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High Five Club Gifted Student Sponsorship, Zambia, Malawi & Kenya

As school fees are payable for attending secondary schools and colleges in Zambia, Kenya, Malawi and many other African countries, children living in poor, rural communities often 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.

High Five Club supports the continuing education of a small number of gifted students living in wildlife areas of Zambia, Malawi and Kenya.

Paul Ngoma - Zambia

Throughout 2021 we continued our support of Paul Ngoma who at the end of this year moved into the final year of his Diploma course at Chipata Bible School. He is studying part-time alongside his ministry as a village pastor in the wildlife-rich Luangwa Valley where the rural church he leads has grown from 50 members 4 years ago, to today over 500. High Five Club joined hands with some of our individual members that met Paul on a visit to Zambia with Manny and Cheryl Mvula 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. As Paul is a subsistence farmer, and his church ministry work is unpaid, he would not have been able to pursue his studies if not for a helping hand from the High Five Club. Supporting this young village pastor also helps to provide for people's spiritual and pastoral needs in a



Paul is on the left with his wife and our H5C Co-ordinator
in Zambia Isaac Banda

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community where many do not know where their next meal is coming from or how they will be able to pay for healthcare when their children are sick.

Mescent Banda - Zambia

For the third consecutive year we have joined hands together to support Mescent Banda, a high achieving young girl from the Luangwa Valley. She won a place to study at Eastern Girls Technical Secondary School, one of Zambia's top state boarding schools for girls, after achieving outstanding exam results at Grade 9. Her father works for Mnkhanya Community Resources Board, working tirelessly to conserve wildlife and uplift his community out of poverty. Because of corruption, however, Mescent's father (and all the other employees of Community Resources Boards in Zambia) does not receive his monthly salary regularly – often going without wages for months at a time. He struggles, therefore, to pay Mescent's school fees. High Five Club member Malcolm has contributed towards Mescent's school fees and the cost of her school uniform and travel expenses, with her father providing half of the costs. We are thrilled that this gifted girl will be able to realise her full potential by completing her secondary school education at this prestigious school next year. Poverty and corruption have not won out.



Yiano Kilelu - Kenya

Yiano Kilelu is the young Maasai girl that we began supporting in Form 1 after she 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. With his limited resources Yiano's Father prioritises the education of his sons over his daughter's education. So without our support Yiano would have been forced to leave school at just 11 years old. Yiano (now aged 14) was desperate to continue her education and, critically, to keep herself safe from the suitors that come to her home regularly to try and persuade her Father to let them take her for marriage. So many Maasai girls' futures are affected by this practice of 'early marriage'. High Five Club is contributing towards her school fees, with other well-wishers also

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contributing, to allow her to continue her education and hopefully work her way out of poverty. This year she began Form 3. We deliver this support to YianoI via our partner Born Free Kenya.

Blessings and Jane Charity Munthali – Malawi

This year we began our support of Blessings and Jane Charity Munthali, the children of Brown Munthali whose community we work within in Malawi.

Brown is a local pastor and runs a community development organisation - both on a voluntary basis, which is very rare in impoverished, rural areas of Africa. Brown gives so much to his community that when we heard that because of poverty his 2 children would not be able to further their education in a secondary school that could provide a quality education, we joined hands with him to enrol them in state secondary schools that would give them the opportunity to realise their full potential. Blessings started in Form 2 this year at Santhe Secondary School in Kasungu District and Jane Charity was enrolled in Form 1 at Zolozolo Secondary School in Mzimba. These schools are too far from their home village for the children to return home each day, so the 2 children are boarding there. High Five Club member Malcolm joined hands with us to enable us to pay their school fees in full.



H5C Support: Our support during 2021 these 5 gifted young people totalled just **£924.87**, without which they would not have been able to take up the opportunities to advance their education and change not only their own lives, but the lives of their family and wider community.

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Our support of Paul and Mescent is managed on our behalf by our long-term community-based partner in Zambia, **Mnkhanya Community Resources Board**. And our support of YianoI is managed on our behalf by **Born Free Kenya** www.bornfree.org.uk as part of their outreach in Amboseli. Our support of Blessings and Jane Charity is managed by the **Brown Munthali Foundation** www.brownmunthalifoundation.org

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