**CHILD ADMISSION REPORT AT BETHANY**

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Full name: Dorcas Emmanuel Helman

Father’s name: Emmanuel Helman  
Mother’s name: Kefleni Makoye  
Date of Birth: 23/03/2014  
Place of Birth: Busega (Buyorwa)  
Date of Admission: 01/11/2020  
Reason for admission: Orphan  
Favourite colour: Blue  
Tribe: Sukuma  
Religion: Christian  
Class: Toddlers  
Favourite subject: Writing  
Favourite food: Ugali and vegetable  
Favourite drink: Miranda soda  
Best friend at Bethany: Misoji Mathias   
Sex: Female  
Height: 100cm  
Weight: 12kg

**DORCAS EMMANUEL HELMAN’S STORY (A NAME GIVEN TO HER AT BETHANY)**

Dorcas has a twin sister named Doreen at Bethany and another set of older twin brothers (Edson and Edwin). All four children are from the same parents. The mother has given birth to three sets of twins and four other children. Therefore, Dorcas is one of ten children, though one has passed away.

The mother lives in a very rural village next to Sogesca (where Bethany is) called Buyorwa. It is a place at the shore of the Lake Victoria and many people make their living through doing illegal fishing of small fish called sardines and other petty businesses. The place is overcrowded with very little for individuals to survive on.

Dorcas’ mother was married but her husband passed away a few years ago because of HIV (a disease which is very common in this area). Therefore, she was left with all these children to look after. She is illiterate herself and only one of her children goes to school. The church nearby where Emmakulatha Zephaniah (Our Bethany Headteacher) and her husband attend every Sunday, started a programme of going around and identifying children and families which they could help provide something basic such as nutritious food, shelter etc and they discovered Dorcas’ family.

The pastor of the church helping these various families alongside Emmakulatha and her husband Zephaniah, went and saw the actual environment of these children and approached Miss Jesca Paulo (Bethany Project Coordinator) and asked if we would be able to help this lady take care of some of her children. Miss Paulo did some investigations of her own and was convinced of the situation. Some pictures have been attached to the story for you to see the actual environment Dorcas and her fellow children were living in, and which her mother and other siblings are still living in as of today.

The children were very malnourished when they came to Bethany and were treated for things like roundworm and improved their diet. We are happy that they are settling into Bethany very well and coping with the environment. They have started going to school, though not officially but they are slowly getting into the routine and by next year, we’ll be able to register them officially and sort out their school uniforms etc.



Home for Dorcas and Doreen where they lived with their mother and 8 brothers and sisters

Doreen and Dorcas