



# NEEDS AFRICA ANNUAL REPORT

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Annual Report ending 31 December 2016

**Charity Trustees**

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**Activities**

Needs Africa was founded in October 2013 and became a registered charity in July 2015.

**2014**

In July the Charity donated cash to a C&A Entertainment's 'Blank Out Winter Appeal 2014', providing 45 blankets to vulnerable adults and children in Zimbabwe.

**2015**

This year saw the charity send its first team to Africa. In October, Nigel Lurrie and Naggib Chakhane visited Zimbabwe with the purpose of training, encouraging and inspiring experienced and budding leaders from rural churches and schools. In keeping with our core values, our training was arranged and carried out in partnership with local organizations.

The trip could be divided into two distinct parts - Leadership Training and Youth Empowerment.

**Leadership Training**

Three seminars in three different cities and towns were arranged for church leaders in Zimbabwe. The training seminars were free to attendees, with NEEDS Africa providing workbooks and pens plus lunch and refreshments. In total, over 150 church ministers and leaders attended the seminars held in Harare, Gweru and Shurugwi. The response and feedback was very positive, and plans were made for more training to be done on an annual basis with a view to increase it to at least twice a year.

**Youth Empowerment**

We teamed up with a Zimbabwean non-profit organization, All About Love Trust Zimbabwe, who coordinated a tour of rural schools in the Midlands Province. Together with the organization director, Ian Mathole, the team visited a total of 14 schools and spoke to over 6,000 children on issues of identity, self-worth, the importance of education and how with discipline and hard work, they could be successful in whatever they choose to do.

During the tour we visited Chiwundura Secondary School in the rural Midlands area. The headmistress advised us that due to the lack of schools in the area, there were a number of children who walked 20km (12.4 miles) to and from school every day. We were so moved by this that we decided to do something about it upon returning to the UK.

Nigel and Naggib were also keynote speakers at a monthly fundraising event, Breakfast with a Cause, hosted by the charity Mbereko - The Dream Midwives, who provide help and shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

## **2016**

In 2016 we embarked on a number of events in order to raise funds for the many needs we had identified in Zimbabwe. The leadership team decided to focus primarily on two main areas - school fees for orphaned children living with HIV and bicycles for children in rural areas who have to walk long distances to get to and from school.

### **School Fees**

The charity began a 'Sponsor a Child' scheme which resulted in us sponsoring 15 children through school. Sponsorship included the payment of school fees, provision of stationery and in some cases school uniforms, as well as some basic food assistance.

### **20/20 Campaign**

In February 2016 we launched our 20/20 Campaign to raise money to purchase 20 bicycles for the children at Chiwundura School.

By the end of May we had reached our target of £1,500 - enough to buy 20 brand new mountain bikes in Zimbabwe.

In June, Nigel and Caron Lurrie went to Zimbabwe to formally present the bicycles to Chiwundura School. We also initiated a pilot project where the benefit of the bicycles would be analyzed to see how much of a difference they make to the daily lives and learning experience of the children. We did this with a view to eventually send a container load of bicycles from the UK if the project proved to be successful.

### **Youth Empowerment**

Joining Nigel and Caron on this trip was a supporter of NEEDS Africa, Nukuna Halle. A Qualified Level 2 FA Coach, we arranged for him to hold a coaching clinic in Chiwundura Rural District for primary and high school teachers where they were shown a series of different football drills and skills, as well as shown how to conduct a structured and focused training session.

The coaches were then invited to bring their teams the following day to participate in a tournament sponsored by NEEDS Africa so that they could practically apply and be assessed on what they had learnt the previous day. The inter-school football tournament had 8 girls' teams and 7 boys' teams participate, with the finalists receiving medals and

the winning teams a new set of football kit, all provided by NEEDS Africa. Both events were a resounding success and NEEDS Africa was asked by the District Education Officer to consider making it an annual event.

### **Leadership Training**

In addition to the schools work, the team also held a training day in Harare for one of the large city churches. Nigel ran a leadership training workshop for their music teams and Nukuna Halle conducted a drum and percussion workshop for their musicians.

### **Lesotho Mission**

On conclusion of the trip to Zimbabwe, Nigel then travelled to Lesotho at the invitation of a locally based bishop involved in community projects in the capital Maseru, to discuss ways to better the lives of those disadvantaged and living in poverty. Nigel was also invited to speak on a local radio station where he gave a 30-minute talk on the important role our values play in the decisions and choices we make, and how they affect the people we come into contact with.

### **2016 highlights:**

- Began a 'Sponsor a Child' scheme which has resulted in us sponsoring 15 children through school in Zimbabwe
- Started a 'Ride to School' project for children in a rural part of Zimbabwe who live more than 20km away from their school
- We held 2 leadership seminars
- We held a coaching clinic for football coaches in rural Zimbabwe and sponsored a football tournament for more than 250 boys and girls
- We made a one-off donation to a church school set up for children whose families could not afford school fees
- We paid for much needed treatment and medication for a charity worker
- We sponsored a Christmas party for disadvantaged children and the elderly



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**NIGEL LURRIE**

Signed for and on behalf of  
The Trustees of NEEDS Africa

		<b>NEEDS Africa</b>		
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	<b>Receipts and Payment for the year ending 31 December 2016</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>				
	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Total Funds (to the nearest £) 2016	Previous Year (to the nearest £) 2015
General Funds	6,427		6,427	2,689
Merchandise sales	320		320	95
Sponsor a Child Scheme		1,027	1,027	380
20/20 Campaign		2,407	2,407	
	6,747	3,434		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			10,181	3,164
<b>Payments</b>				
Overseas Missions Costs			3,789	1,360
Sponsor a Child			3,040	570
Misc donations			1,653	296
Printing and Stationery			74	38
Postage and Telephones			207	117
Multi Media			168	33
Travel			157	
Equipment			360	
Fund raising events			794	
Sundry expenses			148	238
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			10,390	2,652
<b>Total Receipts for the period 21/07/15 to 31/12/16</b>			<b>13,345</b>	
<b>Total Payments for the period 21/07/15 to 31/12/16</b>			<b>13,042</b>	