



LCA SPONSOR NEWSLETTER

Highlights of Term 3, 2017

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Principal's message

For Term 3 2017

Dear friends and supporters of Lighthouse Christian Academy,

Warm greetings from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe!

We've just finished Term 3 for this year, and it's been a good term, with numerous highlights, and much learning! We thank God for His calling to us to show His love, and to serve and empower children from very difficult circumstances, through Lighthouse Christian Academy!!!

It was great to finish the term off with our end of year school play, LCA awards presentation, and a combined LCA 'in-house' and 'out-house' students time together, with much celebration and fun had by all. The play was a funny 'Zimbabwean adaption' of the 'Parable of the Good Samaritan' from Luke 10:25-37. I hope the photos give you a glimpse of the fun.

This term we had 14 'in-house' students, meaning they attend LCA every day for their education etc, and 19 'out-house' students, who are at public schools or a college, on a LCA scholarship, and with LCA support.

It was great, as it always is, to welcome some new students this term just finished, to our LCA 'in-house' students. It's so nice to see these new students, coming from really difficult situations which had greatly affected their education opportunities thus far, being given an opportunity to attend school. You'll learn some more about them elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the significant developments this last term, was the starting of more extra tuition and support for the LCA 'out-house' students. We're looking forward to this continuing next year, and really blessing the 'out-house' students.

Thank you SO MUCH to EdGE Foundation and our other partners, for your love, support and partnership! I hope you enjoy the stories and updates in this newsletter, and that they help you see what you are helping to enable.

Warm regards and God bless,
Martin

Message from Lighthouse's new Ministry Leader and teacher, Mr Mathias Moyo

I joined Lighthouse Christian Academy at the beginning of third term, and I am happy to be part of this ministry. The team is amazing, co-operative and helpful. My aspiration is to lift the standard of this Academy, enhance team work and help students push hard to achieve desired goals.

We were joined by two students during the term, Renee and Reece, who are unique. Renee, who is 10 years old, has been doing quite well, and moving fast in her work. Her brother, Reece, who is 9 years old, has needed more assistance in settling into the school and his work, however he has made good progress as the term went on.

Both Renee and Reece had unfortunately not attended any schooling prior to joining us, given their difficult family situation.

Our term seemed to be short as we had much work to do. We hope the Lord will be with us as we come for the new term next year, fresh and well equipped for work.

May God bless you all
Mathias Moyo



Renee

Reece

More updates ... Student Profiles

Simelweyinkosi is an enthusiastic student who joined Lighthouse Christian Academy in mid-October 2017. She is eager to learn and aspires to attain a degree one day. From the onset she displayed good focus and maturity in the manner she handled herself personally, socially and academically.

Personal and Social Attributes

Simelweyinkosi has displayed:

- *A kind, caring and friendly character which has made her blend well with others and made her a good role model to her colleagues;
- *Good team spirit and has reflected leadership qualities;
- *Commitment to school by being regular in attendance and always punctual; and
- *Loyalty and dependability.

Academic

Although Simelweyinkosi has spent a long time not attending school she should be commended for her hard work and determination.

- *It did not take her time to adapt to the ACE curriculum which was new to her, managing to set and complete goals on time. She was able to accurately complete a total of 9 paces in a short space of time;
 - *She is self-motivated, works independently, but has the courage to approach the teacher for advice and more information if she does not understand the concept;
 - *Simelweyinkosi does her homework regularly, does it well and neatly;
 - *She participates actively in group and class discussions;
 - *She goes an extra mile to research and gather information on different subjects then verifies it with the teacher;
- She did very well in both pace work and ZIMSEC subjects and managed to scoop the termly academic award; and She is actively involved in extracurricular activities in the short time that she has spent at LCA has managed to grasp basic swimming skills.

Conclusion

Simelweyinkosi is an amazing student — given opportunities we believe she will truly shine.

Christabel is one child who, over the years has defied the challenges and struggles of her background to become a shining example to all our “out-house” primary school students. It’s a little over a year now since she was integrated from Lighthouse to mainstream Trenance Primary School. She was tested and taken in at Grade 5 level and since then, she has not looked back and is excelling in her schoolwork.

Her family has struggled to find decent accommodation and have been living in a shack in quite a remote area in Trenance. Every day she has to juggle between working the family chores of fetching water for her family, looking for food from relatives and well-wishers, and making it on school on time. Her grandmother is the sole breadwinner and is currently not working.

We praise God that, in spite of all these challenges, Christabel’s teacher expressed contentment with her progress, especially this term. So as Christabel faces her final year of primary school, we are looking forward to her continuing to excel and to grow in character and wisdom.



Simelweyinkosi,(left) Christabel (top right) and Shelton (bottom right)

Shelton is another one of our LCA ‘out-house’ high school students. When he was enrolled at Northlea High School, he was tested and subsequently placed in the first class according to his marks.

This term he has managed to perform fairly well, especially in Ndebele, History, Science and Agriculture. His teachers have commended him for his good behaviour and his willingness to receive what is being taught. Shelton has also participated actively in tennis and chess as extra-curricular activities.

Some End of Term Highlights In Pictures !



“In-house” students showing their end of year awards.



A group photo of Lighthouse “in-house” and “out-house” students.



Scenes from the school play “The Parable of the Good Samaritan”



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