

Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries

November 2024 Newsletter

Thanks again for all your support! Jonathan's Impact conducted a board meeting on 20 October 2024, and we have some good updates to report.

As you know, Jonathan's Impact has been providing the support for the **Chilileko Home** and the food budget for **Shammah House**. We are also providing Aging Out programs for both homes. We are excited to report that in addition to the food budget for the Shammah House, we will be providing education and uniform fees for the residents there in 2025.

Here are some updates from each home.

From the **Shammah Home**, we received an End of Year report from the Shammah Home. We highlight one of the children at the home for your review. We also have updates on our 3 aging out residents (Knowledge, Innocent and Brian) as well as Precious who has completed training. Here is a summary from Gari Masuka and Home Director Daniel Munetsi.

We are pleased to report that Precious completed her training as a hair stylist. She secured employment at the time of finishing her course and has since moved on. Our prayer for her is that she would run her own Hairdressing Salon and testify of the goodness of the Lord.

Innocent has always been a quick learner. He can easily rewrite and pass the two subjects he failed. He is currently looking for an attachment placement. With the help of the church community, we are sure that he will get it.

Concerning Brian, it seems to me that he may struggle to pass the theoretical part of his work. The good thing is that he is a well-disciplined young man with a good spirit. His character has caused some of the congregants at his Glenview church to come to his aid. A lady by the name of Mrs. Shato is always offering him part-time jobs.

Knowledge was most hurt by the former director of the Shammah Home. This caused a long delay in his getting proper training. He has also shifted his interest from graphic design to being a fitness trainer. We hope he (Knowledge) will find opportunities to use his training in the new area."

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Innocent



Brian

Jonathan's Impact is to provide toolboxes for Innocent and Brian and is following up on Knowledge's needs as he moves forward.

We are in a much better position to provide aging out support for residents going forward, as the team on the ground there is very dedicated to securing futures for those who age out of the program. Also, as we've been involved with the home for a couple of years now, we are more familiar with the residents and staff members.

From the **Chilileko Home** – Chicken, duck, and fish projects have been started at the home. The old swimming pool at the home is proving adequate for the raising of tilapia, it seems. This is providing not only some food but sales revenues for the home.

In 2025 we are to provide funding for a new and deeper bore hole for the home's irrigation and home needs. Other needs are replacements for the home refrigerator and microwave oven. As you may recall, we were able to provide the home with a van on our last mission trip. We will now provide maintenance and insurance costs in the 2025 budget.

From the **Shammah Home** - The home provides shelter to nine children, seven boys, and two girls, supported by two Caregivers and one remedial lessons teacher. Hands of Hope and Jonathan's Impact continue to contribute significantly to the project with things such as a shelter/ accommodation for the children, structural maintenance of the home, and

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social, spiritual, psychological, and moral support to children through counselling, annual camps, and scripture study materials. Children and caregivers' advisory services and support, amongst many other things as well as annual refresher camps for foster parents/home directors, projects training/seminars for poverty alleviation and home sustenance.



Despite the water challenges we faced this year we have continued with gardening to supplement the children's diet as well as teaching them gardening skills. This season a total of 700 heads of king onions were harvested amongst other garden green produce. We are happy that the project is going well, and that the children are learning and enjoying it.

Shammah Resident report:



Each year we witness Blessing Manyame growing to be a responsible young man. He is now 12 years old and doing grade 6 at Prospect Primary school. He is an A student who is excelling in academics. He also has good leadership skills. When he grows up, he wants to be a medical doctor.

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Chilileko Residents report:



Tarisai best student in form 3 Arts (English, History, Shona, Literature, Sociology, Family and Religion studies); Kuzileza was awarded the most behaved student in form 1. They are attending the UMAA Mission Boarding School.

Financial Summary

In summary, we are projecting that our donations to the Chilileko and Shammah Homes for 2025 to be approximately \$58,000. Our projected total expenditure for 2025 is approximately \$62,800. This includes the items listed above for Chilileko, the Shammah Aging Out program, Christmas funds, borehole, new appliances, and website/credit card processing costs. We very much appreciate your continued donations, without which we would not be able to meet these needs.

MISSION TRIP 2025

The next Mission Trip to Zimbabwe is planned for May 16-24, 2025. We will arrive in Harare on May 16th at 12:40 pm local time.

Donations to Jonathan's Impact can be done via our website:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=1c7adc>, or by mail at 162 Beau Arbre Court, Covington, LA 70433.

We cannot thank you enough for your support of Jonathan's Impact, as well as the residents of the Chilileko and Shammah Homes.