



Newsletter Christmas 2012

Below are letters written to YOU personally from the children in Zimbabwe saying THANK YOU from their hearts. We couldn't have put it better than they have done.

As you can see they are all growing up so quickly and doing exceptionally well now. If you think back to the film where Esther and Tino were heartbroken by the illness and death of their beloved mother from HIV/AIDS, Obert and Gogo starving and living off tiny birds and ants, Grace and Michelle humiliated into picking through rubbish dumps – how life has changed for them!

Esther and Tino continue to thrive at SOS Children's Village where Esther is excelling at school and enjoying life as a young girl. Obert works hard to realise his dreams of being a doctor and is only happy with straight A's. Grace and Michelle are having individual and group counseling where they have made friends with teenage girls who have experienced similar traumatic experiences and are working as best they can to heal the past and do well in school.

All the children, teachers, parents and communities who have benefited from our education project have amazed us with their efforts and commitment to developing their school and becoming self sufficient. We have included a letter written by a young boy called Obert who is an orphan and lives with extended family. Young Obert started school again this year through our newest Project Batsirai in Hatfield township where we hope to expand the number of children we get back into school – with your help!

Whilst Christmas shopping please consider buying a friend or relative the gift of an education for a child in Zimbabwe. You'll see from the letters below that changing the life of a child extends way beyond Christmas day.



From all of us at Zimbabwe's Children –
Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2013.

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Esther
and
Tino



It has been a long time writing any letter to you but I am very happy that God gave me this opportunity to write this letter to you about my life in S.O.S. Children Village 2012.

I would like to thank God for what he did for me. I was not able to write or read but I can read and write because I am receiving education like what I was not used to before I came to S.O.S. home. I went to Domboshava and Mwangabidge for an educational tour with the children because I did well in my school examinations.

May the Lord bless you for everything you did for me and my sister.

yours in love ESTHER



Obert



This letter serves to thank you for the great you are doing at me, my grandmother and also my friends Evans and Senathar

This year 2012 has been moving very well at school. and I am finding everything easier at school. At my school, Kutama I am doing various sports including rugby, soccer and hockey so I am thanking the donors and you for your help and support because without you I was not have the opportunity to be at a such wonderful school I am here right now.

This term I managed to scoop ^{Four} eight "A" and next year I look forward to come up with fruitful results. This term we were streaming & I was I am going to do sciences and I am happy for that.

lastly I would like to express my gratitude to all who are helping me and I want to say God bless you and justice prevail to you

How are you? I am fine.

Moms

Obert



Firstly I would like to thank you for sending me to school.

I'm so thankful that I'm going to school and all the requirements that I need you always provide for me. If I want anything for school you always buy for me.

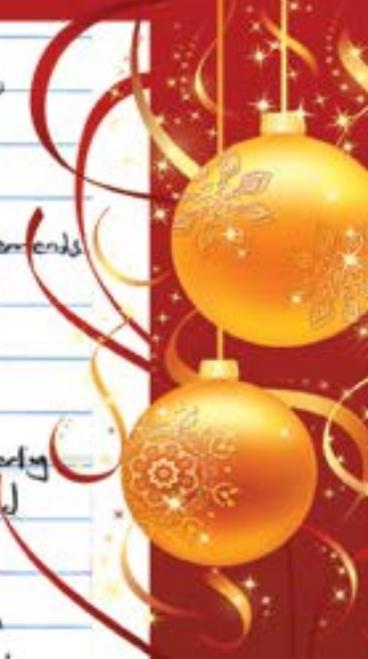
Since you came in my life has changed and is moving properly. When I was about to go to form one I didn't think that I would go to school or I would have someone who is blessed like you who looks after me, but when you came into my life there is a great change. My family didn't help us when things were tough but since you came with your mercy everything is changed.

I want to thank you for the wonderful things and support that you are doing in my life. I thank you for buying groceries, clothes, rent, paying school fees and for the music.

How are you! back we are all fine. Pass my greetings to your family and friends.

Yours faithfully
Grace Makara
Byakerezi

Grace



I wrote this letter to thank you for your support you are giving me in my life.

I would like to thank you for sending me to school. At first things were tough for me but through your kindness everything is possible. I thank you for buying our groceries every month and clothes even the environment is changed. Now we are living a better life and we have more time to read through the media.

You are the most important person in my life and I can't stand if I lose you. Keep on doing wonderful things for me. With your precious love everything is possible. I thank you for the rest of my life. May my dear lord keep on put you in green pastures in everything you do.

Hi! How are you? back we are all fine. Pass my greetings to your friends and family. God bless you.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Mwikazi



Michelle

Education project

Young Obert from Hatcliffe Township

Dear Donnars

I am very happy to write my letter to give my kithanking on supporting me on my legs. You are supporting me with Sugar, Soup, Sayer means cooking oil and at school you are supporting me with uniforms, books and pencils, but the ^{very thing} is about school fees.

At school now I had a friends because of uniform. Everything now is in condition because I have all books. So I no problems to my friend because I used to borrow pens and rules from my friend but now I have all these things that I need to use it. You are supporting me about last time I used a home clothes to school. But now my problem is about shoes I had a any one pair of shoes. Their is my one problem I had.

Now my hart was so happy about this. The Donnars God bless you about this do not go back about you supporting. I never forget you.

Your friend

Obert .





Thank you

The staff and management of Astute Ltd made it possible for us to create Project Batsirai where 29 more children have started school again this year. Young Obert is one of those children – we are eternally grateful to you all.

Fredrik Eklund has continued his generous support for Zimbabwe's Children by donating enough money for us to assist the families in Hatcliffe Township to start small businesses. Our aim is for them to be in a position to pay school fees for their own children one day. This gift is invaluable to these families and children and we cannot say thank you enough to you Fredrik.

The wonderful grade 9 Geography students of the International School of Stuttgart embarked on a fundraising campaign and raised a phenomenal amount of money for our Chinhoyi school students – covering school fees for 26 children. We always welcome and appreciate any teachers and students who become our partners and recognise the gift of education. Thank you Reuben Snyder and all the students of ISS.

Donations have been gratefully accepted in loving memory of Heidi Holland, who helped establish this cause and who carried Zimbabwe and its people in her heart.

Very many thanks.

