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It has been a while since we reached out to you.

It is not news to everyone that the last 3 years have been challenging to the world. Life at Arnoldine Secondary School was not any different. The school that started in 2013 with 7 students today has an enrollment of 204 students! The school is expecting enrollment to increase to 300 for 2023 school year, with some of the students coming from neighboring communities.

When schools were shut down due to the Pandemic, some students dropped school due to early marriages, lack of school fees, drug abuse, and child labor. Projects Living Beyond Hope was working on came to a halt due to travel restrictions and supply chain delays.

Through it all, the school community has persevered and are still moving forward. While we have not done any public fundraising or reached out for donations to support our projects at Arnoldine secondary school since the Pandemic began, we have been fortunate to continue receiving donations from many of you anyway over the last three years. Because of your donations, we were able to accomplish big projects and positively impacted lives for generations to come. In addition to private donations, we'd like to give special thanks to the following organizations for supporting LBH throughout the pandemic as well: Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary, Stevensville United Methodist Church, LECO Corporation, and Building for the Future.

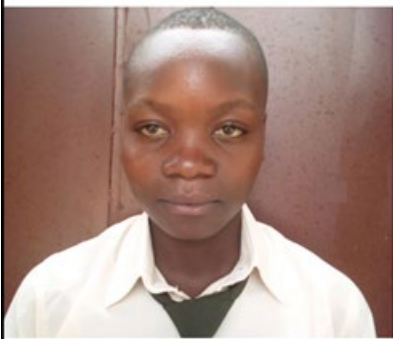


Read on for more information about the work that has been done over the past three years, and what our objectives look like for 2023.

Congratulations to our Living Beyond Hope Scholarship recipients!



In 2018 and 2019 we committed to support a total of 6 students who passed their fourth year high school national examinations and had to proceed to additional two years of advanced high school, a path taken by students who have the desire to go to the University. Through your donations we managed to support these students to successfully complete two years of advanced high school education.

In August of 2022, five of the six students started their first year at the university. Each one of them is the first in their family generation to go to the university. The students are very excited and very thankful to be given this opportunity, and send thanks to our donors for your generosity.

Three of the students, Munoda Tapfuma, Perfect Nyabvure, and Lillian Fusire are at Bindura University. The three of them are staying off campus and are renting a 3-bedroom house. They buy groceries together and cook at home.

		
<p>Lillian Fusire 1st Year student, 2022</p>	<p>Munoda Tapfuma 1st year student, 2022</p>	<p>Perfect Nyabvure 1st year student, 2022</p>
<p>Bindura University of Science <i>B.Sc. Environmental Science in Natural Resources Management</i></p>	<p>Bindura University of Science <i>B.Sc. Biotechnology</i></p>	<p>Bindura University of Science BA Commerce and Marketing</p>

Two other students, Kudakwashe Gotora and Gift Mawadzi, are at Midland State University. Kudakwashe and Gift live in university student housing and eat their meals in the cafeteria.

	
<p>Kudakwashe Gotora 1st Year student</p>	<p>Gift Mawadzi 1st Year Student</p>
<p>Midland State University B.Sc. Applied Geology</p>	<p>Midland State University BA. History and International Studies</p>

As part of their requirements, all students needed to purchase Laptops. Fortunately, we had the funds to support them. Each one of them was able to acquire a brand-new laptop.

All the students are in a three-year program, which means for the next three years together, with your help, we will need to support them to achieve their dream to graduate from the university.



Students' life on campus at Bindura State University. The three students share housing off campus, and they cook on their own.

Building of the classrooms continues

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 two classrooms and two 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 schoolwork time. The community and the school staff also helped by participating in brick molding, and ferrying 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.



Dedication of the first classroom on April 23rd, 2019, by United Methodist Bishop, Dr. Reverend Nhiwatiwa.

The second classroom building was completed and opened in September 2021 thanks to a collaboration by the community, Living Beyond Hope, and Chabadza organization. The addition of this second classroom building contributes towards their eligibility to be an independent secondary school. The community of Arnoldine are never afraid to contribute their labor. They were able to dig the foundation and provide bricks, sand, and their time when needed.



