



EBENEZER CHILD CARE TRUST



"We are excited to collaborate with the kids and their families to ensure that their environment and affairs are conducive and healthy. ECCT Management would like to assure all stakeholders that everything we do for a child here is also done for them out there." - Owen, Executive Director



REINTEGRATION

Case Management Review Committee

The ECCT recently held its first District CMRC meeting, chaired by the government's Department of Social Welfare. In the meeting, the committee reviewed the cases of 13 children and their families. After deliberations, the committee voted to discharge these children from the facility and identified alternative care options such as kinship, adoption, foster care, or independent living for each child. The committee also recommended ongoing support for the children and their families.



Given the facts presented, CMRC conduct a vote on whether or not to reintegrate a child



Gift (SW) and Owen put thoughts together



PAXINA, Social Welfare Officer - L/stone

The CMRC is composed of representatives of non-governmental organizations, Law enforcement agencies, child protection agencies, community, social welfare, health institutions, ministry of education, and so on.

Final Preparation and Send-off Party

Last year, 21 children were identified for reintegration. Our Social Services department developed a plan to prepare the children and their families for reintegration. Measures supported by a well-put M&E plan included counseling, positive parenting discussions, livelihood and economic support, training, and preaching during Sunday and weekly services. Upon the directive and recommendation of the CMRC, an awareness talk and send-off party were organized for all the children who were set to be discharged.



Christopher
Reunited with his Mother



Violet
Reunited with her Mother



Natasha
Reunited with her Mother



Anetty
Reunited with Uncle



Malaika
Reunited with Uncle



Treazer
Reunited with her Grand Mother



We will miss them!



Lukas
Reunited with his Mother



Jonathan
Reunited with Father



Felicia
Reunited with Aunt



Esther
Reunited with her Grand Mother



Memory
Reunited with her Mother



Trust
Reunited with her Mother



Jacob
Reunited with his Mother

DO YOU REMEMBER?
***2024, Naleli was discharged and placed with potential adoptive parents early this year .
***2023, Chabota was reunited with his older sister in Zimba.
***Total Children Reintegrated to Date = 15
***Next Batch, # of Children = About 13



Naleli, Foster care to Adoption, 2024



Chabota, Reunited with Older Sister, 2023

Owen Talks with the Children about their Discharge



"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Social Workers Deliver Livelihood and Economic Support to Families of Reintegrated Children



Davy & Gift (l, c) delivers I&E support to family of Emmanuel



Mainza (r) delivers I&E support to family of Treazer



Heather (r) delivers livelihood support to family of Marvelous

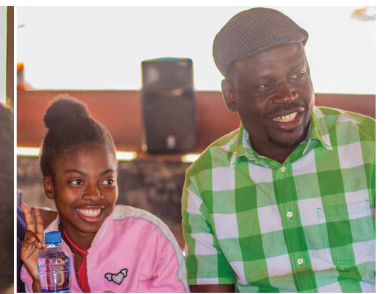


Precious (l) delivers economic support to Lukas' family.

An Emotional Send Off Party - Last Few Days in Institutional Care



Annetty thanks the housemothers and the director for training her well.



Veronica counsels the children



Beatrice,
Housemother



PRAYER REQUESTS

Help us pray for the children to adapt well in their new families and home, ECCT's donors' good health and dedication, and God's blessings upon everyone involved with ECCT's mission. Pray for children in examination classes this year, all ECCT children and staff, as well as the Board and Management for wisdom and guidance.

Lastly, PRAY FOR EMMANUEL SAKALA who has lost his biological father. The boy is preparing for his exams and this loss has taken a toll on him.

Safeguarding Children Post-Reintegration

We put our trust in God for guidance as ECCT continues to support these children and their families until the family is consistently able to provide for the children's needs post-reintegration.

In each family, we identify a "Person of Peace" who will be responsible for the child's welfare. Our Family Strengthening program includes providing counselling, training in small business management, a business support kit, and working together to meet the needs of the child in education, health and nutrition, skills acquisition, spiritual development, and so on.

A post-placement M&E mechanism is in place both at the community level and ECCT Level.



Families Receive Training in basic Business and Financial Management

The families of the 13 children who are to be reintegrated were trained in basic business and personal financial management. Our team comprising the Accountant, Social Workers and the Executive Director facilitated the training.

The families would later be empowered with a business empowerment kit and



soon begin to operate their preferred enterprises.

This training is among ECCT's family-strengthening strategies to help families achieve financial stability while providing care for the children.

CHILDREN REUNIFIED AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES CONTINUES



Esther (red) arrives Home. (L-R: Mainza, Esther, Esther's Grandmother, Heather & Precious)



Felicia Hugs her Aunt



Jacob Arrives Home



Mattresses & other items of the 13 children being delivered to their new homes.



