

ISHE ANESU PROJECT

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To all our Sponsors and Friends:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not forbid them for the kingdom of God belongs to them." "And He took them up in his arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them." (Luke 10:14,16).

45 New Children Added to Ishe Anesu Project.

- Due to increasing number of children graduating from high school, thus leaving space for new ones to come, we have recruited 45 new students to replace them. Besides those who graduated from high schools, some students simply decided to leave the program to look for jobs to help their families. This group comprises the students who, after completing high school, went on to do vocational training in skilled jobs. Yet another group decided to leave because they felt they were too old to be with much younger children, and among these, three are single parents. The current number of students is now 76. All new students are attending primary schools.
- Ishe Anesu Project together with its Committee members, worked very hard to select the most deserving children. This was the most difficult decision to make as we had to identify the poorest among the very poor children. More than three hundred children had applied for admission to the project but only 45 places were available. The first task we had to do was to provide treatment to most of the children who visibly were in poor health. The children received some over-the-counter medication for wounds, coughing, headaches, etc. By giving them vitamins, we noticed that most of them started to look much healthier than the time they joined Ishe Anesu. Understandably, among the group, 5 children are affected with HIV pandemic. Even so, these 5 are showing signs of better health.

Ishe Anesu History overview:

Ishe Anesu Project is a Charity Organization that started in 1998 with a view to providing education to underprivileged children of Sakubva. In addition to providing education, the project buys school uniforms, provides stationery, conducts Christian education classes, and provides two meals a day for the children. The children enjoy recreation and physical education as well. Ishe Anesu is an after-school project. After their lessons in different schools, the children come to the project to do their homework and to continue to study with the assistance of 2 tutors. In Matthew 25: 30-40 we read, "When I was hungry you gave me something to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink, I was stranger you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was in prison you visited me. I was sick you looked after me. Whatever you did for the least of these little children, you did for me."

We, therefore, would like to say that through your prayers and your moral and financial support to Ishe Anesu, so many lives are saved; so many children are able to go to school. So many children are healthier. In short, you are making a difference to the lives of the children of Sakubva community. Many have come to accept Christ as their personal Savior. One day a parent came to see us at the project. After expressing her appreciation to us for providing education to her child, she commented, "I had never attended a church service before, but from now on, you will see a lot of me coming to church." This was one of the most encouraging words we have heard from parents and guardians of these children.

The new students are aged between 6 and 10, and they are placed in First and Third grades, respectively. The reason for selecting this age group is that we can easily "mould" them in Christian principles and good behavior. (Proverbs 22:6) "Train a child in the way he/she should go and when he/she is old he/she will not turn from it." In this group we have included 5 children who are HIV/AIDS positive which they acquired from breast feeding. Upon their arrival their state of health was visibly showing their ill health.

#### New Development at Ishe Anesu:

The Holston Conference of Tennessee, USA, has, for the past 8 years, been sending an ocean freight container with food buckets, school supplies, clothing, health kits, children's blankets and more. One volunteer lady donated her funds to start building a complex comprising 6 to 8 unit homes, a conference room and a playground for the orphans. The orphans are yet to be recruited as we finish constructing a home, each at a time. The orphans will join the current Ishe Anesu children in all the project's activities, except that at the end of the day, the orphans will retreat to the orphanage to spend the night there. Each home will be allocated a matron or a couple who will live with the children, thus providing a real home life environment for the orphans. A photo is attached to this newsletter for your appreciation. Needless to say, we need funds to

complete the construction of the first home and to start the second one. Our humble and deep gratitude to the Holston Conference for their very generous support.

Ishe Anesu New Selected Students list:

Following are the 5 children affected with HIV/AIDS;

- (1) David Maradza 6 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, his parents are late..
- (2) Monalisa Rove 8 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Parents passed away.
- (3) Mary Machege 8 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, lives with her single mother.
- (4) Wellington Chikalipo 7 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents in failing health.
- (5) Kudadwashe Kanhiwa 8 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Both parents are late.

The rest of the new Students;

- (1) Rufaro Kachepe (girl) 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Her parents are not working and they are members of Hilltop United Methodist Church.
- (2) Kimberly Musoko (girl) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. B.O.B. October 24 2002. Father deceased and mother is affected of HIV/ AIDS. They are members of the United Methodist Church.
- (3) Memory Mugugu (girl) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. July 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. Memory lives with her mother and is a vender in the sidewalk. They are members of the Hilltop United Methodist Church.
- (4) Priviledge Makuyana (girl) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. April 21 2003. Both parents are in failing health. Members of the United Methodist Church.
- (5) Godknows Butau (boy) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. December 4 2002. Both parents not working. Godknows had problems securing place in school during first term in January-April term due to lack of payment of school fees. They are members of the Hilltop United Methodist Church.
- (6) Amanda Mutanga (girl) 10 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D. O. B. October 31, 2000. Both parents are deceased.

