

Teachers Have Needs Too.

Since 2014 we have been focusing on the needs of the children at Arnoldine secondary school. Rightfully so, we needed to stabilize their learning environment to conditions which were manageable. Through your donations we have provided clean water, hundreds of textbooks, desks and even a classroom block which holds 90 children.



We are aware there are more needs to be fulfilled for the children at Arnoldine Secondary school but this year's cycle we have decided to focus on improving the teachers living conditions. Currently

there are 5 teachers catering to 280 children and this group has been together since the inception of the high school in 2013 with 7 students. Their dedication and commitment to the children has been extraordinary.

In the last several months I posed a question to the teachers, inquiring about their living conditions. I learned that they walk about 1.5 miles one way to school in thick forest and it was very difficult during rainy season, said Ms. Chiremba the school principal. Ms. Chiremba went on to comment, "Every one of us have only one room despite the size of our families. Some of us have kids who have reached the adolescence age and it can be difficult. Ms. Chiremba believes building cottages close to the school would be beneficial to the teachers and students. It would definitely alleviate the problems.

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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Since then we have been fundraising for this project and up to date we have raised \$5,000 of the \$15k needed to complete the first of three cottages we need to build. Earlier on, we had developed a 3D model of the cottage based on the drawing we received from Arnoldine Secondary school as shown at right. This design has since been modified slightly; instead of single family cottages, we are building a duplex that can accommodate 2 families. Each side will have 2 bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, and one bathroom. And yes!! Running water and electricity.



3D Model of proposed cottage

Construction Has Already Begun.

Thanks to some early donations that came in for this project, construction has already begun. There are several phases during the construction. Phase 1: Clearing the ground; Phase 2: Digging the foundation; Phase 3: Pouring concrete; Phase 4: Building the foundation; Phase 5: Construction of the floor; and finally Phase 6: Construction of the structure itself. This final phase includes many sub levels such as window level, ring beam level, roofing, plumbing and electrical work.

Even though the Arnoldine community (students and parents) do not have the financial resources to buy the material needed for the construction, they have a willingness and commitment to donate their time and labor. Phase 1 and 2 have already been completed and currently concrete is being poured.



Arnoldine secondary school children assisting with clearing the ground and beginning to dig foundation.

Below are some pictures of the progress so far.



Phase 3 requires a significant amount of concrete and quick sand to mix with the cement. Parents who cannot afford paying tuition volunteer their time digging quick sand needed for phase 3.

280 bags of cement are needed to complete phases 3 through phase 5, up to the window level and each bag of cement costs \$20 US. We are aware of the magnitude of this project but we truly believe if we do one brick at a time with your help eventually we will get there. Your support in this project is greatly appreciated.

Our goal is to build 3 cottages over time (which will accommodate 6 families). Once these cottages are complete, the teachers will be right by the school which makes their life easier and helps them focus more on the kids' needs.

Meet the teaching staff

These teachers have been together since the inception of the high school in 2013 and they have determination to help the Arnoldine secondary children succeed. With your donation please join us in helping them to build cottages to shelter their families.

Teaching Staff



Ms. Chiremba
School Principal



Ms. Chemwaita
Teacher



Mr. Simango
Teacher



Ms. Karidzamimba
Teacher and Guidance
Counselor



Ms. Manhiri
Assistant Principal



Mr. Magutakuona
Teacher



Ms. Mutengeraro
Teacher

As Arnoldine teachers we would like to thank you very much for your support. Your donations makes our lives manageable and we feel blessed to have you as part of our extended community, may the dear lord shower you with blessings!!!

Other Local Organizations Joining Us on This Journey

As you are aware over the last year or two we have been constructing one of many classroom blocks needed for the school. We are excited to announce that not only is the building almost complete but some local private organizations have joined us on this journey and they have pledged

to construct a second classroom block similar to the one at left which is close to completion.



