

# Living Beyond Hope

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## **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Arnoldine Secondary School April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**

On April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 Living Beyond Hope (LBH) held a successful Pasta dinner at Stevensville United Methodist Church to raise money for buying textbooks, school furniture, and providing scholarships for the children at Arnoldine Secondary school in Zimbabwe Africa. Our organization was very thankful to everyone who participated in that movement making it a success. The Arnoldine community was also very touched and gracious for your generosity and caring.

During the event there was pasta dinner for sale, 50/50 raffle drawing, and silent auction. In addition, LBH had just launched their website that same day and that allowed those who could not attend to donate



on-line. All in all we were able to raise approximately \$6,000 which we considered a big success. The turn out and the money donated was beyond our expectations. Living Beyond Hope is also thankful to all the volunteers who work tirelessly in order for the event to go as well as it did. Special thank you to Mr. Mark Smith, the Chef who

who orchestrated the menu at low cost. Mr. Smith, a retired Chef from the Hilton Gardens Hotel executed the operations in the kitchen with professionalism and it was an honor to have him as part of the team. The food received great complements from many people and it was just enough for the crowd which attended.

## **Building the Future**



Living Beyond Hope began with a dream to improve the quality of life for the people of the Arnoldine mission, a small, underprivileged, village in Zimbabwe, Africa. Through your generous support, the people of Arnoldine now have hope beyond what they have experienced throughout their lives.

Read on to learn more about the progress that has been made in this community, and see what our plans are for future projects.

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Compliments to the United Methodist Women and Ms. Sybil Smith who assisted Chef Smith in the kitchen preparing and baking cakes and cookies for dessert.



From left: Ms. Renee Putt, Ms. Lona Vogue and Ms. Carolyn Yoder.

The event went on for 2 hours and approximately 150 people showed up. There was a lot of work which was going on behind, the scene a total of approximately 26 volunteers participated in the different aspect of the event. Please meet some of the volunteers below



From left to right, Maria Hutchins, Owen. Wade, Farai Rukunda and son Tendai Rukunda, Joan Shadle, Lona Vogue, Dottie Klett, and Carolyn Yoder. From the back left to right, Jennifer Fry, Veronica Jackson, Rachel Wade, Larry Shadle, Larry Klett, Renee Putt, Mark Smith and his wife Ms. Sybil Smith.



We would like to also thank the United Methodist Women for donating 22 receiving blankets for the Arnoldine Clinic. The blankets were presented to Pastor Maforo of Caldwell Kansas originally from Arnoldine Mission. Mr. Maforo was going to hand deliver these blankets to someone who was going to Zimbabwe upon his return to Kansas after the fundraising event. Since then the blankets made it to Arnoldine clinic and many lives have been impacted already.

From left: Pastor Jacob Maforo, Mr. Farai Rukunda and Ms. Renee Putt holding one of the receiving blankets.

Below is a summary of the money raised during the evening of April 27<sup>th</sup>. Expenses were items purchased by Mark Smith and Renee Putt for the kitchen to use and cook. These funds were reimbursed to the individuals leaving a net income of \$5,870.58

## Living Beyond Hope 2018 Benefit Dinner

*April 27th 2018 Fundraiser Report*

<b>Income</b> (includes money from ticket sales, silent auction, and donations)	<b>\$6,370.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b> (food and supplies)	<b>\$401.85</b>
<b>Total Raised:</b>	<b>\$5,870.58</b>

## Projects Funded

### Books

Immediately following the fundraiser, LBH board members made contact with the school principal at Arnoldine secondary and the LBH board members in Zimbabwe to request quotations for the textbooks and desks.

A total of 300 textbooks were purchased at a cost of approximately \$4,900. Unfortunately, this will not be enough books to cover each student who is required to have 11 textbooks each for the 11 subjects, but we hope someday the school will be able to have enough text books for each child so they will never have to share.



### Scholarships

There are currently 38 students who are seniors this year and plan to take national final exams towards the end of the year in early November. Each of these students were required to register by the second week of May 2018. A total of \$165 was required for each student to register for the 11 subjects. Unfortunately, 5 of the 38 students were not able to come up with these funds due to illness in the family draining all the income and some of the kids were orphaned. Not registering for the national exams meant dropping out of high school and an opportunity missed.

