

Living Beyond Hope



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Greetings!

First, I would like to apologize to you, our supporters and donors for the lack of updates since our event earlier this year in May. Throughout this newsletter, you can read about all of the activity that has taken place this year, including:

- The two family teacher's housing units are nearing completion, and two new teachers are on schedule to be added to the current teaching staff resulting to a total of 11 teachers by January 2020;
- The new two classroom building which holds 90 kids was officially opened on April 23rd 2019;
- The Arnoldine Early Childhood Education children received a donation of desks and chairs from EP Clark and Brown elementary schools in St. Joseph, Michigan;
- 21 receiving blankets were donated to the Arnoldine clinic by the Stevensville United Methodist Women's group from Stevensville, Michigan;
- 6 students were awarded scholarships supported by your donations;
- The 4th year students took their final National examinations this November 2019;
- Our scholarship recipients have completed their first year of advanced High School (form 5) at Inyati Mine Secondary School.

We are also glad to share with you the good news from Pastor Jacob Maforo from Kansas who is spearheading the project to build a church parsonage in Arnoldine, which has been long overdue. All these wonderful accomplishments could not have been done without your generosity and support. Together we are impacting hundreds of lives that will have an affect on Arnoldine children and their families for decades to come. Please read on in this newsletter to learn more about the journey we are travelling together!

Teacher's Housing

It has been a longtime coming, but after 18 months, the housing project is nearly complete. Recently the roofing material, doors, window panes, timber, and other accessories were purchased to complete the final stage of the structure. The house is designed to be a duplex which accommodates two families once completed. Each side of the duplex has two bedrooms, a living room space, kitchen, and a bathroom.

Because of the growing number of teaching staff at the Arnoldine secondary school, there is a desperate need for housing space. In order to alleviate this problem, one of the old buildings previously used as classroom space has been renovated into living quarters for the teachers. The classroom building was divided into four separate sections, each with two rooms. Many thanks to the Arnoldine community who worked hard to generate tens of thousands in bricks, and collected sand and rocks to mix with the cement. We thank the school children as well who helped tremendously by carrying water from the river to the building site.



Timber had to be laid out first before the roof sheets were put in place



On November 27th, parents visited the construction site and were being very thankful for all the work being done.



Renovated structure: Originally this building contained 2 big classrooms but since then the building has been divided into 4 sections. adding 2 more doors.



This picture gives you an idea of the inside. In order to create privacy between each section, the building still needs ceiling boards which cost US \$500



Roofing nearing completion

Meet Our 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Living Beyond Hope has been supporting six students this year to attend Secondary school at Arnoldine and Inyati Secondary schools. Three of the six students have just completed their 4th year national examinations provided by the government department of education and are currently awaiting results. The other three have just completed their first year in advanced secondary education and have 1 year to go. If they do well after that they will be seeking opportunities to go to the university.

This past September we asked our Arnoldine Secondary scholarship recipients three basic questions—

1. How is the LBH Scholarship impacting your life?
2. What are your goals?
3. What challenges do you face today?

We received responses from the students and below are excerpts from some of their responses.

"The LBH [scholarship] payed for my Ordinary Level Examination Fee because my parents did not manage to pay for it. The LBH is also paying my Advanced level's school fees. Without the LBH i would have dropped my education but it uplifted me to where I am today."

Kudakwashe Gatora, lower sixth at Inyati Mine High School

"The LBH scholarship is impacting my life because the LBH helped me in my education as they paid for my ordinary level examination fee, money to buy school trousers and shirt and also for paying my advanced level school fees.

Douglas Fusire, Inyati Secondary School

"I would like to thank Mr. Rukunda and company for assisting me with the form 4 registration fees which my parents did not afford to pay. As I am learning I am looking forward good results as I dream to be an Accountant...Mr Rukunda and all members of LHB may God pour shower of blessings to you and for your health as well as many days on earth for the poor to survive better in this wicked world."

Perfect Nyabvure, Arnoldine Secondary School

"My father passed away in May so there was no one to pay my registration fee. I was being forced to drop my education because of shortage of money but LHB pay for my Ordinary level examination fee and my second term and third term fees in which my mother can not afford. My education was uplifted."