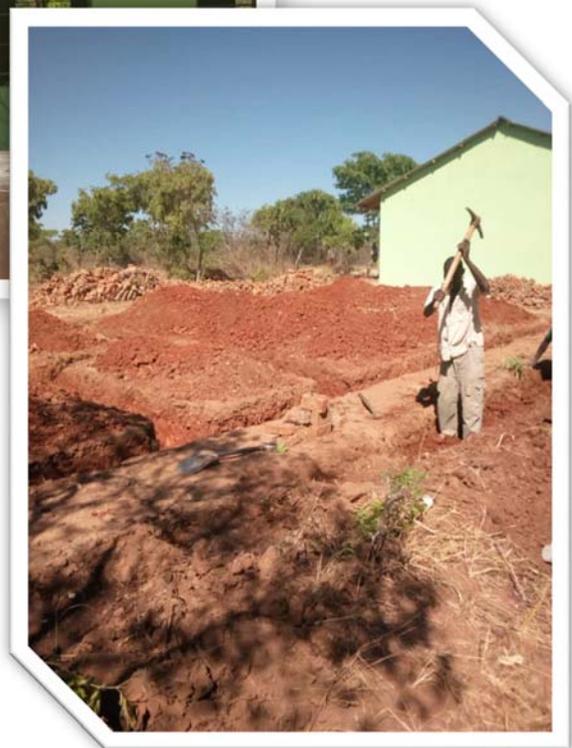
This classroom block has two classrooms each holding 45 students and each classroom has a small office for the teacher. Thank you again for all your donations, this could not have been accomplished without your participation.

Next to this building a new construction of another classroom block has already started. Special thank you to the local private organizations.

New Challenges.

Considering where this school was in 2013 and now, we have come a long way. Together as a global community we have moved mountains already. These children are very grateful for your generosity and compassion.

The students still lack the basics such as computers, laboratory equipment, sports gear, and other related learning material. We are hoping as we travel this journey there may be others out there who may have access to some of these educational tools to pass on to Arnoldine Secondary school.



How can Arnoldine Community become self-sustainable? Our organization is currently brainstorming with the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary club, looking for projects to fund at Arnoldine Secondary school to help them become self-sustainable.



Currently there are no income generation projects at Arnoldine Mission Centre or the Secondary school that can contribute meaningfully to income generation for self – sustenance. As such the community and the secondary school presently face challenges in meeting some of its overhead costs.

Several months ago we reached out to the Arnoldine secondary school staff requesting ideas from them on projects they thought might benefit them. Arnoldine Secondary school sought for help from Africa University who currently runs a commercial agricultural program at the university.

The university was kind enough to invest time in helping Arnoldine Secondary to come up with some ideas for agricultural project. On July 6th 2018 Dr. Chiteka head of the Agricultural department at Africa University and his team visited Arnoldine to survey the land and give recommendation on some projects.

Recently, with the approval of Arnoldine Secondary school administration, Africa University submitted a proposal to the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary club in Benton Harbor, Michigan USA.

The Secondary school proposes to establish a project with a carrying capacity of 3,000 layer birds per year. This has the potential to generate an annual profit of USD 32,000. To achieve this, poultry infrastructure and the right staff has to be in place. Presently the community neighbouring the Arnoldine community is not supplied with eggs providing a ready market to which this project responds.



The Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary club plans to hold discussion beginning January 2019 to begin exploring if the proposal is viable based on the economic and political structure in Zimbabwe.

It is our only hope that Arnoldine gets help to jump start such a project in order to support themselves long-term.

Thank you again to all the donors who have supported all the projects at Arnoldine thus far. We are hoping you will join us again as we navigate year 2019 projects.

*Happy
Holidays*



2019 Contribution Form

In 2019, we hope you will consider making a contribution to Living Beyond Hope. Every little bit helps to make a difference in the lives of the people of Arnoldine mission. *Living Beyond Hope* is entirely volunteer driven, and nearly all funds raised are wired directly to board members serving in Zimbabwe, Africa. Our team in Zimbabwe ensures that all funds are used appropriately and for the purpose they are intended for.

Yes, I would like to donate and help the people of Arnoldine mission!

Contribution: \$ _____

Please distribute my gift among the following projects:

Classroom Construction Project

Teacher's Cottage Construction Project

Textbooks

Desks

No Preference (with this option, LBH board members will allocate funds where needed)

Name _____

Check here if you would like your gift in memory/in honor of someone special _____

E-mail Address _____

Yes! Please send me e-mail updates regarding the progress of *Living Beyond Hope*.

You may unsubscribe at any time.

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Please contact me about sponsoring the following projects:

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Arnoldine Maternity Clinic

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