Oliver Nyandoro (boy) 9 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. June 2, 2001. Oliver's father is blind and mother is in failing health. They are members of Apostolic Faith.

- (7) Samuel Mpofo (boy) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003. Parents in failing health with HIV/ AIDS pandemic. Samuel lives with his grandmother. They are members of the United Methodist Church.
- (8) Tatenda Gutu (girl) 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O. B. November 23, 2001. Both parents are deceased. Tandenda lives with her auntie

who makes her living by making small gardens to those who need help. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

- (9) Tandenda Muzenda (boy) 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. November 23, 2001. Both parents passed away and Tandenda lives with his grandmother. Both parents are on failing health. They are members of Zion Church.

Natasha Nemaconde (girl) 9 years old in 2<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. November 6<sup>th</sup> 2001. Both parents are deceased. Natasha lives with her grandmother. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

Brandon Chigodora (boy), 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. February 4, 2001. Both parents are deceased. Brandon lives with his auntie. They are members of the UBC church.

Kudakwashe Kanhiwa (boy), 8 years old in grade 2. D.O.B. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Father is mentally ill and mother not responsible to rear a child. The child lives with his grandmother. No church denomination.

Locadia Guapera 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. December 8, 2001. Father is deceased and she lives with her mother who is a member of Apostolic Church.

Gamuchirai Chimhowa (girl) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. No date of birth confirmed yet. Parents are late. Gamuchirai lives with her grandparent who is a vendor. No church denomination.

Patrick Mareni (boy) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. June 17<sup>th</sup> 2002. Parent separated neither parent is responsible to send the child to school. Patrick is wandering on streets as his regular daily routine. Child lives with his mother. Soldiers of God church.

Caroline Muzariwetu (girl) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. January 17<sup>th</sup> 2002. Lives with a single mother who is in failing health with HIV/AIDS pandemic. Mother is a vendor. They are members of Roman Catholic church.

Tambudzai Chitare (girl) 10 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. May 13 2000. Father passed away and living with an auntie. No relative willing to send Tambudzai to school. Tambudzai is only used as an instrument labor at home. Now in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Members of Roman Catholic church.

Trish Rakabopa (girl) in 7 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. November 6<sup>th</sup> 2003. The father passed away and the mother is a vendor. They are members of AFM.

Lennon Mbaimbai (boy) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. November 6, 2002. Both parents passed away. He lives with his grandmother. They members of Roman Catholic Church.

Trickson Muponda (boy) 10 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. January 18<sup>th</sup> 2000. Both parents passed away and they live with an auntie who is a single mother. They are planning to join the United Methodist Church.

Nyasha Muponda (girl) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Sister to Trickson (above). D.O.B. March 13, 2003. Members of the United Methodist Church.

Tinotenda Chinyama (boy) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. March 4 2003. Both parents passed away. Tinotenda lives with his father who is blind. No denomination.

Tanaka Batishita (boy) 6 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. June 21<sup>st</sup> 2004. Both parents are deceased. Tanaka lives with her auntie. They are members of Hilltop United Methodist Church.

Ellington Dinhere, (boy) 9 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. D.O.B. December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001. He lives with his single mother and blind. She is not able to pay full tuition for her child. No denomination.

Tania Koswe (girl) 9 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. June 18<sup>th</sup> 2001. Both parents suffering from failing health. They are members of CCAP.

Emilia Jongwe (girl) 9 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. June 15<sup>th</sup> 2001. Both parents of Emilia are deceased. They are members of the Roman Catholic church.

Kudakwashe Saize 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. September 21, 2003. Both parents are deceased. Kudakwashe lives with her aunt. No denomination.

Elinah Magune (girl) 8 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. August 5<sup>th</sup> 2002. Mother single and in failing health. They are members of AFM Church.

parents are late. Nyasha lives with her grandmother. No denomination

Florence Mapiri (girl) 10 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. July 23, 2000 her mother is deceased and father with failing health HIV/AIDS pandemic and not working. They are Roman Catholic.

Oslan Nhambu (boy) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. September 17, 2003. Both parents are failing health and cannot secure a job. Members of the United Methodist Church.

Walker Chimwe (boy) 9 years old in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. D.O.B. July 23, 2001. Parents are divorced. Walker lives with his grandmother. They are members of the Hilltop United Methodist Church.

Edward Bingandade (boy) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. February 8 2003. His father passed away and live with his mother who makes ends meet by vending on streets. They members of the Hilltop United Methodist Church.

