



EBENEZER CHILD CARE TRUST

Help Us Reach the Finish Line with only \$3,624.62:

Support 500 Children's Education and Holiday Joy!

We aim to bring joy to 500 needy children this holiday season by raising \$24,163. This includes \$970 for a memorable Christmas celebration and \$23,193 for shoes, bags, and uniforms.

The Ebenezer Foundation has raised \$18,000, the York Rotary Club UK has raised £309, Anne and Kieth £691, and £250 from Roy Denbury. We need **\$3,624.62** to reach our goal. Every contribution counts! Join us in making a difference and spreading hope and happiness this season!

NEWSLETTER

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Testimonies

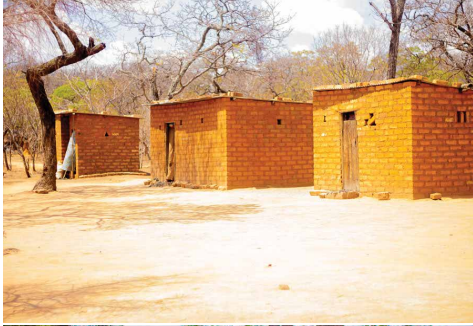


Belivia on New Year, 2024, outing



Belivia on day of her Admission

Belivia came into the care of ECCT on January 6, 2023 at the age of 6. She was retrieved from her aunt's abusive home in Linda Compound and had many lacerations and scars on her body.



Belivia and her Grandmother



Belivia and her father

Belivia has enjoyed living at the Nakatindi Children's Home for the past few months. However, she has also been affected by ongoing court cases. After about 22 months, she was successfully reunited with her biological parents. This happened after her aunt was sentenced to 5 years of hard labour and is now in Livingstone Correctional Facility.



Belivia with Dad, Siblings, and ECCT Social Worker, Mainza

Your support has helped BELIVIA to heal, find safety, and be joyfully reunited with her parents after a painful past. --- THANK YOU!



BRJAN is in the care of ECCT. He was admitted when he was 2 weeks old and is now 2 months old. His mother passed away 3 days after giving birth due to complications. He was initially discharged to his grandmother, who is also unwell and cannot care for him. Because of this, the government decided to place him in our facility for his safety and well-being.



Brian's family visit him at the Homes



Samuel poses for a photo before leaving the facility

Samuel is 14 years old. He came to the Children's Home when he was 3 years old, after his parents passed away. His mother died after giving birth, and his father died later. None of his relatives could take care of him, so he was admitted.

Recently, he was discharged to live with his uncle in Zimba. Samuel just took his 7th grade board exams and is waiting for the results. We pray for his success.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Social Workers visit Brian's family



2025 Reintegration Process Commence.

The Social Workers have initiated the 2025 reintegration process by carrying out Home Assessments. 12 Assessments have been carried out.



Social Workers visit Janet's Family



The images here feature the families of Elliot and Davy. Elliot, who is nearly 5 years old, currently resides at Baby's House, while Davy, aged 13, lives at the Girl's Home.

Food Ration Distribution



After a child returns to their family, we provide food hampers to support them for 3 to 6 months. This depends on how the family's food security conditions are and the number of children reintegrated into that family. Currently, we are giving out 28 food hampers to 22 families. Each hamper costs about \$35 per month. The 2023/2024 farming season was affected by severe drought, leaving many families with little or no food and struggling below the poverty line.

It takes \$35/month to provide food for a family and the child. Feed a family now!

We help these families through our Business Empowerment Program. They receive a seed fund of about \$145 to invest in a business they choose or are currently running. They also get food hampers. These hampers help ensure they do not spend the funds on food or emergencies at home.

PERSONS OF PEACE MEET TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AROUND THEIR ENTERPRISES, FAMILIES AND THE REINTEGRATED CHILDREN.



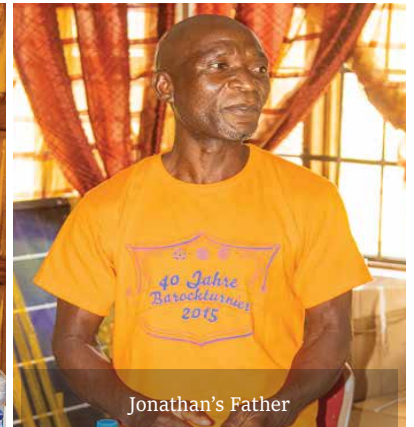
Owen, Morris, and Social Workers Addressed beneficiaries



Violet, Natasha and Mwansa's Mother



Threazer's Grandmother shares her business experience.



