

Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries

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Tawana working on his scrapbook

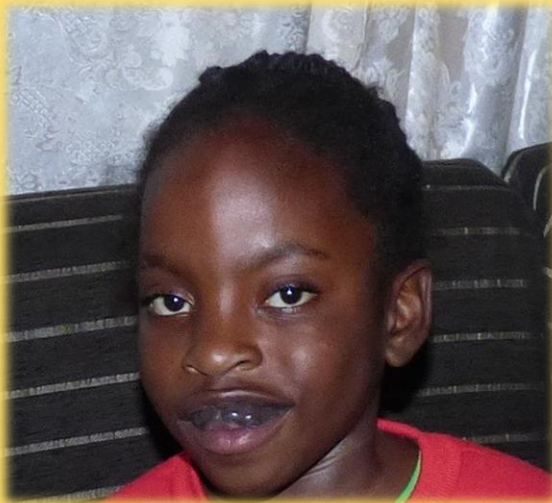
Update on Tawananyasha

Tawananyasha, a 10-year-old resident of the Chileleko Home who is profoundly hearing impaired, was fitted with hearing aids a few months ago, courtesy of Jonathan's Impact. To help him with his speech, which is still very difficult to understand, he has been enrolled in speech therapy twice a week. In January, he will be enrolled in Emerald Hill School for the Deaf in Harare, where he will receive specialized assistance with his speech. The cost of the school, including transportation fees, is about \$2300 a year, which is a \$2000 increase over his tuition costs last year. Your donations make this specialized assistance for children like Tawana possible. Here is a snippet of one of his speech therapy sessions.



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Surgery for Shammah



Before Dental Surgery



After Dental Surgery

Shammah, a 9 year old resident of the Chileleko Home who has a chronic illness, had a delayed onset of the emergence of her adult teeth. Her teeth were fully developed, but remained below her gums, which had darkened. Because of her chronic illness, she had to stay in the hospital for several days for a surgical procedure to remove her overgrown gum. You can see the excitement in her face upon seeing her new smile. From Home Director Lucia Dandahuni: "It was so emotional. She cried when she first saw her teeth."

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NEW HEARING AIDS FOR PROGRESS

Progress, a former resident of Chileleko who aged out of the home and has returned as a part-time caretaker, also suffers with a profound hearing impairment. She had been using over-the-counter hearing aids for the last several years, but those were grossly inadequate to address her severe/profound hearing loss. She was gifted with a new pair of top-of-the-line hearing aids from her foster father and Jonathan's Impact, who shared the cost of the \$2700 purchase. Her improved sense of hearing will help her greatly both in her care of the children at the home and with her customer service in her career as a hairdresser. Thanks again to our donors for making these special gifts possible!

BUDGETARY UPDATE FOR 2026

Jonathan's Impact Board Members Emilio Russo, Sara Russo, Cassy DiLeo, Stephen DiLeo, Jim Thomas, and Greg Adams met this month to determine our goals and budget for 2026. Because of a decrease in our funding over the last few years, Jonathan's Impact will no longer be able to fund the tuition for the children of Shammah House. However, Jonathan's Impact will continue to assist Shammah House with their food budget, uniforms, and Christmas gifts for their children. Assistance with the Aging Out Program at Shammah House will be determined on a case-by-case basis, as funds permit. Jonathan's Impact will continue with full support of the Chileleko Home. To donate, please go to jonathansimpact.org or mail a check to 162 Beau Arbore Court, Covington, LA, 70433, U.S.A.

Our next mission trip will be from Thursday March 26 – Saturday, April 4, 2026. The approximate cost is \$2000 - \$2500 per person. If you would like to join us, please call Cassy at 985-273-9822 or Stephen at 985-249-1612 or email us at cmdileo@live.com or stdileo@live.com.