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High Five Club Gifted Pupil Sponsorship, Zambia & Kenya



As school fees are payable for attending secondary schools and colleges in Zambia, Kenya and many other African countries, many children living in poor, rural communities leave education after primary school. This is especially true for girls. There are also few secondary schools in rural areas (and no colleges), and even fewer that deliver a quality education. Those families that are willing and able have to therefore struggle to raise the funds to send their most gifted children to a government boarding school, many miles away from home.

Malafian Chimungu – Zambia (photo above)

This year we continued our support of Malafian's education at Evelyn Hone College in Lusaka where he is studying for a Diploma in Art and English. An extremely talented artist, but because of poverty Malafian's parents could not afford to send him to college to develop his artistic talents further. Thanks to the High Five Club Malafian is, however, just about to complete his third and final year (on 13th Dec), has undertaken several teacher training placements at secondary schools in the Luangwa Valley, and has also had his art exhibited in several exhibitions around Zambia! Malafian plans to move back to the Luangwa Valley at Christmas and in the New Year set up a charity linking art and conservation together and taking

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this into schools. It's called WILD ART "Conserving through Art". We wish Malafian success with his new charity and also in securing a teaching job in Zambia. Another H5C student on the road to a bright future. As High Five Club we joined hands with an American man called Henry and one of our own High Fivers, Pam Lawrence, a teacher who met Malafian whilst on a trip to Zambia to visit H5C projects, to come together to sponsor Malafian's studies throughout his course. This support covered his course and exam fees, his accommodation and groceries whilst at college, along with his text books and art supplies. Malafian also contributed to his own studies and those of his siblings from the income he has earned from selling his snare wire art and metalwork wildlife sculptures.

Felistus Chikumba - Zambia

You will remember that we supported this extremely bright young girl from a very humble background in Zambia's Luangwa Valley throughout her secondary school education up until she completed at the end of last year. Without High Five Club's support she would have really struggled to complete her schooling. We are thrilled to let you know that after volunteering for the past year at the rural Kakumbi Health Clinic in the Luangwa Valley, that Felistus has been awarded a place at the University of Zambia (UNZA) to study for a medicine degree over the next 7 years. She is being part sponsored through Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust (via some American doctors who met Felistus in the valley) and part through an organisation called Medic to Medic which is run by a New Zealand doctor who worked at Kakumbi Health Clinic when Felistus was volunteering there. She starts on 27th January 2020 and is very excited to now be realising her dream of becoming a doctor. Girl power in action - Go Felistus!



Paul Ngoma - Zambia

This year we also continued our support of Paul who is now in his second year at Chipata Bible School where he is undertaking part-time studies alongside his role as a village pastor in the Luangwa Valley where he leads a rural church of over 300 members. High Five Club have joined hands with some of our individual members that met Paul on a visit to Zambia with Manny and Cheryl back in 2016, to together fund Paul's college fees, his transport and accommodation when he is required to attend college in Chipata, along with his text books and stationary etc. As Paul is a subsistence farmer living in poverty he would not be able to further his education if it was not for our support. Supporting this young village pastor is helping to provide for the community's spiritual and pastoral needs in a community where some don't know where their next meal is coming from or how they can pay for healthcare when their children are sick.

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Mescent Banda, Zambia

In 2019, we started our support of this gifted young girl to enable her to take up her place at Eastern Girls Technical Secondary School, one of Zambia's top state boarding schools for girls, after Mescent achieved outstanding results in her final year primary school exams. Her father works for a Community Resources Board in the Luangwa Valley, working tirelessly to conserve wildlife and uplift his community. Because of corruption, Mescent's father, and all other employees of Community Resources Boards in Zambia, does not receive his monthly salary regularly – often going without any wages for 18 months at a time. In this dire situation, he was struggling to raise the funds to allow his gifted daughter to take up this opportunity. High Five Club has contributed 50% towards Mescent's school fees, with her committed father having raised the other 50%. We are so thrilled that this gifted girl will be able to realise her full potential and that poverty and corruption have not won.



Yianoi Kilelu, Kenya

Yianoni is a young Maasai girl who did really well in her final primary school exams at the rural Maasai school, Ol Moti Primary School next to Amboseli National Park in Kenya. So well that she was selected to attend St. Claire girls secondary school in Rombo, one of the best schools in Loitokitok Sub-county.

Traditional Maasai usually pay for their children's education by selling some of their cows to raise money for school fees, but Yianoni's father recently lost many of his cattle in the droughts that now plague his area. Some of the remaining cows were sold to send her elder brothers to school, as boy's education takes priority in this community. Her parents had decided to take her out of school and arrange an early marriage as is common practice in Maasai culture in communities that are not well educated. Yianoni (aged just 12) was desperate to continue her education and keep herself safe from the suitors that daily came to her home to try and persuade her



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Father to let them take her. So many Maasai girls' futures are ruined by this practice and Yianoni was extremely keen to escape this fate. High Five Club is contributing towards her school fees, with other well-wishers also contributing. Her Father refuses to contribute anything at all, and is still keen to marry her off, so we are praying that she will be able to complete her secondary education.

H5C Support: Our support this year towards the education of these 4 gifted young people totalled just **£1,188.80**, without which they would not have been able to take up the opportunities to advance their education. How life changing for such a modest sum!

Malafian's sponsorship was managed on our behalf by the **Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust** www.chipembele.org, a Zambian charity that focuses on conservation education for local school children in the area of South Luangwa National Park. Our support of Paul Ngoma and Mescent Banda was managed for us by our long-term community-based partner in Zambia, **Mnkhanya Community Resources Board**. And finally, our support of Yiano Kilelu was managed on our behalf by **Born Free Kenya** www.bornfree.org.uk as part of their community outreach in the Amboseli ecosystem.

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