

The remarkable story of a former student, 90 bikes & the tripling of O-level pass rate - your support is making it possible.

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September Newsletter
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Benhilda is Forging Ahead Building Her Future

Dear ,

We are rapidly moving towards the end of School Year 2025, our fifth year of supporting students at our two partner schools in Zimbabwe to overcome the everyday challenges that prevent them, especially girls, from receiving a quality education: hunger, distance, and a lack of reliable infrastructure.

The change we are seeing after 5 years is real. Girls now represent 54% of enrolments across our partner schools. Attendance has reached 99%. And young women are stepping forward as leaders and role models. Let me share one such story—that of Benhilda:

Benhilda completed her full secondary schooling at Muzarabani High, where she served as a prefect and earned strong results at both O- and A-level. She became a

Junior Member of Parliament for Muzarabani North and today works as a temporary teacher at Hwata Primary School, raising funds to pursue her dream of university or teachers' college.

She credits NoBarriers for helping create the conditions for her success: daily meals to stay focused, reliable solar power, internet access, laptops, and printers to support meaningful learning.

Benhilda's story doesn't stand alone. Her younger brother, also a student at Muzarabani High, received a bicycle through our mobility program and is now completing his A-levels. - One family. Two students. Both transforming their futures through education made possible by your support.



Ride for Bikes - 2025: What it Achieved

In April, 25 cyclists took part in our *Ride for Bikes* and rode 50km around Pt Noarlunga / McLaren Vale. 205 donors responded to their appeal and helped to raise \$20,000. In August, we distributed 90 bikes to students in their 1st year at Muzarabani High and Hwata Secondary Schools. 22 of these bikes were generously donated by [WBR](#) / Buffalo Bicycles Zimbabwe. These bikes are now helping students who live 6+kilometers from school to arrive on time, stay focused in class, and get home safely before dark. No more long walks on foot.

Thank you to everyone who rode and donated, you're helping students ride toward a better future!





To see what a difference a bike makes, watch this brief video below:



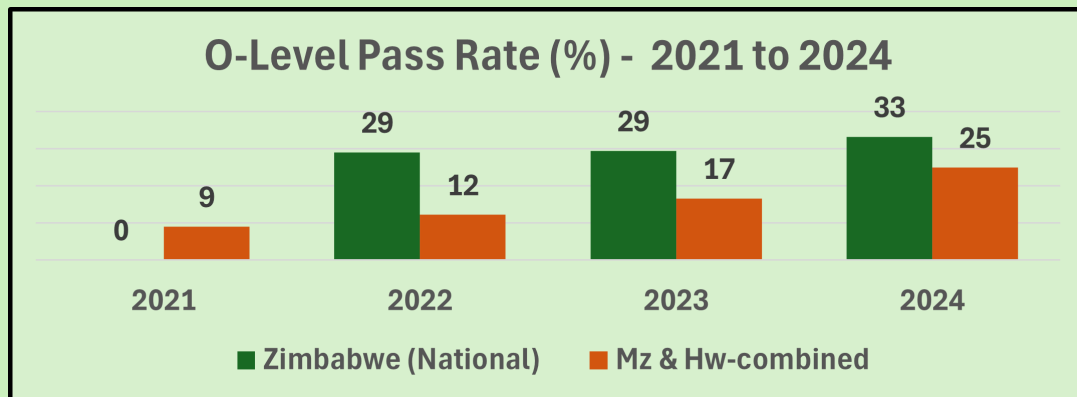
Better Learning Environment Leads to Better Learning Outcomes

Parallel with taking care of students' needs via school meals, bicycles, menstrual & sexual health and school fees, we also aim to improve the learning environment at the schools, whenever funds permitted. So far, we were able to provide -

- ✨ 931 textbooks - inline with new syllabus
- ✨ 40 laptops - new and up-graded
- ✨ 334 pieces of new classroom furniture
- ✨ Internet connectivity for online learning and AV equipment for classrooms.

We like to think, that this has helped to nearly triple O-level pass rates from 9% to 25% 😊.

We thank all our supporters, but particularly the **Lang Family Foundation**, the **Susan Pierce Charity Fund** and the **Direct Aid Program**, granted by the **Australian Embassy in Zimbabwe**, whose generosity made such tremendous improvements possible.



Our Patron Welcoming Us to Government House

In July, we were honoured to have our Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, host a reception at Government House to thank NoBarriers' supporters.

In her speech, Her Excellency recognised NoBarriers' work in helping children overcome barriers to education in rural Zimbabwe and stressed the importance of supporting small, globally focused charities.

Thank you to Her Excellency and Mr Bunten for their warm hospitality, and to all our supporters for your continued commitment to creating brighter futures.



Big Charity Quiz Night Raises \$10,450



What a success! - Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Annual Big Charity Quiz Night, which raised an amazing \$10,450! These funds will go directly toward our school meal initiative, providing hot meals to 630 students across our two partner schools.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a big difference.

We want to give a huge shoutout to all the incredible South Australian businesses and kind individuals who donated their time, energy, and amazing prizes to make our Big Charity Quiz Night such a success! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to host an unforgettable night filled with fun, friendly competition, and community spirit, all for a great cause. We couldn't have done it without you!

Businesses Donating to Raffle-, Team-, Game Prizes & Bar



Donors to Silent Auction





Meaningful Christmas Giving: The Gift of Education

Are you struggling for ideas of what to buy for family or friends this coming Christmas? Are you looking for ethical, meaningful gifts?

If so, why don't you consider making the gift of education? Just select an "educational item" from our catalogue and donate accordingly. We'll send you a gift card (*plus a receipt for your tax-deductible donation*).

Christmas Gift Catalogue - Donations

Family / Group Giving: Have you, your family members or friends most of the material things one needs? If that is the case, please consider directing some of the funds you would normally spend on presents towards making a life-changing **Gift of Education?**

Please get in touch with us via admin@nobarriers.org.au and we create specifically for your family / group of friends a ["Christmas Gift of Education - Donation Page"](#) (*example only*) to make a such a special gift come true this Christmas.

Thank you for taking an interest in our work. We'll be in touch again in December with more reflections on 2025.

Thank you for all you've already made possible. If you like to do more, please use the button below.

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Warm regards,

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