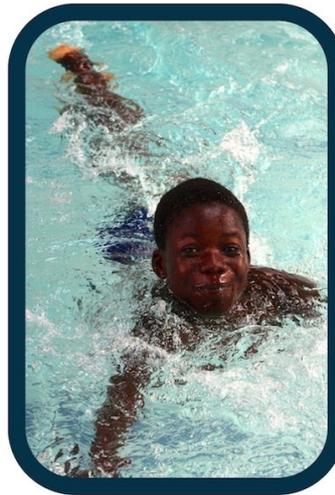
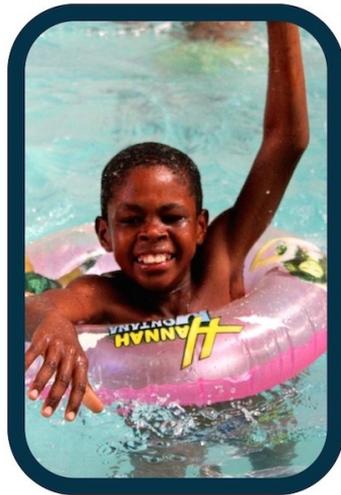
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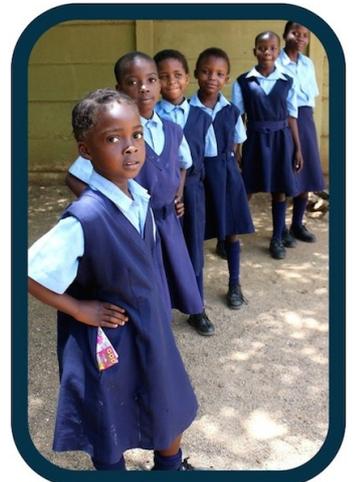
We thank all of our generous sponsors and supporters. Thank you so much for all that you enable. Thank you for your partnership.

Thank you Lindsay for volunteering your time every Thursday reading to our students. And we take this time to honour our teachers at the Academy. We thank God for your continued commitment to serve our Lord in this very important place.

Highlights of Term 1, 2015 in pictures.



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