Fortunately, during the fundraising event a total of \$900 was donated by a couple of donors with the interest in helping students who were in that exact situation. Since not all of the 5 students were taking all 11 subjects, a total of \$740 was paid on behalf of those students so they could register for the exams. We are pleased to introduce you to these students, who are the first recipients of a *Living Beyond Hope Scholarship*.



“Douglas is my name. I am a boy age 21years. I live in Arnoldine Mission and I learn at Arnoldine secondary school. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to continue with my studies. Furthermore, I was working hard to find the money to register all my subjects but I failed to get the money because my father is very ill since last year, he have been given a bed in hospital.”

Douglas would like to be a business Auditor someday.



“My name is Leona. I am a girl aged 17. I live in Chitachenyasha village and I am a form 4 (High school senior) student at Arnoldine Secondary School in the Makoni district. My parents are unemployed because of the economic situation in the country. They failed to pay my examination fees. I greatly appreciate your donation.”

Leona’s ambition is to be a lawyer.



“My name is Kudakwashe. I am a boy age16 and I am the last born in a family of 5. All my siblings are not employed and are struggling for their lives. I live in Arnoldine Mission. My parents used to get money by farming but this year they could not harvest much because of climate changes. All crops wilted. I am forced to drop out my school this year since I am not able to register. I wish to be an Agricultural engineer and I will be of great help to my community and those disadvantaged. Thank you for the donation I greatly appreciate your help”.

Kudakwashe wants to be an Agricultural Engineer and give back to his community.



My name is Gift. I am a boy age 21 and I live in village 55. I learn at Arnoldine Secondary school in Makoni district. I am an orphan who struggles for school fees. I work at my school as payment for my school fees. This donation has helped me to greater extend. I want to thank you for this opportunity.”

Gift sees himself as a Pathologist in the future.

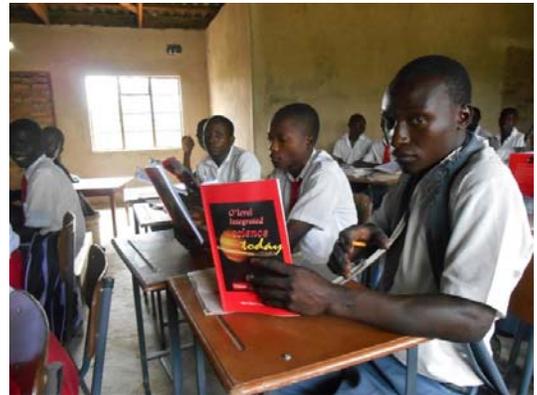


“My name is Travis, I am a boy age 20. I learn at Arnoldine Secondary School. I am an orphan and I stay with my grandmother and she is a widow. She struggles to pay my school fees through selling milk. There is no one who can help me. I was a school dropout because I did not have money for fees and for the examinations. Therefore, I was called yesterday to be back to school and register after your kind donation. I would like to thank you for your donation now I am back at school. Thank you very much May God continue to bless you.”

Travis’ vision is to be an accountant someday.

## Desks

Desks are still needed at the school despite the ones we purchased in 2015. Currently the school is looking for the best bid for desks and they will let us know when they are needed. Living Beyond Hope is prepared to purchase 50 desks in addition to the 50 they currently have now. Each desk and bench can accommodate 2 students.



## Updates on Other Ongoing Projects

### Classroom Block

Since 2016 we have been raising money to complete one classroom block. This building will consist of 2 classrooms and 2 small offices. Each classroom will hold a capacity of 45 students. As you can imagine



once the classroom is complete, they will be in need of desks, chalk boards, and other accessories which are needed for a functional classroom.

In addition to the generous donations from you, this classroom block is nearing completion because the local community stepped up by providing bricks, quick sand, and digging the foundation. Money may not be easily accessible for this community,

but they do not hesitate to put in the manual labor at any given time when needed in order to benefit the children.

