



EBENEZER CHILD CARE TRUST

Newsletter

Zambia's Drought and Economic Situation Squeezing Livelihoods

The effects of Zambia's drought continue to be deeply felt. The government has permitted the importation of food items and is increasing the production of winter crops through various initiatives, but our production capacity for cereal-based crops is expected to be halved due to the ongoing shortage of rainfall. **See page 2...**



Naleli gets a Home!



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Ausher Meets The Good Samaritan Who Rescued Him



Florina finds Meets Ausher



The Story is told.

The Good Samaritan, Florina Muedenda, shares her story of how she found herself among a group of people who had come with the police after a report was made about a baby who had been abandoned in a pit latrine. The police and rescue team worked together for about an hour to break open the pit latrine and rescue the baby. To everyone's surprise, the baby was still alive and fighting for their life. While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, Florina was moved by the sight of the baby struggling to breathe. As no one else was willing to do it, she asked the police if she could help clean up the baby. Florina had to sign a document to take up the responsibility. The baby was rushed to the hospital, accompanied by Florina, who took care of the baby until they were discharged from the hospital.

The baby, who was named Ausher Chilambe (4) by a Social Welfare officer Mr Chilambe, was brought to ECCT through social welfare when he was 7 days old. His first name is after a famous gospel singer called Aushers Masempela.

DELIGHTED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT THE CHILDREN IN THE FACILITY AND AT THE SCHOOL ARE DOING WELL. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE CHILDREN.

NALELI GETS A HOME AND FAMILY



ITS WAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE THIS DAY! Naleli Miracle Lisulo has been officially discharged from the Ebenezer Child Care Trust. She has been placed under the care of Mwila Kabinga and Ethel Chongo, who are Mr and Mrs Kabinga respectively.

Mwila works as a banker while Ethel is a nurse. The couple are friends of Ebenezer and have completed the bonding process facilitated by ECCT social workers and caregivers over the last 5 months. Through the Department of Social Welfare, the High Court of Zambia granted the Foster Care Order on May 2, 2024.

Zambia's Drought and Economic Situation Squeezing Livelihoods - Continued

The Southern Province, one of the largest crop and livestock hubs in the country, along with three other provinces, contributes about 58% of maize production and hosts approximately 76% of the nation's livestock. The drought's impact on these key areas is likely to decrease access to water and pasture.

In Livingstone, frequent shortages of mealie meal have compelled us at ECCT to

seek assistance from government institutions to help procure this essential commodity or maize for us to prepare our own mealie meal. We consume about 60 bags (25kg each) of mealie meal per month for our feeding program at the school and children's home. Meeting this need has been challenging.

While the installation of solar systems and gas stoves in the homes has provided some relief, the country is currently experiencing 8-hour power outages. Moreover, the government is engaged in long and complex debt restructuring processes with its creditors due to the ongoing debt crisis, adding further stress to the economy. Commodity prices remain very high, and inflation is a significant concern.

Zambia's currency plummeted to a record low of K27 to \$1 in early May but has since appreciated slightly to about K25.80 to \$1. Despite these hardships, we remain committed to supporting our community and ensuring the well-being of our children.

Prayer Requests

1. Praying for Zambia in challenging times.
 2. Praying for the Donors, Supporters, Funders, and Resource Mobilisers for ECCT that God continues to bless them with Life, resources and goodwill.
 3. Praying for the leaders of ECCT to make good and progressive decisions for wellness and continuity of the vision and mission of ECCT.
 4. Thanking God for his Love and care
1. Praying for All ECCT children for God's protection, and spirit of understanding in all they learn.
 2. Praying for Naleli and her Adoptive Parents - for God's protection, care and guidance.
 3. Praying for all ECCT children in the 2024 Examination Classes.
 4. Praying for all ECCT workers - God to grant them wisdom and a heart for the children

