

AUGUST 2024

Newsletter

Dear friends and supporters,

We're excited to share with you an update on the ministry that we have done because of friends and supporters like you. As you know we are committed to do all things with excellence and expect results that are transformation in the lives of the families and children we serve.

As we thank you, we are also profoundly grateful to God for His love, protection, and provision. His faithfulness has been our constant source of strength and inspiration, enabling us to fulfill our vision to bring transformation in our community.

Thank you and thank you everyone for your support and encouragement. Please know that your contributions, big or small, have made a significant impact, in the lives of teachers, administration, children and members of your community. We know we will not be where we are if you have not come alongside with us.

Construction of Community Boreholes

We successfully constructed two community boreholes, bringing clean water to many households in one of the villages we serve. Every borehole we build saves lives, as it reduces the risk of water-borne diseases and improves overall community health. We are also educating the community on effective water management and conservation practices.

Spiritual Development

Our Bible study program at Noah's Arc has continued to thrive, showing remarkable results in shaping young minds and hearts. During this holiday, we held several Bible study sessions that helped the children deepen their knowledge of biblical stories, values, and principles. Their commitment to prayer has also grown stronger as they seek guidance and wisdom from God.

Visiting Children in Schools

During the last term, we made visits to our children at various schools and spent time with them. We enjoy seeing them and offer them emotional support, reassurance, encouragement, and guidance. These visits also gave us the chance to monitor their academic performance and personal growth. We are so proud that most of them are doing well.

Our First Computer Lab

We are thrilled to announce that we received a generous donation of 12 computers and everything that was needed to create our first computer lab. This new lab will be a HUGE impact on our children's educational journey. They are already learning and exploring interactive and digital learning programs and multimedia resources. making their learning experience even richer.

A Visit from ThinSpace Africa

In July, we were honored to host a team from the USA, Spain, and England. The U.S. team came from five different states, adding to the diversity of perspectives they brought with them to us. Led by ThinSpace Africa's Director of Partnerships and Programs, Enock De Assis, and coordinated by Claudia Wilroy, the team focused on relationship building, sharing valuable expertise with our children, staff, and the community. Their visit also included career guidance and counseling for our children, as well as creating new networking opportunities, which strengthened relationships within our organization. One of the team members, Steven Murphy, even stay an extra week and volunteered with us. We love the team and Steven.

Income Generation and Financial Responsibility

We are thankful to God for providing the means to raise funds to support Noah's Arc. As you know, these funds are crucial to our success. Below is a summary of our income and expenditure from January to August 2024:

Income

- Donations: \$128,630.68
- Internally Generated Income: \$132,535.54
- Total Income: \$258,559.58

We're pleased to report an increase in internally generated income. Our school, which serves both charitable for the orphan children, families who can afford, and income-generating purposes, is a key step towards our goal of self-sustainability in the coming years. We are grateful that families, who can pay for the education of their children, have chosen to send the children to us because of the quality of the education we offer at Noah Arc.

Expenditure

- Children's Home ("orphanage"): \$43,094.33
- Education (high-school, college and university): \$26,204.22
- Administration: \$54,640.74
- Primary School (Joy School): \$84,356.18
- Capital Expenses: \$46,617.38
- Outreach Program: \$3,646.73

Challenges Encountered in the Second Quarter

1. Health Issues: We faced challenges with illnesses among children and staff members. One staff member, Lucy, underwent jaw surgery and is still recovering. Additionally, an outbreak of animal disease affected income generation.
2. Inflation: High inflation rates, driven by domestic supply and demand issues in agriculture, have been a significant challenge.
3. Bereavement: Unfortunately, we have experienced losses within our community, including stakeholders, friends, and staff members who have lost loved ones.
4. Drought: A nearly three-month drought has affected our operations.
5. Staffing: We lost six of our teachers to government jobs.
6. Electrical Damage: Sudden electric shocks damaged property worth \$2,500.

Next Plans Before Closing 2024

- Construction of the girls' dormitory.
- Directors' travel to the U.S. for vision casting, partnership development, and fundraising (September 18th - November 5th, 2024).
- Christmas celebrations for children and staff.
- National Exams: 48 of our children will be sitting for national exams at different levels. Please keep them in your prayers as they undertake this challenging task.
- Hosting one volunteer for a month in November.

Thank you!

We are deeply honored to have you as a partner with us. Your dedication, support, prayers, and love for us and our children means the world to us. We are where we are because of you and God. Thank you!