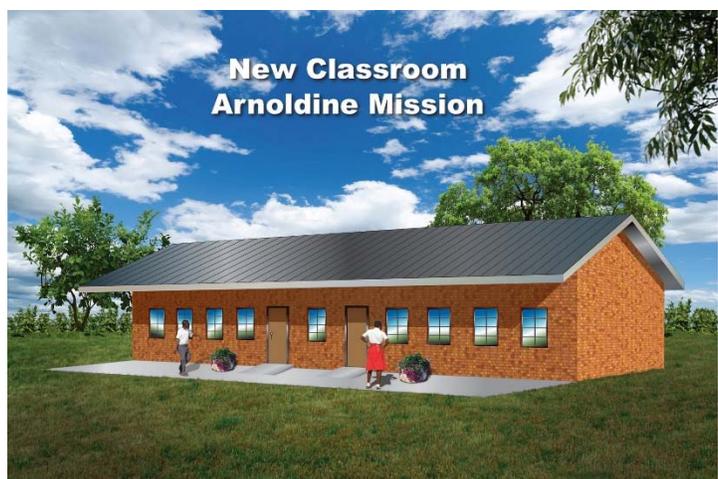
The classroom block pictured at right will be dedicated this coming up September 2018. Because of the progress we have made on this classroom block, it has attracted other local organization to match the work. As a result another classroom block is being built.



*3D Model of the Proposed Secondary School*

We truly understand the magnitude of this project, and we believe with your support we will get there “one brick at a time”. We have many organizations joining us on this movement and we believe if we continue to raise awareness, we will gain more support.

We also plan to add one teacher’s cottage this year. The living conditions for the teachers are very poor. Since the inception of the



secondary school we have always focused on the students' needs but now we feel it is time to start thinking about improving the teachers' standard of living as well. Currently, their families are all living in temporary one room housing being provided by the Arnoldine primary school which has been functioning for decades.

The teachers have to walk 1.5 miles through thick forest and sometimes in the rain just to get to school. With the current proposed 3D model below their housing will be close to school campus, and the cost of building each cottage is \$15, 000. This cottage will have indoor plumbing and electricity.



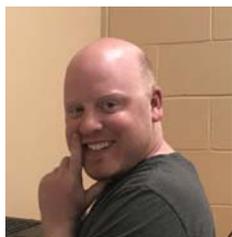
## **Agriculture**

The goal for Living Beyond Hope is to one day witness Arnoldine being a self-sustaining community with a booming economy and employment for most members of the community. In order to achieve this goal, Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club is proposing assisting the community with funds and training on doing commercial farming.

Arnoldine Secondary has sought some advice from Africa University's Agriculture department which is currently doing well for themselves. The university will be training the community on how to do commercial farming and they will also be assisting in drafting a proposal together for Arnoldine.

Benton Harbor Rotary is anxiously waiting for the proposal before it can move forward. We will update you on this initiative in our next newsletter.

## **Meet the Living Beyond Hope Board Members - U.S.A.**



Mr. Jesse Robins,  
Youth Director  
Stevensville United Methodist Church



Farai Rukunda  
Customer Support Manager  
LECO Corporation



Rachel Wade,  
Vice President of Impact and Development  
United Way of Southwest Michigan



Ashlei Horn  
Education/Membership Director  
Stevensville United Methodist Church



Maria Hutchins,  
Customer Communications Manager  
LECO Corporation



Ms. Veronica Jackson,  
Technical Communication Manager  
LECO Corporation

# Organizations Supporting LBH in partnership with Stevensville United Methodist Church

## Restaurants

- Coaches Bar and Grill Restaurant
- Santaniello Italian Restaurant
- Papa Vinos Italian Restaurant
- Grand Mere Inn

## Hotels

- Fairfield Inn
- Candlewoods Suites

## Other organizations

- Stevensville Chiropractic center
- Megan Wiggins Dodge Massage Therapy
- Forker Landscaping company
- Mar-Co packaging Inc
- Herald Palladium
- MailMax
- LECO Corporation
- Whirlpool Corporation
- Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club
- Lakeshore Rotary Club

## Living Beyond Hope is Now Online!

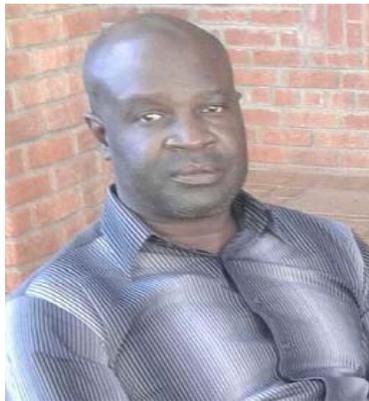
Visit us at [www.livingbeyondh.com](http://www.livingbeyondh.com) for fundraiser information, project progress, pictures of Arnoldine or for more information about our mission.

