



Good Shepherd Centre

Helping the orphaned and vulnerable children of Chinhoyi

Here is a little update on what has been happening at the Good Shepherd centre in the last few months. As you will all be aware Corona Virus has impacted every country across the world and the Good Shepherd centre did not go unaffected. Schools were closed and the children had to stay within the centre walls. The housemothers educated the children on the importance of good hygiene and hand washing to help prevent the spread of the virus.

When restrictions were lifted some of the children got busy participating in a two week training program through the Back to Eden Trust, where they learnt about Foundations for farming. The children set to work using their new skills to help a local widow plant her crops. Every child has their own vegetable garden helping developing a sense of independence within themselves which will help them in their future. They also have a chicken project where the children are the ones who are at the forefront in managing the chickens making sure the chickens are fed and watered.



Answered Prayers

For a while now the team have been praying for running water because the municipal water was not a reliable supply. Without clean water many diseases like cholera and typhoid might be rampant. Our prayers have been answered and they now have a solar borehole! Praise the Lord.



The Good Shepherd Centre is currently providing a home for 44 children,

Every child is precious and loved as you can imagine it takes a lot of work looking after this many.

We are so grateful for all the staff at the Good Shepherd centre for all their hard work and dedication.



Back to school

After being in lockdown due to Covid 19 the children are all very pleased to have now returned to school. A massive THANK YOU to the amazing donors who have paid for the school fees for the children and also funded new uniforms, shoes, stationary and satchels.

Don't the children look super smart!

The team at the Good Shepherd are also incredibly proud of Luckmore one of the children who is now in his third year of university studying Sociology.

Spiritual development

The children are excited about going to church and are encouraged to participate in different bible teachings, bible sessions in order for them to grow spiritually and be familiar with the word of God.

'Much more of God' is the word Pastor Eshwin Makozho had for this year and he is currently teaching on the five prayer points of Jabez from 1 Chronicles 4 9-10.



Blankets donated by "The Bridge Zim" ready for the winter months.

Whats next?

The Good Shepherd Centre is aiming to be self sufficient by 2025.

Needs:

The Good shepherd centre is in need of a mini bus to help transport the children and collect food donations.

Solar panels would help reduce outgoings and provide a more reliable source of electricity.

Everything that happens at the Good shepherd centre is thanks to amazing donations. If you would like to find out more, get involved, make a one off or monthly donation please visit <https://www.goodshepherdcentre.org.zw> Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Celebrations

Who does not like a party!

Celebrations are necessary for children to develop a sense of being at home and not of being institutionalised.



Birthdays are celebrated each month by singing and a small gift to the child, we would love to have a annual party to celebrate all the birthdays. If you would like to give towards celebrations at the good shepherd centre please get in touch and we will be happy to assist you.

Thanks again to the amazing donations, we were able to put on a fantastic Christmas party for the children and the families of those involved in helping the Good Shepherd Centre. A bouncy castle, DJ, water slide were hired and special visit from Santa and Mickey mouse. There was also a feast to be had and Gifts for all the children.

