

Zimbabwe Educational Sponsorships

Paraclete Christian College

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Paraclete Christian College is a thriving secondary school in the high density suburb of Kuwadzana in Harare, Zimbabwe. Currently it offers education up to A level standard to around 550 students within PCNI's training centre. Parents in Zimbabwe place a high value on education and, in recent years, have wanted their children to come to such private schools as ours as the state education system has collapsed and we are able to offer schooling in a positive, well maintained Christian environment. We aim to keep fees to a minimum but need to pay the teachers an adequate salary so we can attract the best educators. In practice this means that parents pay between 500US\$ and 600US\$ per year for their child's education. Sadly, for some families, even this relatively modest sum is prohibitive. Some families have little or no income, health issues, are single parents and some have large numbers of children to care for.

PCNI here in the UK offers a student scholarship scheme to enable some of the poorest children to receive an education. A local committee in Zimbabwe meets to consider applications for scholarships from needy families. Details are then sent to us in the UK and we seek to match children with sponsors. A full scholarship costs £30 per month (Gift aided) and a 50% scholarship is £15 per month (Gift aided). Sponsors are given a photo of their student together with details of their family and church background. Through the year, as we are able, we send reports and more information when we visit the school - usually in January each year.

There are always more deserving students than we have sponsors. Should you wish to become a sponsor as an individual or if a group wants to offer a scholarship, we would love to hear from you! We will then send you details of how to set up your student scholarship and you will be blessed in offering support giving such young people a future and a hope.

Lynda Hulcoop
PCNI Director