Happy
BIRTHDAYS



SCHOOL TOUR AT THE WEATHER STATION



Teacher Bbumelo with the Pupils

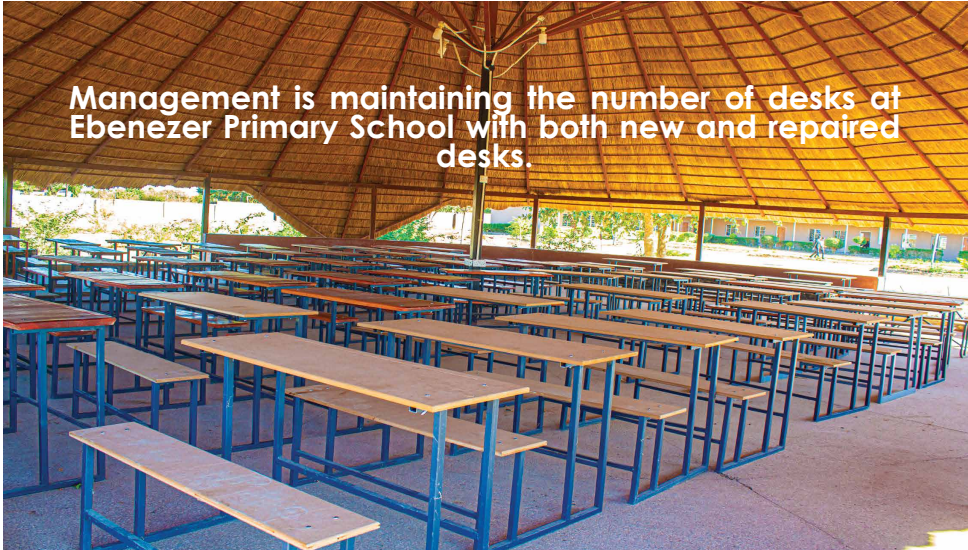


Pupils taken to the open field: data collection point

METEOROLOGIST SHOWING THE PUPILS HOW THE ANEMOMETER WORKS



EBENEZER SCHOOL GETS OVER 100 NEW AND REPAIRED DESKS



Management is maintaining the number of desks at Ebenezer Primary School with both new and repaired desks.



THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM CONTINUES TO THRIVE



Our feeding program ensures that every child receives a nutritious meal daily, essential for their growth and learning.

JOIN THE CAUSE TODAY!



VISTORS

The Management of ECCT would like to extend their utmost gratitude to all the visitors both local and international who visited with us at the Children's Home and School. May God continue to bless and enrich you.



The Executive Director and ECCT Social Worker give our Australian Visitors a tour of the Facility



Romanian visitors tour the Home

Australian Couple visit ECCT for the first time

WORKSHOP ON ECCT'S APPROACH TO SERVICE



The staff and volunteers of ECCT recently convened for a four-day special meeting to review and recommend improvements to the organisation's operational model. This involved examining ECCT's history, current status, and prospects while considering the unique circumstances of each setting and the ethos (Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles) of the organisation. The goal was to enhance ECCT's approach to service delivery in changing policy environments

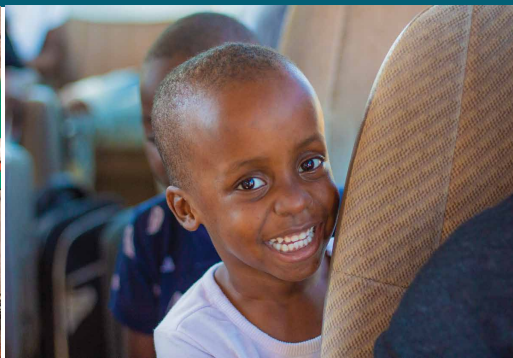


THEY GROW SO FAST, DON'T THEY?
Emmanuel Phiri (7) was just 17 months old when he was committed to our care due to negligence (abandonment). Today, he is an ever-smiling, social, and hardworking boy. Over the weekends he spends his time tending to his garden and watering it. He enjoys it, and it's great for his development.

TOUR AT THE CHIEF MUKUNI'S PALACE



CHIEF'S POTRAIT



PRIME MINISTER



PHOTO NEAR THE CHIEF'S THRONE



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER



LUNCH TIME AFTER THE TOUR

This tour aimed to expose the children to our cultural backgrounds and... It was an amazing experience.

NEEDS LIST

4x4 Vehicle	\$42,874.32
Utility Vehicle	\$15,000
Media Equipment and Accessories	\$1000
Tablets (for social workers while in the field)	\$1000
Tablets (for children in higher education)	\$1000
Tools	\$300
Ebenezer School - Print, Scan, Photocopier	\$2000
Print, Scan, Photocopier - Accounts	\$2000

CONTACT US

We express our gratitude for your attention to our newsletter. If you wish to visit us, contribute, or raise any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all our donors and dedicated partners who show their love and care for the children. Your support is deeply appreciated.

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