Lillian Fusire, Arnoldine Secondary School

Students report that they still face additional challenges, such as shortage of the proper shoes, inadequate food supplies, and proper clothing. This is something *Living Beyond Hope* hopes to address in the future.



From left: Gift Mawadzi, Kudakwashe Gatora, and Douglas Fusire.

These students are Attending Advance High school (Form 5) at Inyati Secondary school. The first Living Beyond Hope scholarship recipients, 2019 imarks the second year of receiving scholarship support from Living Beyond Hope.



Lillian Fusire



Munoda Tapfuma

In 2019 Living Beyond Hope awarded 3 more scholarships. These students are 4th year students at Arnoldine Secondary School, preparing to take Zimbabwe National Examinations in November 2019



Perfect Nyabvure

Meet the Arnoldine Teaching Staff

When Arnoldine Secondary school started in 2013 they had 5 teachers and 7 students. Currently as of December 2019 they have 9 teachers and 285 children enrolled. Two of the 9 teachers were added to the staff in 2018, Mrs. Muzawazi and Mr. Bhunu. We are told by the beginning of the school year in January 2020 Arnoldine Secondary will be having 2 more teachers added making a total of 11.

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Ms. Chiremba
School Principal

Ms. Manhiri
Assistant Principal

Ms. Karidzambira
Teacher and Guidance
Counselor

Ms. Mutengeraro
Teacher

These teachers are very dedicated and stay committed to serve the community of Arnoldine even through the harsh living conditions. Housing for them remains a challenge.



Mr. Simango
Teacher

Ms. Chemwaite
Teacher

Mr. Magutakuona
Teacher

Mrs. Muzawazi
Teacher

Mr. Bhunu
Teacher

Dedication of new classroom building

On April 23rd, 2019 there was a dedication of the first completed classroom building funded by Living Beyond Hope and the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe-Norway partnership called Chabadza.

The building has 2 classrooms and 2 small offices. Each classroom holds 45 children. The students played a great role in the construction of this classroom block. They were involved in providing builders with water, quarry stones and pit sand during general school work time. The community and the school staff also played a role by participating in brick molding, ferrying of quarry stones and river sand.

On the day of the dedication there was much celebration in honor of the new building. Students were performing and parents singing and dancing with joy. Parents donated chickens and goats to be slaughtered to feed the crowd that attended the celebration.



Dr. E.K Nhiwatiwa, United Methodist Bishop, dedicating the building.



Students dance in celebration.

Arnoldine Early Childhood Education Center— Zimbabwe, Africa

Back in the summer of 2019 EP Clark and Brown School elementary schools, part of the St. Joseph Public School district in St. Joseph, Michigan, raised money to buy furniture for the Arnoldine Elementary school children. Between the 2 schools, they managed to raise \$1,195 which was used to purchase 50 chairs and 10 tables for the children. The theme for this fundraising project was called "Spread the Love". Certainly these elementary children clearly showed that love did not have boundaries. Thank you to Michelle Allen, EP Clark Elementary school principal and Kristen Bawks, Brown Elementary School principal for helping to coordinate this fundraiser!



Three and four year old preschoolers after receiving furniture

In the history of this elementary school the kids who attended the pre-school and kindergarten in the past never had desks and chairs to use until the summer of this year when EP Clark Elementary and Brown elementary School raised money to buy furniture for the preschoolers.

Whilst we solved the sitting problems for these 3 to 4 year old preschoolers there is still a challenge for the Kindergarten children who are also in the same situation. These children are also in need of desks and chairs. For \$1,100 we can all make a difference for these children.



