

# Oasis in Zimbabwe



Dear Friends,

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Hello from Oasis in Zimbabwe! Welcome to our October 2016 update — we hope you enjoy hearing our news.

This time, we decided to tell the stories of some of the people who work for Oasis in Zimbabwe. We hope you enjoy getting to know them some more.

**Tatenda chaizvo (ta –ten-da ch-eye-ee-sho) - “We thank you very much”**

**The Oasis team in Zimbabwe**

**PSP** “My name is Lazarus (Lazzie). I work in the Pre-School Project at Oasis Zimbabwe.



am always using my computer!

Oasis Zimbabwe has been the best place I have worked. I have learned to see that people are the same in spite of their gender, race, or tribe.

I love reading about sport and entertainment. I also love travelling.”

**Do you like reading like Lazzie?**

**Tanaka**

“My name is Ngonidzaishe (Un-gon-idz-ay-ee-shay) aged 19. I volunteer with the Tanaka Project. I was living and working on the streets in the city of



Harare for five years. Oasis Zimbabwe staff helped me to start selling small items of food so I could move into a small house.

I work with Oasis Zimbabwe to get to know other children living and working on the streets, encouraging them to go to a doctor. I help the Tanaka staff to get to know people living on the street.”

**How do you think Ngonidzaishe felt when he moved into his new house?**

*Here is our team celebrating last month, that one of our staff, Lloyd, won a competition to go to university in the UK:*



- My job is to check what the PSP project has achieved each month—for example how many children have learned to read in our pre-schools.
- I write lots of reports each month and

**Self-Help Groups** “My name is Tinofara (Tee-no-far-ah), also known as ‘Uncle Coach’. I joined the Oasis Zimbabwe team in February 2013 as a volunteer. At first I was teaching sports to boys in Epworth. Now I help the Skills Training project. I teach computer skills to the girls and also run sports for them.

I also help to run our Self-Help Groups project. I help women to save money together.

Recently I have also been asked to help the Tanaka project with sports as a way of getting to know the boys working and living on the streets.

Because of my passion for sports, I have earned the name Uncle Coach.”

**Do you have a nickname that other people call you?**



## Central Team

“My name is Tafadzwa (Taff-ad-zwaa), here they call me Taffleg. I joined Oasis Zimbabwe in November 2015 and I help in the Finance team who look after all our money. I enjoy working with the Oasis team, and talking to people from different backgrounds, particularly children living on the streets.

When I am free I volunteer to play sports with the Skills Training girls, along with Uncle Coach.”

**Would you like a hat like Taffie’s?**

“So this is me... Paidemoyo (Pie-de-moy-oh). I have a daughter who is one year old and my husband is called Trevor. I design and make clothes and I work at Oasis Zimbabwe on the Skills Training Project.

I have always wanted to help young women and this job fits me so well.



I first started volunteering at Oasis about 2 years ago, after I met someone from Oasis at my church in Harare. I am happy to be a part of this wonderful group of people that I love calling my family!”



**Do you like to draw and design things like Paidemoyo?**

*Here are the Skills Training girls enjoying sports in our garden:*



**Whose story did you like best and why?**