

INTRODUCTION

Trust In God Orphanage started very small in 2004 after noticing the plight/ challenges encountered by orphan and vulnerable children within the Zvishavane Community. This program has grown and achieved many tangible things and has changed lives.

EDUCATION

With a number of orphan children not able to go to school, TIGO embarked on a program of paying school fees for the children hence they are back into schools. I am excited as the TIGO Officer that our aims and goals of educating these children has come to fruition. We look back with satisfaction as we see some of our children having excelled academically. Some of our children now have good jobs after going through universities and colleges. In pursuit of our goals, we continue with this program of paying fees for more children.

At the moment we have 156 who are still in school and are being paid fees by TIGO. This simply shows we have a big task ahead of us.

STATISTICS

The following are statistics regarding our children in TIGO

1. We have 81 girls
2. Boys are 79

TOTAL number of children is 160

AGE GROUPS

0-4Years-----4

5-9years-----60

10-15years-----78

16-18years-----18

HEALTH

Cases of COVID 19 have significantly reduced and I am happy that God protected our children. No one was attacked by this virus. As I write this report most of our children enjoy good health with the exception of a few who have chronic illnesses and the need to be taking their medication always. We as TIGO have tried our best to monitor and encourage those who take medications to and do so as per the doctors prescriptions. Also we have and

continue to assist by paying for any hospital bills for these children. For the moment our children for now are in good shape but of concern are some of their guardians who are advanced in age and may not be able to care for these children and therefore we are worried.

CHILDREN WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR
In line with our agreement, a child will leave TIGO when he or she completes Form 4 and attain poor grades such that he can not continue with school. Also the other group will drop off after completing college or a course they will be doing at tertiary level of their education. As for this year we had two children who wrote their form 4 examinations and one a boy failed hence he dropped from the program and now is in Harare with some relatives. This is Bruce Moyo. The other child a girl Lister Sibanda did much better in school and is now at the Vocational Training Centre doing a course in Cosmetology.

SAFE HOUSE

The idea of a safe house was and still is of paramount importance. We have brought in children who were not safe in the places they were living in and also needed parental love and they got it. These children are happy. The move was noble and wish to continue with it. At the moment we have three girls at the house namely Norma Z Dube, Gelisa Murombe and Lister Sibanda.

TIGO Management Committee

It is good that TIGO is not being managed by one individual but by a very committed and hard working team of men and women. The team is very supportive of the work and gives us as officers the support to focus on the work and achieve the intended goals. Working with this team are two officers and seventeen volunteers. The team work is very good and TIGO has become a household name within the communities we serve.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the inception of TIGO, we have witnessed many achievements of which we look back with happiness.

1. We have seen and witnessed some of our children graduating from Universities and colleges. Without the helping hand of TIGO these children would not have gone that far. Now the children have a better life. We have the likes of Jethro Shonhiwa who is now a qualified teacher, Terrence Shumba now an accountant, Blessed Sesa with a rank in the army, Rejoice Mpofu running a hair salon, Kudakwashe Maposa running a taxi business, Jeffrey Jambaya who is an inspector in the Vehicle inspection department and

Miriam Chakavarika who is in China and has been a shining beacon. She once in a while sends presents to TIGO children as a way to encourage them.

2. Empowerment

In our quest to see our children self sustained we at one stage gave goats and chickens to child. These were to empower them and this has proved in a greater way to be very useful. We have children who are doing very well with this. In addition to this, we trained our two disabled children Emmanuel Moyo and Rosemary Zveshure in poultry and then gave them broiler chickens to kick start their income generating project and it's working.

3. TIGO achieved to reunite some children to their relatives and this has brought joy to both of us. We have an example of Mirriam Nondo after spend many years at the safe house, she is now living happily with some relatives.

4. Giving food to children has been a big achievements as this has brought relief and smiles within the children and their guardians.

CHALLENGES

In as much as we celebrate our achievements, these have come without challenges.

1. Transport is a challenge for we don't have a vehicle of our own. Sometimes our movements in visiting children is very limited. We always wait for the DCC vehicle to be free hence in some cases we would have wanted to go on an emergency.

2. Vulnerability of a girl child. We have noted with concern the number of girls dropping from school due to early pregnancy

3. COVID 19 was another big challenge for it seriously affected or restricted us in our operations.

CONCLUSION

In summary TIGO is alive with a team that is geared to go an extra mile as to be able to achieve its goal. Many thanks to all our partners who have stood with us in all times. It takes a team to win a game and for us a full team of our partners and us makes us victors hence all what TIGO is doing and has achieved so far. Together we can achieve more.

Thank you

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