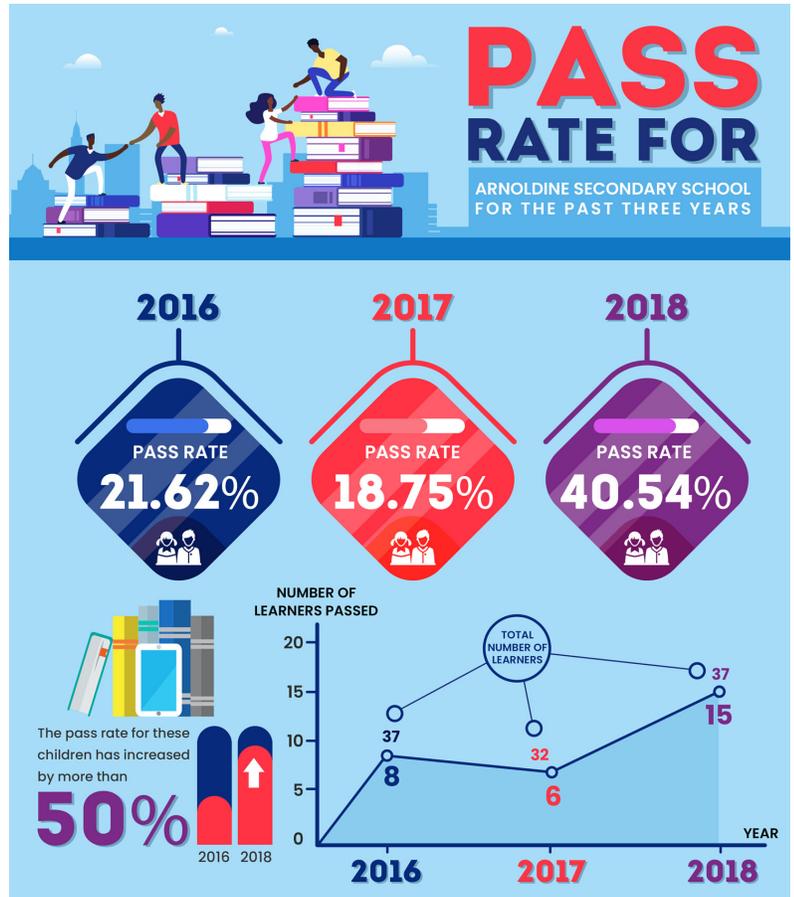
The five and six year old children are still in need of furniture.

"On behalf of our school I do hereby acknowledge receipt of a handsome donation of ECD furniture. It was delivered to the school and the children are already using it. Please accept this our sincere gratitude and kindly extend it to all those who were involved in the sourcing of this donation."

**—Mr. Godfrey Chishakwe,
School Principal**

Pass Rates

2018 school year was a milestone for the Arnoldine secondary school. From year 2016 and 2017 their passing rate for the students was around 19%. In 2018 the pass rate for the students doubled to about 40%. While these number are not great, it has been quite an improvement. Last year we provided Arnoldine secondary school with \$7,000 for purchasing text books and the school principal believes the improvement in the pass rates was directly related to the help we provided. Compliments to the teaching staff and the students for the hard work.



Living Beyond Hope (LBH) Continues to Grow

Our organization as a registered 501(c)3 organization has extended its wings to form a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Zimbabwe. Creations of the NGO will open doors to other opportunities. This means LBH-Zimbabwe will be able to partner with other organization in Zimbabwe or out of Zimbabwe to do projects at Arnoldine Secondary school. In addition, having an NGO in Zimbabwe will also make it easier to do any kind of transactions from this end.

We are thankful to have dedicated board members here in the USA and in Zimbabwe who continue to take Living Beyond Hope to new heights.

LBH Board Members—USA	LBH Board Members—Zimbabwe
 <p>Farai Rukunda, President, Living Beyond Hope Customer Support Manager LECO Corporation</p>	 <p>Dr. Rosalie Katsande Law Professor University of Zimbabwe</p>
 <p>Jesse Robins Youth Director Stevensville United Methodist Church</p>	 <p>Brian Mbwizhu Arnoldine Native</p>
 <p>Maria Hutchins Customer Communications Manager LECO Corporation</p>	 <p>Aron Rashama Retired Banker</p>
 <p>Veronica Jackson Technical Communication Manager LECO Corporation</p>	
 <p>Ashlei Horn Education/Membership Director Stevensville United Methodist Church</p>	
 <p>Rachel Wade Vice President of Impact and Development United Way</p>	

Arnoldine Clinic

Arnoldine Clinic was started in the 1960s by Winnie Thomas, who had come to Arnoldine with her husband Dr. Norman Thomas as missionaries. The project started small and today the clinic serves communities within a 20 mile radius, seeing on average 60 patients a day. They also have 4 to 5 baby deliveries every week. The clinic has 3 nurses, 2 nurses aides, and 1 maintenance person.

