



Welcome to the first Newsletter for A2Z World Without Walls (A2ZWWW)

Colin and Laura Shreenan are the founding trustees of A2ZWWW and their son Nathan is also a trustee. Information about the trustees, the trust, its aims and objectives and the other people involved, are displayed on the website www.a2zworldwithoutwalls.co.uk and we hope you will take a moment to visit the site and to also leave a message in the guest book.

The charity was set up to respond in a practical way to meet the needs of the poor and the invisible people in Zimbabwe as well as supporting good causes in Scotland. The idea of the tag line – ‘Making a Difference at Home and Abroad’ suits the fact that with Colin being Scottish and Laura being from Zimbabwe ‘Home and Abroad’ applies equally to them both.

It was in Alloa, whilst pastoring a local Church and during prayer meetings where the suffering of the people of Zimbabwe, especially through the year 2008 was regularly and passionately being raised before God, that Colin and Laura decided to put faith and words into action and deeds and they began the process of forming and registering a charitable company which would have at its foundation the Bible verses found in Matthew 25:31-46.

Colin and Laura knew that they could not feed or educate an entire nation but they did know that they could make a difference to one or two and that was a good place to start. They were inspired by the Starfish story which they have adopted and adapted and which is posted on the website, hence their motto of Save a Starfish!

In 2009 Colin and Laura made two trips to Zimbabwe and met many amazing and courageous people. You can meet some of them on the website!

We are busy with a fundraising drive, the purpose of which is to raise enough money to send a container of medical and educational

equipment and resources to Zimbabwe. The first push toward this was through a Spring Fayre in Alloa. The Fayre was a great success and A2ZWWW is deeply grateful to Ludgate Church, Alloa for their generous and continued support.

The website has a thank you page and we wish to extend our love and thanks to each person and organisation which has made a contribution to the work.

We will keep you up-dated on the work and the events being run for A2ZWWW and we hope you will partner with us to join hands across continents! We believe that there should be no boundary holding us back from extending love, mercy and grace to people who need help and we are doing what we can to help break down walls and network across the globe to ensure that people who have the same heart and vision can get together and make a difference!

Keep in touch and chat soon.

Love and blessings

Colin and Laura





Three projects supported by A2Z World Without Walls

Araunah Mission Fellowship Zimbabwe (AMFZ) was founded in 1997 by Bishop Godfrey Chakanyuka, who is blind. He started this ministry by selling his own cattle to sponsor the work.



Godfrey and his wife Petty, who is sighted, help the visually impaired and other disabled people in the following ways:

- 1) Provision of basic academic opportunities and vocational training;
- 2) Economic empowerment of people through self-help projects;
- 3) Spiritual empowerment;
- 4) Food relief and health care.

For the past years AMFZ has managed to educate 2600 students from primary to tertiary level in a variety of schools and institutions. Among these students only 500 are disabled as most children with these conditions tend to be 'hidden' from society due to shame or they do not have birth certificates.



AMFZ has also provided 20 wells for the disabled and as it is difficult for these people to use the bush as a toilet, AMFZ has also provided 20 toilets.

One self-help project is a poultry project, run by 8 blind and disabled people and this frees them from a life of begging in the street.

Library Project – Douglas Siatimba is the librarian at the Victoria Falls Public Library. In 2009 A2ZWWW donated materials to this library. The library provides an essential service to the local community and the children and youth use the library to supplement their study due to severe lack of resources within schools.



Douglas hopes to establish a community library in Muunde. This is a very rural region in the Binga district, about 300 km from Victoria Falls. When the Muunde community was asked what they could most do with they asked for educational and developmental assistance, instead of food and clothing. The picture shows how hard the people are working to help this project.





Education in Victoria Falls – All children in Zimbabwe are expected to pay school fees however there are still vast numbers of children who are unable to attend school as they cannot meet the fees as well as the development levies.



A2ZWWW currently subsidises the school fees for 154 children and in Victoria Falls two teachers help to provide extra lessons when required.



List of other projects

The three highlighted projects have been randomly selected. Below is a list of projects which are also supported by A2Z WWW. These will get more attention in one of the next issues of this newsletter.

CHADA - Chinotimba Home for the Aged and Destitute

Victoria Falls – Provincial Hospital & Chinotimba Clinic



Owen Renias Orphanage

Home Sweet Home Feeding Centre

Convenant Fellowship Church

New Growth Ministries

Fountain of Hope

Tony Waite Foundation

Parirenyatwa General Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Prisons (in Zimbabwe and Scotland)

CYVAT – Christian Youth Volunteers Association





White Water Rafting with A2ZWWW to Save a Starfish

A2ZWWW is organising this sponsored event on Sunday 29th August 2010 on the river Tay in Aberfeldy, Scotland. It starts at 1pm and is open for everyone from 8 years of age.

All equipment is provided. You only need to bring swimwear to go under the wetsuit which is provided, and old shoes/trainers for wearing on the water.

The half day trip is about 6 miles long, from Aberfeldy to Grandtully. It takes approximately one to one and a half hours depending on water levels. The river winds lazily along the Tay Valley, through rolling hills and stunning scenery. This is an area with a diverse wildlife, which is best seen from the river. The paddle crew has ample opportunity to practice their newly learnt rafting skills before the river drops away and creates challenging rapids that flow down to Grandtully. This is a perfect introduction to rafting.

Maximum amount of people is 120 split over boats holding 10, 8 or 6 people per boat. Please get your friends, your family members, your work colleagues, etc. to get involved, to raise a wee bit of cash, to sign up to have an adventure and to make a difference in the lives of invisible people!!!!

Get your boss to sponsor a boat as a team building exercise! Use this day as a way of celebrating a special occasion such as an anniversary, a birthday, etc.....!

We are hoping to have prizes and trophies for the person and the team who raise the most money for A2ZWWW and perhaps a 'booby prize' too!

Minimum sponsorship needs to be £50 for the rafting from which £25 will be paid per person to raft. There is no maximum sponsorship!

There will be an after-party held at a hall in Aberfeldy where there will be food, tea / coffee / juice, and musical entertainment! This will be charged at approximately £15 per person just to ensure costs are covered and is not to raise any further funding - although additional donations are always gratefully received!

We are also discussing possibly 'hiring' a coach to transport people from Stirling and back so if you think this is something you would like to sign up for too please let us know and we can begin working out options and costs, etc. or you could plan this yourselves if you have a group wishing to come along! Alternatively, if you think you can offer a place in a car to anyone that might also be very helpful.

Looking forward to seeing you out there on the day!



At the moment Colin and Laura are in Zimbabwe on invitation of Renewal Fellowship. In the next issue of this newsletter there will be a report about their journey.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact us at promotions@a2zworldwithoutwalls.co.uk.

This email address can also be used if you want information about sponsoring a specific child/project or anything that is on your mind.

