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Highlights of Term 3, 2015

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The theme for Term 3, 2015 for Lighthouse Christian Academy was, "Pressing on towards the mark and not looking back."

With the year of victories, challenges and changes experienced at Lighthouse this year we, as staff, felt it was important for the students to not look back at what has gone before but to focus on what's ahead and put their energies into achieving from now. Our focus was Philippians 3:14.

At the commencement of the term we embarked on a trial of Zimsec (the national curriculum) commencing at Form One for twelve of our older students. This has seen our students engage more in their learning and we have seen the students rise to the challenge of change and adapt to the new style of learning along with a new curriculum being taught. We will continue on with this curriculum next year as we have seen the students grow and grasp the new concepts. Change is never an easy thing but it is valuable in seeing the growth in the students lives continue. So we congratulate both the students and the staff that have taken on this challenge and have succeeded.

Our Ace classes have seen changes take place in their learning styles as well this term. The teachers have become more innovative in their teaching practices. We see the challenge of keeping the students engaged in the ACE program and have sought different methods of teaching to enlighten the students through varying styles of learning. Our Junior Ace class has seen the implementation of a Spelling Club, which allows the students as English as a Second Language speakers to focus on getting the basics of the language correct. It involves the students being given a list of 20 words each week and each morning they are tested to see how many they can get correct. By the end of the week they are expected to know the 20 words. The students are given extra merits for this activity. There has been some very keen competition between the students and the benefits are far-reaching. We are thankful for each and every one of our teachers and their dedication to the students.

We have been blessed to have Charmaine Nortier coming in to the school twice a week to teach Art. To the students The benefit of this has been to allow the students to express themselves in their own individual style and allow them to express their emotions through art. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this activity and we were able to display some of their art at Prize-Giving Day. We thank Charmaine so much for her time and efforts.

Over the years we have had some donations of older laptops and we were recently blessed with the donation of a desktop computer from Barclays Bank here in Bulawayo. We have commenced teaching computer studies, which allows our students to learn the basics of computers and information technology. Being from this technological age they have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and they learn the skills required very quickly. We will continue on with this program next year and continue to pray for the provision of some more laptops/computers so that each student can have access to this technology at a given point during their week at school.

Barclays Bank not only donated a desktop computer but they also donated quite a number of student text books that were desperately required for the Junior Zimsec Class. We are so grateful to this organization in partnering with us in assisting in the education of our students.

We were privileged to be able to take our senior students to swimming lessons again this term. They became more confident in the water and enjoyed learning the new skills that are required of them to stay safe in and near the water.

We continue to provide not only education for our students within Lighthouse. We have been able to continue with our program of feeding the students porridge and fruit on a daily basis, as many of them don't get to eat breakfast before they come to school.

End of Year - A time to Celebrate and to Serve

Our last week of school for 2015 was spent focusing on celebrating the birth of Jesus and the gift of giving that God bestowed upon us in giving us His Son. The students spent time decorating cookies and wrapping them for a visit to an Entembeni Elderly People's Home. We visited this home on Tuesday and LCA prepared and served sandwiches, tea, coffee and juice to all the elderly people. The students had been practicing many songs for our Prize-Giving Day and so they were able to entertain the elderly with their songs. We saw this as an invaluable time of sharing and teaching the students to not only receive but to give back to the community that they live in.



PRIZE-GIVING DAY - A time to honour and award

Prize-Giving Day was our final event for the year of 2015. The students spent a considerable amount of time practicing several items to perform for the parents on this very important day. The God-given talents were again on display and we were both proud and privileged to watch each and every student participate in this day, whether it be in song, dance, poetry recital or drama.

We were blessed with special donations from both Australia and Bulawayo, which enabled the Academy to present each student individually with a book. These books were presented to the students through an honour roll as we see each student as an important part of Lighthouse Christian Academy. The delight on the student's faces told the story. Many of them have never had their very own book. A big thank you to the people that were able to donate to this. We were very humbled and blessed by you.

As is the case each year we took the time to award the students who had performed well in many different areas of Lighthouse. Some of these categories for the ACE Classes were Academic, Bible Memory Verse, Most Improved, Citizenship, Sportsman and Maximum Paces Awards. The Zimsec Classes received awards for the top student in each subject - English, Mathematics, Integrated Science, History, Geography, Ndebele and Religious Studies.

The parent of the students enjoyed celebrating with their children on their successes when they were awarded for their hard work and determination.

The seniors complete the LCA & ZIMSEC journey

Bheki, Brian and Nelson completed their journey with Lighthouse Christian Academy. After a year of change and new learning the three boys attended their final O-Level examinations in October and November. They wrote two papers in each subject; English, Mathematics, Integrated Science and Commerce. We await their results in January. This time saw them grow in maturity and learn many valuable lessons in life. As they were amongst some of the pioneer students in LCA it was with great joy and sadness that we saw them graduate at our Prize-Giving Day. We pray for them for their futures and ask that they will seek God in all the things that they do.



A farewell to Mrs Cathrine Pasipamire

It was with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Cathrine Pasipamire from the staff at Lighthouse. Cathrine has been an integral part of Lighthouse for several years now. Her love of God and of the students was obvious to all who set foot in the school. Cathrine devoted herself to bettering each and every student with her caring heart and her incredible teaching abilities. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

A real treat for the Staff

As the end of an extremely busy year came to an end, Megan and Jamie Jaworski blessed the staff with an outing for lunch. It was a very fine and relaxing end to a very busy Prize-Giving Day. We as staff want to say a huge thank you to them both for the sacrifices that they continue to make to enable the education of these amazing and beautiful students.



Notes of Thanks

We give thanks to God for seeing us through Term 2. He is the Almighty.

Thank you EdGE Foundation for your AMAZING partnership with Our Neighbours Ministry to enable LCA to be what it is.

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.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have come through the doors of Lighthouse and for bringing with you the love of the Lord and the spirit of fun. May God bless you all.

Highlights of Term 3, 2015 in pictures.



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