Natasha (Yellow) and Felicia (White) on the bus as they are ferried to their new home

The 13 children were reintegrated and post-reintegration monitoring is underway. ECCT is also working with families to ensure that their enterprises are running. THE LORD HAS BROUGHT US THIS FAR, HE WILL GUIDE THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH IT ALL. EBENEZER!!!

A PICTURE OF OUR SUPPORT TO THE CHILDREN: A CASE OF JONATHAN AND HIS DAD

Jonathan's father works as a caretaker at a property in Livingstone's Airport area. He received news that he would be reunited with his son and was ready to have him. Jonathan's mother passed away when he was a baby, and his father struggled to provide for him, so Jonathan was brought into our care. Now, years later, his father is happily married with two other children. He works hard to provide for his family through piecemeal but still faces difficulties financially.

To help improve their situation, we worked with him to choose a business that he was passionate about, and he decided to start a tomato project. Since he had no farmland, the ECCT allocated a portion at the Ebenezer Farm for him to start with 500 tomato plants. About \$200 was provided to get the project running and we continue to offer guidance. All requirements have since been procured and preparations are ongoing.



Mr Muyunda and others collecting manure from Ruth Henson's Farm for the tomato Project.



We found a new school for Jonathan since he is no longer attending Ebenezer Primary School. We provided all the necessary school supplies and he's now enrolled in the new school, Mukamusaba Primary School. Additionally, we provided a solar lighting kit to help during power outages. Before leaving the facility, he was given bedding and a mattress. The family will also receive a food hamper for up to six months.

ACETP Trains ECCT Staff in Trust Based Relational Intervention

After reintegration, ECCT staff gained evidence-based, attachment-based, and trauma-informed skills and tools to better address the complex needs of vulnerable children. The Directors of Alliance for Children Everywhere Transition Partners in Zambia, accompanied by the Senior Social Welfare Officer from the Ministry's Department of Social Welfare, conducted the training. ALL ECCT STAFF WERE CERTIFIED. This knowledge will be used in improving ECCT's family-strengthening programs and other areas of support for children in need.



ECCT Ex. Dir., Owen (C) is Presented with a TBRI Certificate by the SSO, Clement (L). Dir. Strategies and Systems - ACETP, Chantry (R).



Dir. Partnerships & Programs - ACETP, Simon making a presentation during the training.



Chantry making a presentation during the training.



Patricia (caregiver) receives certificate



Giving hope and opportunity To children together

Thank you, **FRIENDS OF EBENEZER AUSTRALIA**, for \$2000 towards the purchase of Tablets and Computers.



Trust receives his laptop



Our Social Workers Gift and Davy receive devices for their department.



Kris leads a breathing exercise with the caregivers!



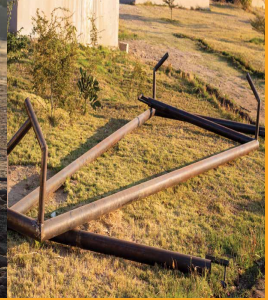
Kangai, Stella (caregiver), & Nzila receive donation of items from KRIS. Thank you for your visit and generous donation of items for the children at our facility.

Trust is starting school soon and has been given a laptop. Memory is already at the school, and her laptop will be delivered to her. Our social workers have received 1 laptop and 2 tablets, which will greatly improve their work. However, we still need 4 laptops or tablets for Margret, Beauty, Fadah, and Mweene, as well as 2 laptops for the Administration and School, respectively.

THANK YOU, Melaine, Lissette, Angie, Dawn & Friends, for your contribution of \$4,000 towards the children's playground at Ebenezer Primary School in Nakatindi. Works have commenced!



Melanie and Lissette



Angie and Dawn

The project work is ongoing and we are excited to share its progress in the coming months. Currently, the land has been cleared and a watering system has been installed. Most importantly, the project aims to improve the lives of about 500 children who will have access to various sports activities in the upgraded space. YOU TOO CAN DO IT FOR THE CHILDREN.

NEEDS LIST

In response to the recent increase in prices for goods and products, we have added a 10% contingency cost to all items listed below. This extra cost is intended to help offset the impact of potential price fluctuations and any resulting shocks.

4x4 Vehicle	\$47,161.75
Utility Vehicle	\$16,500
Media Equipment and Accessories	\$1100
Tablets/Laptop	\$2200
(For children in higher education, EPS & Admin)	
Ebenezer School - Print, Scan, Photocopier	\$2200
Print, Scan, Photocopier - Accounts	\$2200

CONTACT US

We are grateful that you have chosen to support our cause among the thousands of inspiring causes in the world. You are a team! Together, we are transforming the lives of children. Please, share about Ebenezer with your friends and family; simply bring us up in conversations.

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