This picture shows the different stages of the second classroom being built. The building was completed and opened in September of 2021. The building is like the first one with two classrooms. Each classroom has a capacity to hold 45 students.

Arnoldine secondary school recently received a grant for partial purchase of building materials from Government for their third classroom block. They have been advised to build a Prefabricated (metal), Structured Engineered building that guarantees durability and strength against harsh weather conditions (winds, storms etc.) and termites. A classroom building super structure is constructed using metal poles and bars. The roof will be out of sheet metal. Once the structure is erected, the brickwork will fill up the spaces.

With the grant they have since been able to:

- Purchase the steel materials worth USD4375,
- Hire the suitable artisans who are on site fixing the structure,
- Buy other building materials such as bolts, screws, and bags of cement,
- Purchase fuel and tokens for prepaid electricity.

This project will be on going into the next year and the secondary school will need help with purchasing more building material.



Artisans busy welding the pieces of metal together. When it is all done, they will erect the structure and add roofing using sheet metal.

Arnoldine Secondary Has Their Own Source of Water

As recent as October of 2022, Living Beyond Hope assisted with the drilling of a well near to the school. Before the school was dependent on the Well which provided water for the entire Arnoldine community. The school population is increasing, and the school needed their own source of water to support the students at the school as well as the staff housing currently under construction.

Living Beyond Hope was able to assist Arnoldine Secondary to purchase the solar panels, water pump, water tank and pipes and the labor to drill the well. This project has been completed and Arnoldine Secondary School now have their own source of water. They are the first in the community to have solar energy.



Picture above shows the completed well, the drilling of the well and students testing the water system.

Living Beyond Hope Zimbabwe Visits Arnoldine Secondary School

Living Beyond Hope Zimbabwe board members Mr. Brian Mbwizhu, Dr. Rosalie Katsande, and Mr. Aaron Rashama visited the Arnoldine Secondary School on December 6th, 2020 to get an update on the school projects in progress. They were received by Ms. Chiremba (school principal) and her staff.

During their visit they were given a progress report on the two major projects in development at the time: construction of the second classroom building which is now complete, and the teachers' housing which is near completion. These two projects could not have been possible without your donations. The Arnoldine staff, students, and the parents in the community are very thankful for your generosity.

As the construction of the housing nears completion, there is going to be a need to install plumbing for the running water, septic tank, as well as solar power to provide electricity.

We (LBH-USA) are very thankful for our partnership with the LBH-Zimbabwe board members, and for their dedication in overseeing the projects at Arnoldine Secondary School. Additionally, we are thankful for the teaching staff, the students, and parents in the community who have volunteered their time and labor towards construction of the school buildings.



Teachers' Housing

Before the pandemic we were working on completing the teachers' housing. Since then, no one is using the facility and it is our goal to get this project completed in 2023. Currently the housing need plumbing, doors, windows, and painting.

Once this has been completed it is our desire to build another one since they have a total of 9 teachers and some of them have families.



View of the current teachers housing from different angles under construction. Picture was taken in 2020, and we have not been able to complete the project. With your help we would like to complete it soon.

Other News

As Living Beyond Hope continues to focus on its vision for the Arnoldine Secondary School, there are other Arnoldine natives who have picked up 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 travelled to Arnoldine to meet the community and get a better feel of the needs of the community. Since then, the construction of the church parsonage has been underway and nearing completion.





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.

Looking Ahead to 2023

Living Beyond Hope has evaluated the current needs and assessed the best areas for continued growth at the secondary school. Our goal for 2023 is to raise \$45,000, of which the majority will be spent on the construction of an additional staff house, as well as support for our scholarship recipients.

- Construction of another staff house (\$20k)
- Support for our Scholarship recipients (\$14K)
- Completion of the first staff house (final stages) (\$3K)
- Purchase of laptops/desktops: 6 – 10 needed to support 200 students (\$5K)
- Sanitary wear for girls to reduce absenteeism (\$1K)
- Installation of Wi-Fi at the school (\$2K)