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“Blessed are those who show mercy; for they will be shown mercy” Mathew 5:7

Dear friends and supporters of

ISHE ANESU PROJECT

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We at Ishe Anesu Project are doing well. Today's issue will report on the latest achievements as well as the extracurricular activities of our students.

As we write this newsletter, June 7 2014, one of our students is being graduated at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Precious Nyasha Chinzvende has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Another student, Russell Rusike, earned his Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition from Solusi University in Bulawayo last May. Maxwell Samhungu is next to earn his Bachelor's degree in Transportation and Logistics. Finally, Tawanda Chandiwana is half way towards completion of his Master's degree.

Three more students, Calisto Musimwa, Golden Chiyange and Yvonne Mhembere, were also graduated last May and are already deployed as teachers in various government schools.



L to R: Tawanda, Calisto and Maxwell

Seated: Precious Nyasha and Tiffany



Above: Russell (earlier photo)



Yvonne, her child and her mother

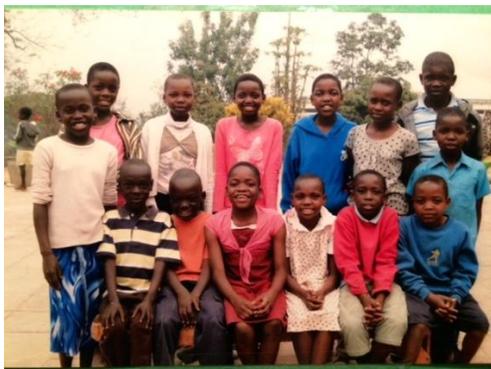
We threw a party last April to honor 20 outstanding primary and secondary students who passed with flying colors. We took them to Chicken-Inn for a nice treat. In order to make this event an incentive to the other students, all other students were invited but the outstanding students were seated in a special area and were served with extra goodies and presents while the rest of the students looked on. We have done this before and we have noticed how well it encourages more students to strive more to earn this honor.

The three students: Mercy Mparutsa, Anesu Mudzipura and Takunda Magure are waiting for a response to their application for admission into a nursing school. If vacancies are not available, they will study Teacher-Training.



L to R: Mercy, Takunda and Anesu

In addition to academic achievement, 5 of our Ishe Anesu students were selected among many different schools in the country, to represent Mutare Primary Schools at the National Independence Day program in the Capital Harare. We felt so proud to have this number chosen from Ishe Anesu students to join many other students in the nation.



L to R standing: The first 5 students selected to represent local schools on Independence celebration day.

On a different note, Bill and I were invited by the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church in Tennessee to travel to Guatemala in Central America with a team led by Rev. Dr. Jerry Russell, to visit a children's project there similar to Ishe Anesu. The main purpose of the visit was to see how other projects work in a different environment under different social and cultural background. We had time to discuss with Ms. Lidia Garcia, the project director, the differences and similarities between the two projects insofar as problems, needs and successes are concerned. We were also interested in knowing

the kind of problems she faces, running the project as well as in how she solves them. This exchange of experiences was very fruitful. Furthermore, we had an opportunity to work with three different hands-on professional groups, comprising, medical, construction and Vacation Bible School teachers. We stayed in Guatemala from May 24 to June 1. Needless to say, the experience was worth the trip.

We enjoyed traveling to various work places in Guatemala. The scenery is gorgeous. The side of Guatemala we visited is quite mountainous with very narrow and winding roads. We visited people living in high altitude of 4,000 ft. above sea level. Looking down the gorge, the valleys were quite breathtaking. In a nutshell, Guatemala is very beautiful and the people we met there, were very friendly and accommodating.

We would like to give an update on the orphanage site. You will recall that last year we reported that the construction was complete with some furniture ready to use. We have 20 bunk beds and two stoves. We still need two refrigerators, two sets of living room furniture and one set of dining room furniture. As soon as the furnishing is complete, we will start recruiting the children and to hire a matron who will stay with the children. We also need to build a fence surrounding the building for security reasons. The main problem that is slowing down the initial of the orphanage is the drastic decrease in funding. This is affecting the overall running of Ishe Anesu project. We regret to say that for the past two years we have not been able to recruit new students to come to Ishe Anesu to replace those who have completed their studies and left, much less sending our students to college. We are full aware of the global economic crisis which is affecting you, too, yet we feel compelled to ask you to increase your giving. Nevertheless, we have faith to believe that Ishe Anesu will soon return to her booming stage.

We wish to end our newsletter with a vote of thanks to all of you who have made such a tremendous contribution to Ishe Anesu to reach this stage of awesome achievements in making such a huge difference in the lives of so many children, most of whom now young adults. You will be interested to know that some of the students who have completed their formal education are now helping their parents financially. Some are offering to support a child in school. One student who completed her vocational training in dressmaking has returned to Ishe Anesu as an employee and is sewing uniforms for her former colleagues.

All these success stories were made possible through your financial and material support and your prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you more abundantly as you continue to serve Him through giving.

Yours in His service,

Maria and Bill Humbane