

Esther's House Ministries Newsletter

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With the help of a local pastor we were able to find two more little girls for the residential orphan program at Esther's House! On October 5 we welcomed 4-year-old Patuma Patrick, and on October 23 we received 4-year-old Busisiwe Kabanda. They have both been such a blessing to Esther's House! Patuma has brought so much life and energy to the other children and staff, and Busisiwe is just the sweetest and most affectionate girl. There are now 9 orphans living at Esther's House and 42 children participating in our non-residential orphan program.



We have recently enrolled a 12-year-old boy named Chiyembekezo Makwinja into our non-residential program. It recently came to our attention that a girl in our program, Christina Kalembela, was the head of a child-run household and that she was taking care of her brother. Both of their parents passed away in 2002, and they have been living on their own since then. It is difficult to imagine that an 18-year-old girl could have been

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward. Matthew 10:42

Storm damages Esther's House dormitory

fending for herself and her little brother for the past 8 years, but that is just another reality of life in Malawi. We are so glad to have Chiyembekezo at Esther's House participating in our feeding program and our after-school classes where he can learn English and be fed spiritually.

We have made a lot of progress towards bringing electricity to Esther's House this month. We have had dialogues with the District Commissioner of Ntcheu about our situation and the chief has spoken with the First Lady. They have been very encouraging and supportive of our cause. There have been children and staff living at Esther's House for over a year now



without electrification, and we are praying that in the very near future electricity will be available for not only Esther's House but also the surrounding village of Madzanje.

On October 21 Esther's House experienced severe roof damage during a rainstorm. Although the rainy season does not officially start until mid-November, we have experienced several short rainstorms this month. They usually only last 20 minutes or so, but because

Esther's House resides in a flat area, the wind during the storm has proved to be more damaging than the rain. The roof over the girl's dormitory was peeled back over the barbed wire and brick wall. We were fortunate enough to find assistance from a nearby German orphanage and a local pastor and were able to detach the portion of the roof that had fallen over the wall. The next morning Esther's House staff and Malawians were able to reattach undamaged portions of the roof and remove the bent and twisted sheet metal. 2/3 of the roof remains uncovered. We are very fortunate and blessed that no one was harmed during this accident, but we still lack the funding to replace the missing roof. It is very important that this repair is completed before the rainy season begins, and we are praying that others will assist us in funding the repairs.

Please Pray for:

Progress in our electrification project.

Funds for repair of roof.

New residential orphans sponsorships

Financial support for Cindy House to reach goal (currently still at 60-65% of need)

Please share the website with everyone.

www.puremission.org

Select "Support an orphan" or "Send a servant" or "Support a project" and follow the prompts to make a one-time donation or set up monthly support which only requires one entry to set up.

Thank you all for keeping Esther's House a priority in your life and prayers.