You can also donate online by clicking the yellow "donate" button in the top right-hand corner.

## Meet the Living Beyond Hope Board Members - Zimbabwe



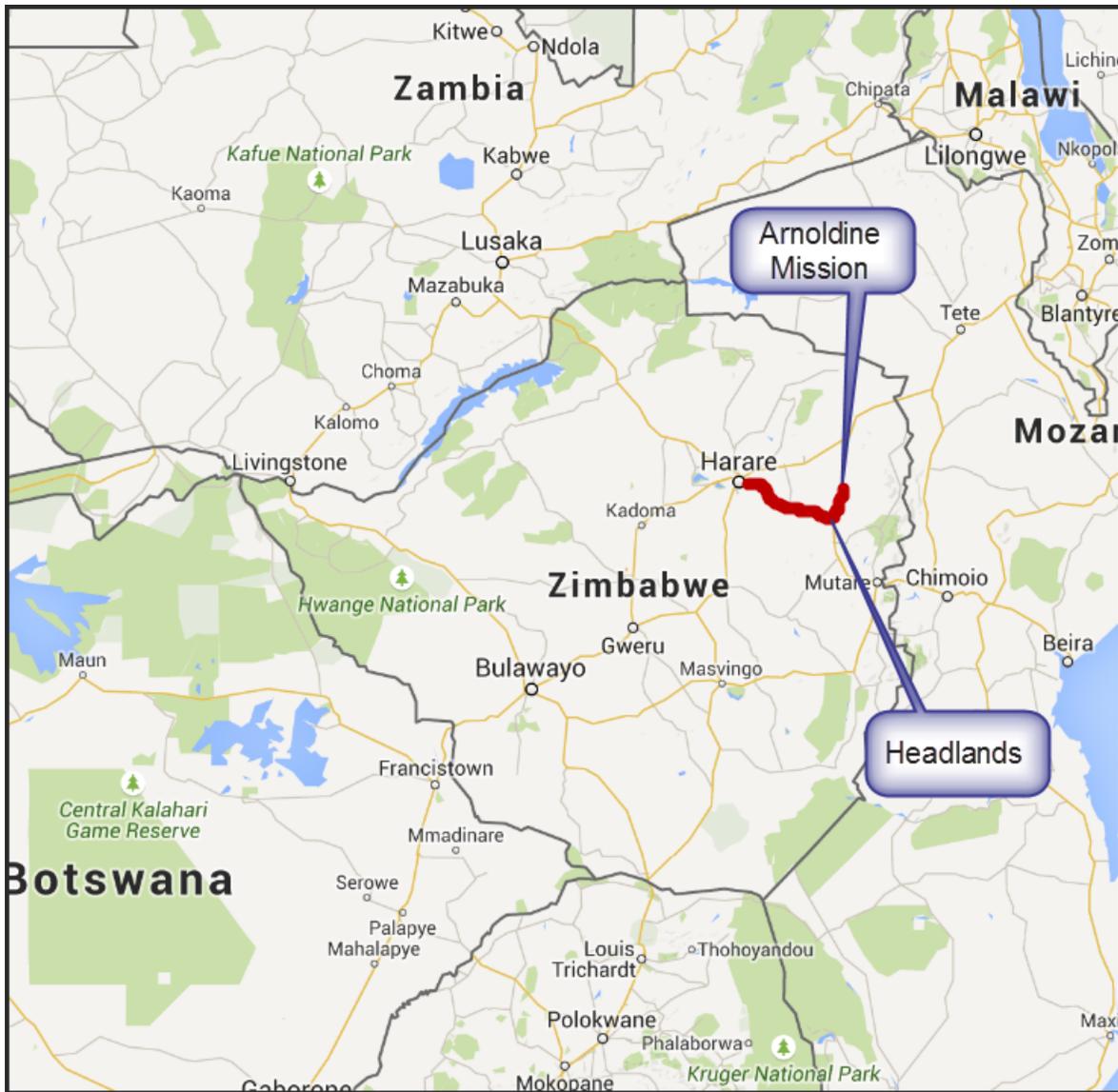
Dr. Rosalie Katsande Law Professor  
University of Zimbabwe



Aaron Rashama  
Retired Banker



Brian Mbwizhu  
Arnoldine Native



***Arnoldine Mission is approximately 150 Km (94 miles) east of Harare and 15 km (9 miles) north of Headlands***

