



## SHINGIRIRAI TRUST 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

This year despite the new challenges we all face our volunteers continue to offer guidance and support to the smallest members of our community and their carers.

In our most exciting development this year we have extended our School Club programme, opening a new centre in Eastview to cater to just a few of the many children who cannot find places in the formal system.

The admin. team enjoy smart new floors in their office and the dry weather has forced us to deepen the well and improve the safety features.



Admin team with Basti from Zimrelief



Our children singing a German song at Harare Munich celebration

We have had many visitors this year from all around the world and we helped celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harare/Munich twinning.

We are regularly represented at Ecozi meetings and other community functions. We organised one workshop this year covering all aspects of child abuse and 4 of our volunteers went on a course on Literacy and Disability and were then able

to share the knowledge they gained with the colleagues.

We have always hoped to move the Trust to generating a higher percentage of its income. However the continued decrease in employment and opportunities means instead we have a growing base needing free or heavily subsidised education and so we look forward to next year with some concern as the contributions we get from the community look to continue to decrease but we are confident that even though we might have to make some compromises we will be able to continue to assist some of the most disadvantaged.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The four pre-schools have ended the year with 60 students graduating in December. Although we were sad to lose one of our long standing volunteers we were delighted that her experience gained at Shingirirai Trust enabled her to set up her own pre school.

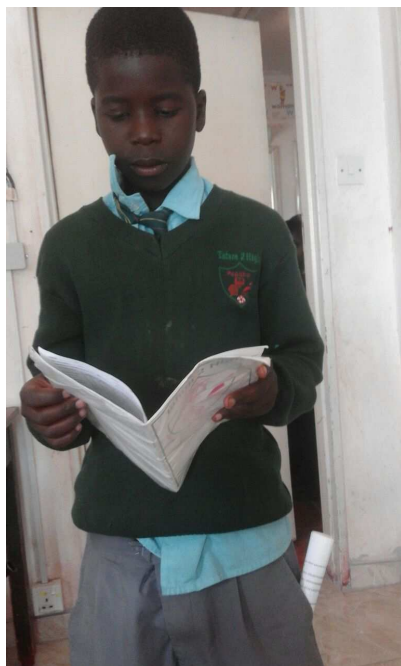
## SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAMME



This programme came into being to try to provide a safe place for children who couldn't access the formal system due to shortage of places, lack of birth certificates and parents inability to pay fees/levies. We see this being required by more children and have parents asking us to take their children. Assuming we can find the resources we will consider extending the numbers over the next year and are networking for equipment and book donations.

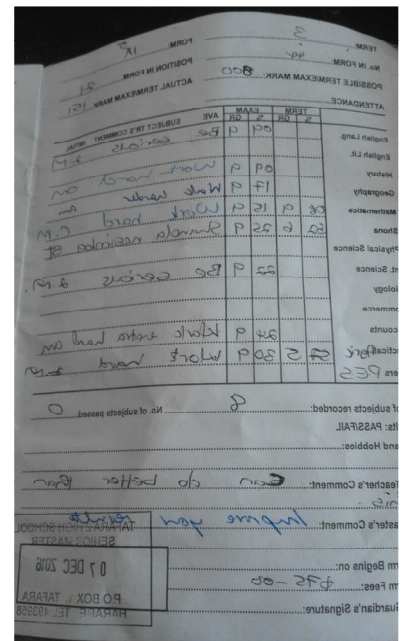
Visitors from Germany meeting the School Club Students

## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



We are currently acting as the liaison between sponsors both local and international of over 35 children needing help to pay school fees and purchase the compulsory uniforms and books. Our donors can choose to have a personal relationship with a child or contribute to a general fund. We realise that with increasing costs and each year more children going to secondary it is not always possible for one donor to take on a child so we are now also pairing donors.

Fees continue to creep up – the schools were unable to predict this year's fees and we have the additional challenge of finding cash to pay the fees. Our admin.



Sponsored student brings us his report

team do a splendid job as we have students at 10 different schools all of which bank at different institutions, so require many miles travelled and queues joined to pay the fees each term. We also work closely with the carers to check up on the children's progress and well being.

Special thanks to the local family who having originally committed to paying fees for one little girl, is now paying fees for the whole family. The mother is unable to cope a food parcel.



This year we have had visits from the sponsors, one of whom arrived with personalised gifts and took all the children to a fun fair and another treated them all to cakes and drinks!

We continue to seek new sponsors as the need continues to grow.

## INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS

Fabric printing, paper beads and glass recycling.

The projects involved in recycling has a special opportunity to work with Laurie MacPherson on her 'Own your Rubbish' installation

(<http://www.sustainzim.org/rubbish-green-discourse-national-gallery-zimbabwe/>) which helped to extend their reach and range of products.



Despite the challenging economy which has again has been a factor as all retailers have been hit by the lack of cash we have attended a wide selection of craft fairs including at the US Embassy, Corporate Suppliers Fair, The Zimbabwe Agricultural Show, ZGS, The Shoko Festival, The international Music and Food Fair, African Apothecary, The International School and supported Mary Wazara at her Green Launch. We also enjoyed co-operating with students from the International School on their Fair Trade project.

The Glass4Africa group are moving into new premises and hope to move into corporate sales.

All of our crafters are especially grateful to our friends in Canada, Germany and France who sell our products.