Farisai Mutsavi (girl) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. October 14 2003. Father is deceased and mother is in failing health and making ends meet by selling on streets.

Parents are in failing health, making it difficult to secure a job. They make ends meet by selling on streets.

William Zunga (boy) 7 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. D.O.B. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Both parentes are deceased. William lives with his grandmother and she makes ends meet by selling small items on streets.

Other primary students from previous years:

7<sup>th</sup> grade students;

Princess Magarizano

Tulani Biningu

Promise Maswi

5<sup>th</sup> grade

Prince Biningu

Rumbidzai Mukuza

First grade

Maria Zinha Chinzvende

2008-2009 were the most difficulty and crucial academic years for primary and secondary schools. The academic year was tough. We had very few students who were able to pass. But the majority brought very poor results on their report cards. Some students were spending time wondering on streets. Before things got worse, we decided to change the environment by sending all the 18 high school students to Marange United Methodist Mission Boarding School. The results of the first term January-March were very satisfactory.

Below are the 18 high school at the Marange Boarding School Form I – Form IV

Portia Beningu passed all 8 subjects.

Pride Magarizano passed all the 8 subjects

Takunda Magure passed all the 8 subjects

The others students passed 5 or 6 subject and we are encouraging them to work hard in order to achieve good results. They are the following:

Tiffany Ferro, Lisa Madima, Anesu Mudzipurwa, Cliff Mhembere, Tendai Muguyo, Tatenda Chadiwana, Sekai Muguyo, Bianca Musewe, Stephen Machisa, Mercy Muparutsa, Talent Moses, Farai Nyamuchengwe, Tawanda Muyambo.

Following are two students in Form 5 and Form 6:

Eben Chinzvende in Form 5

Maxwell Samhungu is now on his last year to complete form 6

Big Student Achievement:

We continue to brag about a big achievement of college education to our 3 student at Africa University; namely, Tawanda Chadiwana, Nyasha Chinzvende and Previous Sadadzi. We are anxious to hear about their freshman results soon.

New student at another University:

Russell Rusike is now at Solusi University as of May 2010 to become a dietitian. It's a 4 year degree course.

Teachers Training College.

We also have 3 students at Nyadiri Mission School namely:

Calisto Musimwa; majoring in Early Childhood Development and General Teaching Course. This include one year spent in school and the following year he will be doing Internship. During this period, the student receives a paid gratuity.

Golden Chiyange; is also majoring in Early Child Development and General Teaching Course. Another student, Calisto above. They are also trained in maternity and child care in the community including babies from 0-8 years old, teaching pregnant mothers how to take care of their offspring, what type of exercises the mothers must do and other relevant information. Both Calisto and Golden are taking the following subjects. Psychology, Sociology, Art, Music, Physical Education, Mathematics, Integrated Sciences English and Social Sciences including (religion, moral education, and professional studies (PSA) etc. etc.)

Yvonne Mhembere. Yvonne has just writtten the final exam in mathematics this June. She will start the teacher's course in August.

Finally, We would like to thank you All and wish to say: THANK YOU very much for your decisive contribution in promoting education to the underprivileged children of Sakubva.

Before I end my Newsletter, I would like to quote some words of thanksgiving from one of our students, Golden Chiyange who is very appreciative to what is being done to him into changing his life to a better person.

Quote:

Nyadire Teachers College is a nice place because its under my religious that is United Methodist Church and everything that's done there is natural although now things will be learned here and there. I am trained to be a teacher. The course have got two programmes that is General Course and Early Child Development. (ECD).

I would like to thank you mom for forgiving me when I failed to recognize how blessed I was to be chosen to be part of Ishe Anesu. No matter how arrogant I was to you, you showed me everlasting love which everyone cannot give. I seek forgiveness to you and you forgive but in addition to that you give me words of wisdom which is a treasure to my life. With these words I know one day I will prosper.

Mom you are a gift or a blessing that anyone cannot take over from me because where ever I was lost, you always panel beat me. You taught me a lesson which I will never forget. I didn't know that the word "THANK YOU" is very powerful to the person who receives it. This time you picked a wonderful bag for me which anyone cannot steal to me. A bag of wisdom. You made me to be a full human being and I am now proud of myself because of YOU.

Keep on, keeping on with your good works. It is now my duty to pass it on. Thank you for everything you are doing for me. I cannot list them because there are many.

May the Heavenly Father bless you. Amen! Yours, Golden Chiyange,

unquote.

Thanking you all for your wonderful and generous support † Ishe Anesu Project.

Yours in His Service,

Maria and Bill Humbane

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