

EBENEZER 2ND QUARTER BULLETIN

APRIL 2019

GREETINGS

A note from the Principal

Welcome Ebenezer Friends to our bulletin as we conclude the 2nd quarter.

Ebenezer continues to

experience rapid growth each year as the school is doubling its enrolment, almost hitting 400 this year. Each academic

year brings new challenges and experiences to the school. What we see happening at Ebenezer far exceeds our expectations. Our children continue to enjoy quality education that is benchmarked to other private schools in town. Our sincere gratitude goes to the partners for

the continued support both spiritually and financially. Ebenezer has it all, small classes, conducive learning environment

that promotes learning and a variety of curriculum enrichment resources. It is a school rich in culture. May the Lord Bless Ebenezer as we

continue to serve Him.

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SPORTS DAY!



The 11th of April was the official whole school sports day at Ebenezer.

All classes from Reception to Grade 7 participated in various sporting activities which included relay races, potato race, bean bag race, 3-legged race and sack race. The school was divided into three groups namely the Cheetahs, Leopards and Lions and they contest against each other.

The day was filled with so much fun as displayed by the smiling faces of our children.

Everyone tried their level best to cross the finish line.

EBENEZER: EDUCATING, INFLUENCING, NURTURING



NEW STAFF

Join us in celebrating the new additions to the Ebenezer family!

NELLIE KAYIRA, grade 6 teacher. Very passionate, enthusiastic and a natural. Nellie is open to learn new ideas that help her in the classroom and her smile brightens the classroom.



PRECIOUS TSITSI, a certified teacher is currently acting as General Teaching Assistant, teaching special subjects in grade 3-5. He is also undergoing training to manage the library system. He entertains the staff with his guitar skills during devotions.



MADALO ALUFANDIKA joined the school as Assistant Teacher in the Pre-Kindergarten class. She is young and energetic and her love for children can be seen.



POFERA JONATHAN Grade 5 teacher likes to write stories. We trust he will help with the production of publications at the school.



PAMELA MWALABU took over the Kindergarten B class. A trained Early Childhood Educator, she has shown commitment and building strong relationships with her class.



CHISOMO KANDULU came as a temporary Assistant Teacher in September and was later recruited on a permanent basis. She is very dedicated in her duties and has quickly integrated into the system.



IN MEMORIAL



On 11 January 2019, the school lost Mr. Dick van de Velde who was the project supervisor for Classroom Blocks 7 and 8 and the Late Mariella Provost Memorial Hall at Ebenezer School.

Together with his wife Netty, who joined him on most of his projects, they supported many families in different ways and were committed to the Nkhoma CCAP Church where he carried out maintenance works every now and then.

Our deepest condolences go to Netty and family. May His Soul Continue resting in Peace.

VOLUNTEERS

AMY ANDREASEN, A PE TEACHER FROM LADERA RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA IS IN CHARGE OF PE CLASSES IN BOTH THE PRE SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL. SHE HAS INTRODUCED NEW SPORTING ACTIVITIES TOGETHER WITH SUPPLIES AT THE SCHOOL. SHE IS INVOLVED WITH READING GROUPS TOO.



PAULINE SCHULENBERG, FROM GERMANY IS AN HONEST AND RELIABLE YOUNG WOMAN. SHE LIKES TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE THINGS AND TO SERVE OTHERS WITH HER TIME AND TALENTS. SHE IS HANDS ON IN THE LIBRARY, RECORDING NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM, MENDING DAMAGED BOOKS AND INVOLVED IN GUIDED READING.

LEONIE EIKMEIER ANOTHER CO-WORKER FROM GERMANY IS A MATURE AND RELIABLE YOUNG WOMAN. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT GIRL'S FOOTBALL. SHE HELPS WITH GUIDED READING, PE AND ENJOYS ORGANISING EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL



"To all the surprise visitors, who stop by to see our school, and the numerous gifts and support you bring to the school, we convey our sincere gratitude. Spread the word and let others experience the warmth at the school."

- Chrissie Mbewe (Principal)

WE SALUTE RECEPTION CLASS TEACHERS!

They are 3-year olds who join the Reception class. Sounds of joy and laughter fill the classroom. They come from different backgrounds. Those with day care experience have no problems adjusting to the new

BIG HAPPY CLASS



environment. Let alone the ones coming straight from home, with no exposure to schooling

facilities, they yell for their mums, too shy to tell the teacher they have to visit the bathroom.

Willad Kenani in Reception Class A used to run away from class whilst screaming on top of his voice for his mother to come to his rescue. **Famous Noah** would cry and throw himself on the floor pleading with the teacher to let him go home to his parents. To other children, the flush toilet is a new experience. They would sneak around the classroom to help themselves leaving the Assistant teachers to clean up.

Towards the end of Term 1, they were all settled in class,

singing songs of praise to the Lord and telling stories.

It takes a lot of love, care, creativity and initiative from the teachers to help the Reception class settle for school. May the Lord continue to bless you Reception Class teachers and fill you with much wisdom to enable you carry on with the good works.

BUDDIES!



EXTRAORDINARY STORY

Chikondi Sendaluzi

Chikondi Sendaluzi suffered severe burns last November and spent many months including last Christmas and New Year at Nkhoma hospital. Chikondi was only discharged in March 2019. During the month of March, Chikondi was determined to come to school each morning after the Doctor's round. He travels about an hour to get to school each day. The wounds are still healing, and we request your help to pray for a complete healing



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CONSTRUCTION

A leap of faith was taken by the school in September 2014 to double the size of Ebenezer. We have experienced the hand of God who has opened many doors to finance the infrastructure including furniture as the school expands. We now have a new classroom Block 9 consisting of 3 new classrooms to accommodate Grade 3A - 5A during the period 2019 - 2021



The project was supervised by a young and energetic Marten Vogel, a fresh Civil Engineering Graduate from the Netherlands. Marten was very passionate

about his task. He would get frustrated when materials were not delivered on time. He came up with a strategy that worked very well to build during the rainy season. A very adventurous Marten travelled to many tourist destinations in Malawi, including Likoma Island crossing the border into Zambia. He was very friendly to his workers. He returned to the Netherlands on 5th March 2019 to pursue his career.



Marten handed over the project to Geerten Ter Haar, son to the Founding Director of the School, Willeke Ter Haar. Geerten

supervised the final touches to Block 9 but has been assigned another project, the Single staff housing project underway! God is a working at Ebenezer School, and we praise His name.

Geerten is another Civil Engineering Graduate from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

His project started at a slow pace as the rains were still pouring in Nkhoma. Slowly he has picked up and the foundation for the 5 single housing blocks is complete. The first 3 houses are at an advance level.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

FUNDING FOR THE SINGLE HOUSING BLOCK IS ENOUGH TO BUILD 3 HOUSES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER LEAP OF FAITH TO CONSTRUCT A FOUNDATION FOR 5 HOUSES. WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND ACCOMMODATE OUR STAFF.

WE STILL HAVE CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$300 USD PER YEAR PER CHILD IS A HUGE HELP. INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OUR WEBPAGE ON CHILDREN WHO ARE AVAILABLE.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING OUR WEBPAGE WITH A NEW DOMAIN NAME:
EBENEZERNKHOMA.COM