Hi Everyone!

We thought we would do something different for this update. Rather than writing from the office, we asked one of our volunteers, Cam Clayton, an engineer who works at Tetra Tech who travelled from Vancouver, to share their thanks with you. They have lived the spirit of GTO for years and have seen your gift at work first-hand on the September GTO #Bricks2Beds volunteer trip.

"I just want to thank you personally for your donation to the recent Bricks 2 Beds fundraiser that we held for the GTO Trust with the objective of purchasing the materials needed to construct the new dormitory for students in the Youth Skills Program at ACET Zimbabwe. The fundraiser was a great success and raised almost double our target amount. This allowed the GTO Trust to also purchase two solar panels, a lithium storage battery, and electrical wiring, including lighting for both dormitories, in addition to being able to tile the floor properly for an even more comfortable living environment to set these students up to succeed. This was my fifth volunteer trip with the GTO Trust, and it was especially meaningful for me, as I'd been on the GTO volunteer trip to Zimbabwe back in 2014, during which time we built a 'chicken house' for 2,000 laying chickens (Maeve Murphy was also on that trip). From that perspective, reconnecting with Willard Ndlovu (who runs ACET) after 11 years was special, and a testament to the long-term commitment of the people and organisations that GTO invests in. The chicken house is still standing, but it needed some much-needed repairs to the chicken wire to prepare it for the transition from layers to broilers in response to large companies driving the price of chicken eggs down, requiring a pivot to a different sustainable product."

Your gift is part of stories like these. And because your support carried us beyond our fundraising goal, we were able to do even more. The extra funds paid for tiling both dormitories, installing lighting for each dorm with a new solar panel and battery, and upgrading the kitchen facilities serving both dorms. And now, thanks to you, 18 students have a place to call home during their studies. Thank you for choosing to be part of this work and for trusting GTO to make a Big Difference.

PS If you would like to keep this momentum going, a monthly gift helps a whole lot!

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