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On 8th October we welcome Richard Rowe, Chair of Trustees and Susie Mooney, Deputy Chair, to speak at our Harvest Services.

Following her visit to MfA in April, Susie shares her reflections on the success of the college and its transforming effect on student lives, and those of their families... (continued overleaf.)

Mechanics for Africa is a Christian technical college in the Zambian city of Ndola.

It trains young people from some of Zambia's poorest communities in automotive engineering, equipping them with a trade and essential life skills.



Student graduation in April 2023

Deputy Chair of trustees Susie Mooney visited the college for graduation...

“Graduation day was full of excitement and a realisation of what had been achieved. I lost track of the number of times students told me that, 'MfA has transformed my life' and the family members who took this further in expressing how the impact of the transformation extended to the wider family. The expression of deep appreciation for our generous sponsors was heartfelt.

Visiting some of the student's homes and families was both a privilege and a challenge, seeing living conditions we just don't see in the UK. I realised how important the basic facilities MfA offers our students are, like freely available running water and showers. The distance some of our students walk to the college - taking up to two hours - demonstrated the necessity of the college's provision of a nutritious, filling lunch time meal. For many of our students this is their only meal of the day.

Visiting students on work placement was a joy; to witness the impact that regular, paid employment brings, and to see them as the living embodiment of our aspiration to equip students with 'Skills for Life'.



My visit showed me that MfA is so much more than a successful technical college, it equips our students to learn key life skills, values, and respect for themselves and others. Throughout their two years with us they mature, grow in strength of character and explore the Christian faith. As the graduates said themselves, they leave transformed people.”

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