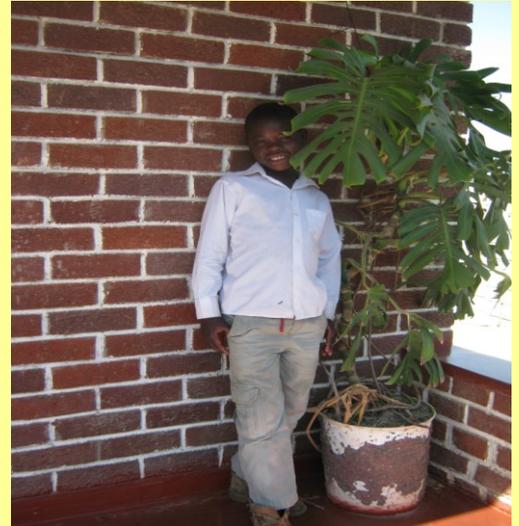


Hi, my name is Tino. I am 10 years old. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother.

I started living on the streets in 2010 after having a lot of problems at home after my mum died. My dad then got married to my aunt (my mum's elder sister). No one was paying our school fees and most of the time we were sent back home. We would only have one meal per day and I thought it was better to go and live on the streets to beg for food. My aunt (mum's sister, and now my father's wife) only cared about her own children.

When I met Simukai Child Protection staff, I asked them to send me to probation because I thought it would be much better than to be on the streets. Going back home was not possible because mum and dad would always fight. Living on the streets was scary for me because some older street boys would want to sleep with me.

However, Simukai told me of ASYM and I was very happy about living in a proper home and am able to go back to school. Last week I started going to school. I am very excited. We went to buy for clothes and school uniforms. I was given a chance by Auntie Kudzie, Uncle Lazarus and Mhamha (mum) to choose some new school shoes, uniforms, satchel etc. I am very happy at the ASYM home. See you next time!



(To be continued.....)

The Trustees for ASYM in Zimbabwe have listed the practical needs of ASYM's first home in Mutare as:

1. *Bedding*
2. *Children's clothes*
3. *Fun things for the children like...*
 - *Toys*
 - *Board Games*
 - *Computer (Wii) Games, etc...*
4. *Laptop, internet connection and telephone at the home (to start our first project office)*
5. *Finances to run the project – so far over 50 people in Zimbabwe have pledged \$10 per month! 😊*

We now need to pay every month for:

 - *The cost of the home*
 - *Food*
 - *School fees*
 - *Staff wages – a house parent, youthworkers and a coordinator*
 - *Finances to start developments at Full Life Park-Need to start farming activities at the park*

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