# Thank You Friends of Ebenezer for giving our Children a a Happy Christmas Year after year, the Children of Ebenezer are blessed with a strong support system, guided by God, to ensure their needs are met. We thank all our donors for making

Christmas 2024 so special and for providing shoes, bags, and uniforms for 2025



#### Dear Donors.

On behalf of ECCT, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue providing vital assistance to vulnerable children. Together, we are creating a brighter future for those in need.

Warm regards, **Owen Lisulo Executive Director, ECCT** 





#### PRAYER REQUESTS: JOIN US IN SEEKING GOD FOR THESE AND MORE.

- 1. Thank God for sustaining the organisation through challenges and changing environments.
- Thank God for the generous hearts giving to the children, both financially and in-kind.
- Praise God for keeping the children at the Children's Home 3. healthy and safe.
- 4 Pray for continued strength, commitment and a heart of love for the Children for all staff who serve the children. We also pray for the well-being of staff who have left ECCT in 2024.
- 5. Thank God for granting wisdom to donors, trustees/board members, management, and administrators working to uphold ECCT's vision and mission.
- 6. Pray for rains to bless drought-affected areas in Zambia and for resources to be used wisely.
- Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all 7. children supported by ECCT. Pray that all the children's needs are met in every area of their lives.
- 8. Ask God to lead and guide ECCT as we aim for a successful year, 2025, ahead. May God guide all efforts and decisions.







## You made 2024 possible for the Children.



#### **HIS LIFE COULD HAVE ENDED!**

In the last guarter of 2024, baby **Dickson** was entrusted to our care at the Children's Home in Nakatindi at iust 1 month and 2 weeks years old. His start in life was marked by heartbreak; his mother, struggling with alcoholism, attempted to discard (throw) him in a toilet, a moment that could have ended his vouna life.

Thankfully, Dickson was rescued, and his mother remains in police custody as the case continues.

Every child deserves the chance to live, to be loved, and to thrive. We thank God for sparing his life, and for the chance to give him a new beginning. Today, baby Dickson is healthy, safe, and surrounded by love.



The literacy program at The feeding program at the Children's continued as Mentors brought so much smiles. Mercy and Daniel met the children weekly. In the photo: Ausher, Fred, Brian, Daniel, Eliot, Violet,



Home Ebenezer Primary School Grateful for the hard work put in by the cooks. In the photo: Elizabeth, a grade 5 (6 in 2025) at EPS.



In the photo: Auntie Annie singing for the children. We make it a habit to have the little ones have special activities in their homes such as cultural dance sessions, story telling, and others. You should see what playful and captivating activities do for these children. Simply priceless.

It takes \$85 to take care of a child at Ebenezer Child Care Trust monthly JNCLUDJNG their feeding, education, medical, clothing, and/or shelter. TAKETHE STEP NOW!



## A memorable Festive Season It has Been!

#### EBENEZER! THIS FAR THE LORD HAS BROUGHT US!

We began the festive season with a joyous Christmas Party at the school (EPS) for all the children (also signifying the end of the 3rd term), followed by another celebration at the Children's Home. To close the year, we held a beautiful Thanksgiving and Dedication service in the Chapel, attended by staff and children. It was a heartfelt time to thank God for His goodness throughout 2024 and to dedicate 2025 into His hands.

At the Children's Home, New Year's Eve and the start of the new year were truly beautiful moments of joy and togetherness.

THANK YOU for loving the children so deeply; praying for them, supporting them, and desiring the very best presently and for their future.





Dances from the ECE pupils







Daniel from the Homes graduates to grade 1



More graduates to grade 1. Iwake and others get certificates.



Children line up for their Christmas meals



Auntie Maggie distributing the Children's meals.



More Presentations



Baby Melody showed everyone that she wasn't ready to remain behind and danced.



Musonda (L) and Anthony (R) light up the stage.



Fred leads the Boys in a free style dance.



Esther, Nzila, and Adale (new) dance.



Amazing to see Baby Moses growing up and being part of the celebration.





Clothing for Christmas Mothers (Veronica and Ireen) with the children.



Auntie Esther serving food for the children.



Auntie Veronica equally serving food for the children.





Owen give the opening remarks during the Thanksgiving and Dedication Service

#### Reading of the scripture by Grace.

## Keeping Ebenezer's Vision & Mission Alive!



The implementation Children's of the Code Act No. 12 of 2022 has affected ECCT and the way we serve children. To adapt to this new environment, we have adopted the Circles Support model, of which is specifically designed to ensure that our vision and mission for the vulnerchild remain able relevant and effective.

### Bidding Farewell to 14 Staff in December 2024

As we remain compliant with the Law and reintegrate children back into the community, we have had to make some changes to our staffing, especially at the Children's Home, to meet the organisation's new needs and capacity while upholding the vision, mission, and values of ECCT.

We said goodbye to 4 housemothers, 2 Farewell Auntie Beatrice (Middle) served 12 We said goodbye to 4 housemothers, 2



helpers, 7 security staff, and 1 maintenance officer during the Thanksgiving and Dedication service. It was a bittersweet moment for everyone, children and staff alike, as we parted with these cherished team members. With the little we had, we showed our gratitude by giving each of them a gift and a Certificate of Service.

#### EBENEZER PRIMARY SCHOOL CROWNED 2024 CITW ECO-CLUB QUIZ CHAMPIONS



Our pupils proudly emerged 1<sup>st</sup> out of 7 participating schools in Livingstone during the CITW Eco-Club Quiz! Last year, EPS achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place, making this year's victory even more special. Congratulations to our amazing pupils and their dedicated mentors, Mrs Chilumba & Ms Lubinda, for their hard work and teamwork.



## VISITING AND GIVING WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Thank you for visiting and supporting us in 2024. We are very grateful for your generosity. Your kindness and love truly warmed our hearts.

We, especially, thank **Usha Parbhoo and family, Shaan Mehta, Amy** from The Waterfront Victoria Falls, **Christine M. Lisulo's friends and colleagues** from the Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya, Livingstone Resort, and **Dr. Rachel** from Livingstone for your generous contributions to Ebenezer Child Care Trust.

We deeply appreciate your love and support, along with that of our other donors, partners, and well-wishers.



# SUIT & SETUP UP A CHILD FOR SCHOOL



Your contributions have allowed us to begin securing school supplies for the 2025 academic year.

Distribution will commence once all the children have reported back to school. May you find joy in what you do for these children.



Thank you Dr. Melanie Ashleigh! Through your birthday fundraiser, we managed to acquire four brandnew laptops for the older children in school.



We still need your help with the following needs:

Microscope	\$500
Class Teacher's Tables	\$1,000
Projectors for EPS	\$800
Media Equip./Ac.	\$1,520
Utility Vehicle	\$16,500
Children's Bibles	\$2,500
ir Conditioners EPS Lab	\$1,600

THERE ARE MANY INSPIRING CAUSES LIKE OURS OUT THERE, YOU CHOSE ECCT. THANK YOU! You can reach us at:

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## THE ECE SECTION TO RECEIVE MUCH-NEEDED TOOLS AND MATERIALS

The Friends of Ebenezer, Australia, have raised an incredible US **\$1,500** to support the Children's Early Childhood Education tools and materials.

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support. May your generosity be abundantly replenished by our Lord God.