

## Giving a child an education



Fatima High School is by Zimbabwean standards a good school. The level of education is similar to that of Secondary education here in the UK. Despite the lack of basic infrastructure e.g. broken windows and desks, one text book between 10–15 pupils, the pupils are very industrious and keen to learn.

As Sr. Yeyani, the Assistant Headteacher at Fatima High School, wrote,

*“20% of the school population are given priority at Fatima. These are normally the local children who would have done their primary education at the local primary school. Most of these are very poor children whose parents cannot afford to pay fees at all. We as Sisters sponsor quite a number of these children. Among these children are some hard working ones who could do with some funding”.*

Children like Mary. Mary had been a hard working and determined student. On the first day of term she came to the school asking for sponsorship in order to complete her A levels. She had to leave school the year before as her father had lost his job and could not afford to pay her school fees of \$320 (£200 approx) per term. Mary had no option but to find a job, which she did.

The money she earned was needed by her family, including paying for her brother’s school fees. She realised however that without her A levels she would never achieve the career she was capable of and which would also help her family financially.

As a good education would enhance the life chances for these children and their families greatly, African Mission would like to sponsor six children per year to attend Fatima High School. Would you like to sponsor a child for a term?

Could you help us in reaching our £3,600 target for the next academic year? Your generosity will enhance the life chances of a poor child and their family. Many thanks.



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I would like to help pay for the school fees for a poor child

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **African Mission**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Aid:** I am a UK taxpayer and I would like African Mission to treat this donation as a Gift Aided donation / this donation & all future donations as Gift Aid donations / until I notify you otherwise (**please delete as appropriate**). Currently we can reclaim an additional 28p for each £1 you give