Jonathan's Father

POLICY ENGAGEMENTS



Hon. Ng'onga, Chair of CJF in Livingstone

We took part in Child Justice Week, which focused on "Zambia at 60: Supporting Child Justice and Protecting Children's Rights in a Changing World." Our social workers, Mwisa and Precious, participated in all the week's events. The Child Justice Forum, led by Hon. Ng'onga, visited us at ECCT to raise awareness about children's rights, showing our commitment to child welfare and justice.



Child Justice Forum and ECCT teams pose for a photo



Mambo introduced to Forum.





UNICEF, the Department of Social Welfare, and ECCT Convene Ad-Hoc Case Review Meeting

Social Welfare, in collaboration with UNICEF and the ECCT, recently held an ad-hoc case review meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to share insights and discuss best practices related to the reintegration process, focusing on improving outcomes for children and families involved in the system.



SCHOOL AFFAIRS



It was heartwarming to see the teachers enjoying their special day this year. Since January 2023, we at ECCT have seen these dedicated educators working hard. We are proud of the progress we've made in both operations and academics. Our partnership with the government team is stronger than ever. We are working together well, supporting each other, and we have a School Board of Management to ensure a supportive policy environment and smooth daily operations. With a shared vision, we are committed to providing every child with the best education, support, and love. All of this is made possible through God's grace.

EBENEZER PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE OF RESTORATION, COMPASSION AND LOVE! SUPPORT THE CAUSE NOW!

We caught up with the grade 7 and 9 pupils taking their board exams. Our children have worked hard to get here. We are proud of them and hopeful for their success.



Thank you, donors, for supporting the feeding program. Your contributions make a real difference in the lives of these children, and the pictures show the joy this brings to them.



We drilled a borehole to solve the urgent problem of not having enough water at the new school in Nakatindi and installed a solar pump. This important work helps the school run every day.



PRAYER REQUEST

1. We thank God for providing what we (ECCT, Donors, well-wishers, Children, Workers, and others) need in our lives.
2. We ask for forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings, seeking God's mercy to help us live a better life.
3. We pray for the well-being of the children who have reintegrated into a new environment, asking for their support as they adjust.
4. We pray for an end to the drought and a return to normal rainfall to ensure families have enough food.
5. We pray for the donors and sponsors of the Ebenezer Child Care Trust, asking them to continue supporting the facility that helps children facing challenges.
6. We pray for global peace because a nation without peace suffers and struggles with development.
7. We pray for the Board and Management to receive wisdom and guidance to run the organisation according to God's will and the vision for which it was established.



DONATIONS



We specially thank Roy and his team from ExosTour (Mavumina Safaris and Tours), for the donation of various items from sports, note pads, and a tablet among others.



We are sure most of you are aware of how Zambia has been hit with a drought in the years [2023/2024].

This has drastically affected the water levels of the major rivers in Zambia including our Mighty Zambia River, Kariba Dam and Victoria Falls. These low levels have affected the supply of Hydro Electric Power. Many parts of Zambia only experience power for 3 hours only, per day.

This situation makes us feel grateful to the Ebenezer Foundation for the donation of the solar system they made to both the schools and Children's Home some two years ago. This has not only favoured the Children but has also drastically dropped our high electric bills over the past two years.

This has benefitted ECCT in many areas such as the constant pumping of water, uninterrupted lighting for children and general security of the children at night. We are so grateful for these blessings.

Thank You! Twalumba! Luitumezi! Twatasha Mukwai! Dzikomo! Asante Sana! Merci beaucoup! Tack så mycket!



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, MELAINE!

**HUGE
THANKS
AGAIN**

Mel, an Advisor on the ECCT Board and Donor, held a fundraiser for her birthday party to raise money for laptops for older children. Mel raised £1,662 and Roy donated £250. This act of selflessness is truly Commendable!

Wilderness Safaris - Children in the Wilderness donates 128 bags of mealmeal and 300kg worth of Beans

CITW has donated bags of mealmeal and beans towards the school feeding program. The school uses approximately two 25kg bags of mealmeal each feeding day.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS DONATION.



NEEDS LIST

EPS Early Childhood Education tools & Materials	\$ 1,200
Media equipment and accessories	\$ 1,520
Utility Vehicle	\$ 16,500
Children's bibles	\$ 2,500

CONTACT US

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF EBENEZER
AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF INSPIRING CAUSES IN THE WORLD.

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