During our Living Beyond Hope Fundraiser in May of 2019, the Stevensville United Methodist Church Women donated 21 receiving blankets for the Arnoldine clinic. There are so many needs at many levels at the clinic and the donation of these blankets was received with gratitude both from the staff and the mothers of the new born children.



Daisy Chiedza and mom (above) are from village of Mandindi, 8 miles away.

Little Doreen Parradza (at right) and mom are from village 22, 6.2 miles away.



Arnoldine United Methodist Church New Parsonage Project

As Living Beyond Hope continues to focus on its vision for the Arnoldine Secondary, there are other Arnoldine natives who have picked interest in developing other areas in the community. Pastor Jacob Maforo of Belle Plaine United Methodist Church in Kansas received some donations from his congregation to begin constructing a new parsonage. In March of 2020 8 members of Belle Plaine UMC will be travelling to Arnoldine to meet the community and get a better feel of the needs of the community.



The current parsonage (at left) is more than 50 years old and is in very poor condition that it needs to be demolished. Currently foundation has been dug and construction is on its way.



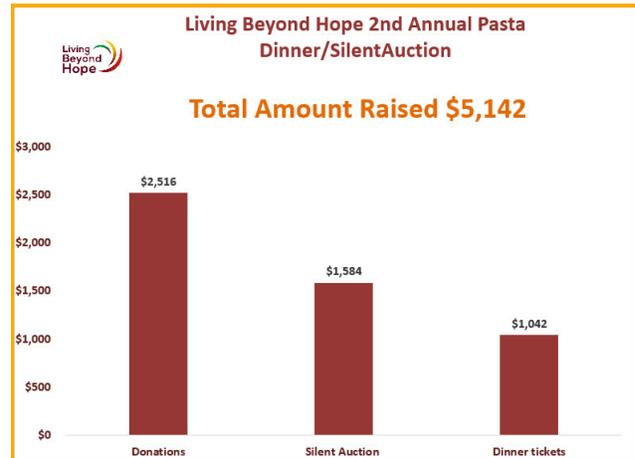
Pastor Jacob Maforo (above) is also the Founder of Building For The Future conference (BFFC) which gathers people from all corners of the world once a year at South Western College in Winfield Kansas.

Financial Report

LIVING BEYOND HOPE
2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY
January to December, 2019

Beginning Balance (Carryforward from 2018)		\$ 10,285
Donations Received		11,590
General Funds	7,943	
Textbooks	-	
Elementary School Classrooms	1,105	
Classrooms	-	
Teachers' Cottage	1,343	
Scholarships	1,200	
Expenditures		(18,092)
Textbooks	-	
Elementary School Classrooms	(1,095)	
Classrooms	-	
Teachers' Cottage	(14,485)	
Scholarships	(1,800)	
Administration	(712)	
Ending Balance		\$ 3,783

Our annual fundraiser was held on May 3rd, 2019, at Stevensville United Methodist Church. Together, we raised over \$5,000 at this event. Many thanks to all of our local businesses and volunteers for supporting this event.



Challenges for 2020

Considering the position Arnoldine, and the secondary school in particular, were in in 2013, 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.

As we look into our goals for 2020 and beyond, there are many challenges that still exist. Students still lack some of the more "modern" and advanced educational tools, such as computers, laboratory equipment, sports equipment, and other related learning material. LBH hopes to raise \$20,000 in 2020 which will be used towards the construction of more classrooms and teachers housing, as well as scholarships for students. It is estimated that it costs \$300 per year to support one student. We also hope to connect with other groups who may have access to or an interest in obtaining some of these additional educational resources for the Arnoldine Secondary school. A small donation will go a long way:

- \$15 = 100 lb cement bag
- \$25 = Stationary for 10 kids
- \$50 = 10 textbooks
- \$100 = 2 desks
- \$150 = 10 sq. ft. of completed classroom space
- \$300 = Tuition for 1 year per student

If you or someone you know might be interested in donating or partnering with us for 2020, please visit livingbeyondh.com and click on the "Donate" button at the top, or e-mail us at livingbeyondh@gmail.com. Checks may be mailed to Living Beyond Hope, PO Box 382, Stevensville, MI 49127.

Happy Holidays!