

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We are looking forward to the warmth of summer and hope you enjoy catching up with what is going on at ZHEST at the moment.

### Branching out into Matabeleland



In December 2014 trustees Robert Bird and Mutsai Hove Bird visited Matabeleland South to explore opportunities for ZHEST to support Majini and Zezani communities. They drove south from Bulawayo on the Beit Bridge road arriving at Mokado Halt where they were welcomed by Ambassador Aaron Mavoyi and his wife Ruth who gave them a guided tour of places of significance to Lutheran Church history in Majini. They also stopped to admire Majini Siyoka primary school but were not able to meet teachers due to it being school holidays.

ZHEST is currently in contact with BeitBridge Rural Council regarding selection of children for our school fees project and establishing other ZHEST projects in the Majini/Zezani community.

## Seeking UK schools to twin with rural schools in Zimbabwe



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience a day in the life of a rural school in Zimbabwe? Here is your chance!

We are seeking UK primary and secondary schools to twin with rural schools in Zimbabwe. Schools involvement in twinning can range from correspondence between pupils to exchange visits to schools. The twinning can be what you make of it. The benefits are immense! Exposure to different cultures, ways of life and foreign languages can be an incredibly enriching experience for teachers, children and their families.

ZHEST can link your school with a rural school in Zimbabwe and also offers support to both schools.

For more information contact Mutsai Hove Bird on 01793 322184 or email: [mutasai@zhest.org](mailto:mutasai@zhest.org)

### **Trustees sought**

We are seeking individuals with a commitment to our vision to join our board of trustees. We are particularly seeking those with experience of education, marketing, business and fundraising. While no previous experience of being a trustee is required, energy, time and making things happen are a requirement. If you are interested please contact Mutsai on 01793 322184 or [mutasai@zhest.org](mailto:mutasai@zhest.org)

### **ZHEST membership**

Would you like to be a member of ZHEST? If you would like to have a say and be actively involved in deciding ZHEST's priorities then become a member. Membership is free. You will be kept abreast of charity activities and invited to participate in the events we run throughout the year.

For more information on membership and for a membership form contact Robert Bird on 01793 322184 e-mail: [robert.bird@zhest.org](mailto:robert.bird@zhest.org)

## Mrs Eva Khutshwekhaya Hove's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration



**Mrs E K Hove**, the inspiration for Project 100, celebrated her 100th birthday in December 2014 at Mwembe, Mberengwa district, Midlands. Together with her husband, the late Reverend Josiah Bvajurai Hove (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rhodesia/ Zimbabwe) she spent most of her working life as a teacher, missionary and community stalwart in various rural communities in Matabeleland and the Midlands.

It was at the celebration of her 95th birthday in December 2009 that **Project 100** was initiated when her family made donations towards a school fees project/ charity. Project 100 is an education scholarship project based around 5 schools in Matabeleland and the Midlands, Zimbabwe. It aims to fund 100 children per year through the education system. In 2015 fifty children will be funded at Mwembe, Chegute, Chingezi primary, Chingezi secondary and Majini schools.

### Trustee fundraiser of the year 2014

Our trustee fundraiser of the year 2014 is Wendy Hove. Wendy has been a ZHEST trustee since 2013. Last year she raised over £400 from community events ranging from a sponsored silence to giving a talk on Zimbabwe followed by a cake sale at one of the schools she works with.



Wendy is married and lives in London. She was born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe and has always wanted to give something back to Zimbabwe. She believes in the power of education to support young people, who are aspiring to break the cycle of multi-generational poverty in their families and communities.

Wendy is a mental health nurse, enjoys working with children and works as a Specialist Deliberate Self Harm practitioner and her hobbies include travelling, cooking, music and fashion.

We are very grateful for her effort.

### Farewell and welcome

We bid farewell to one of our trustees Noma Mabhena and our community representative for Chingezi Reverend Gladness Gumbo who have both stepped down from their roles. We appreciate their support and contribution to the charity.

We welcome three new community representatives: Headman Albert Moyo for Mwembe , Pastor J Z shoko for Chingezi and Mrs Ruth Mavoyi for Majini/Zezani. We look forward to working with them.

## Events

With your help we continue to make a difference to rural communities in Zimbabwe. We are looking forward to a busy summer of fundraising. Come and join us or support us at the following events:

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015, 11am to 5pm:** Pamusha African Market Stall (Food, Crafts and Flowers), Broad Hinton, Wiltshire

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7pm to 11pm:** Pamusha African Fusion Supper Club Night in Aid of ZHEST, Christ Church, Swindon- £16.50 per person, contact [mutsai@pamusha.co.uk](mailto:mutsai@pamusha.co.uk)



**6<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 2pm to 5pm:** Pamusha African Market Stall (Food, Crafts and Flowers), Spleen, Berkshire

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 12.30pm to 5.30pm:** Old Town Festival Open Gardens in Aid of ZHEST and the Radiotherapy Appeal, Great Western Hospital, Swindon. Tickets £5.00 per person. We welcome donations of cakes and plants to sell on the day. Contact [mutsai@zhest.org](mailto:mutsai@zhest.org)

**20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** 50 for 50 Sponsored Walk, Join/Sponsor Mutsai on the 50 mile Newbury to Bradford on Avon canal tow path route. Contact [mutsai@zhest.org](mailto:mutsai@zhest.org)

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 11am to 4pm:** Pamusha African Market Stall (Food, Crafts and Flowers), Christ church Autumn Fayre, Swindon, Wiltshire

## We are now on MyDonate

MyDonate is a not-for-profit online fundraising service for UK charities provided by BT. This service provides a secure, easy-to-use way for millions of people to raise money for their favourite charities. To make a donation to ZHEST using your Debit/Credit Card, or to create your own fundraising page for ZHEST, go to:



<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/zimbabwehealtheducationandsustainabilitytrust>

## Gift Aid

As a charity, ZHEST is registered for Gift Aid, a government scheme which enables charities in the United Kingdom to claim the tax back from HMRC on donations. If you are currently a UK taxpayer and you fill out a Gift Aid declaration when you make a donation to us, we can claim back 25p for every £1 that you donate.

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