**BETHANY CHILDREN’S HOME AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL – Nov 2020**

**Aims and Objectives**:

***To help the most underprivileged, deprived and vulnerable members of society, especially orphaned children, providing education where possible. It will carry out this work with love, commitment, and compassion.***

History Timeline - highlights

* 1989 - Following a request for help Paul Morley and Dave Shaw visited Magu,

near Mwanza and agreed to provide a Children’s Home.

* 1990 – Land provided adjoining Yitwimila village
* 1991 – Start of Building Project
* 1992 – Registered as a Non Government Organisation ‘The Bethany Project’ 8059
* 1993 – Registered as a Children’s Home with the Ministry for Social Welfare
* 1995 – Phase 1 Dormitories and Clinic building completed
* 1997 – Children arrived.
* 1998 – Landrover arrived from the UK. Funded primarily by Central Gospel

Mission, with smaller donations from e,g St Pauls School Nelson

* 1999 – Water Tower (32,000 litres) with Solar panels (24), Water pump and

secondary solar tower with panels (36), charger, inverter and batteries

installed and provided with the assistance of Rotary International.

* 2003 – New Kitchen and Dining Room built by East Midlands Universities Air

Squadron

* 2004 – 1st study tour to England by 31 Bethany children for 6 weeks

Part of Dining Room blown down

* 2005 – Phase 2 Girl’s Dormitories for 60 built by Hope Church, Oswaldtwistle

Land cruiser purchased via a donation from the RAF Squadron who had

secured a grant from an insurance company supporting the

‘Kids 2 care 4’ charity

* 2006 – Famine relief provided by Bethany to surrounding area

Refurbishment of old Kitchen and dining room

2nd study tour to England for 30 Bethany children for 6 weeks

Old Clinic building converted into classrooms, library, storeroom and

new toilet block

* 2007 – 8 older Bethany students visit England to study for 12 months
* 2008 – New Manager’s House built

Large Multi – Purpose Building built (later used by older Girls)

2 Dormitories refurbished

New Office and Computer Room refurbished

7 students on completing their studies return to Bethany. 1 boy enters

further education, 3 boys secure full time work, 2 girls accept teacher

assistant posts at Isamilo school, Mwanza, 1 girl returned to England

with 2 more to take a 2 year diploma course in child care and education

* 2009 – 143 children comprising 18 pre school, 94 at Yitwimila Primary School, 7 at

Sogeska Secondary School, 3 in the UK taking a 2 year diploma in

Childcare and Education, 3 at Bethany preparing for further study in the

UK, 7 taking vocational courses and, 3 taking computer training to secure

employment, 7 training in baby care at Forever Angels home in Mwanza

and 1 studying hotel management

3rd Study tour to England for 20 children and 2 staff

* 2010 – Dining Room with serving area and library built to replace existing.
* 2011 – Charity change name from Northern Evangelical Trust to The Bethany

Project (Tanzania) UK

Boys (infants/juniors) Dormitory built

* 2012 - 4th Study Tour for 12 children and 2 staff
* 2013 - Jesca and Emmakulatha achieve a 1st class Hons and 2/1 degrees

respectively from Lancaster University

1st Bethany newsletter published

Bethany site (40 acres) purchased from local villagers for £7,200

* 2014 - Jesca and Emmakulatha return to Bethany with UK Teaching Certificates

Accommodation for Visitors built

Joyce Malate 1st Bethany girl to be married

Nkamba, Elizabeth and Stella start their 2 year course in children’s care

learning and development, joining 5 others at Blackburn College

* 2015 - Phase 1 of the Pre-Primary School built with Toilets and Staff

accommodation

School registered

Emmakulatha (former Bethany child) appointed as Headteacher

14 older children baptized in Lake Victoria

Sophia achieves a 1st class Hons at Lancaster University

* 2016 – 5th Study tour to England for 12 children and 1 staff
* 2017 – Phase 2 of the Pre-Primary School built for 216 children enrolled (114

Bethany and 102 village)

Daniel Bujiku (manager) and Eliada Bujiku resigned prior to dismissal for

sexual abuse and collaboration. The new management team of Jesca and

Mwita (former Bethany children) appointed

Faustine Duttu appointed as Lawyer for Bethany

Emmakulatha (HT) marries Zephaniah

* 2018- Accommodation for Headteacher built

Bethany Board of Directors appointed

Tractor purchased with funds from the Souter Charitable Trust in the UK

Former Clinic Block upgraded

* 2019- 6th Study tour to England for 14 children and 2 staff

The Bethany Book published

Bethany Construction drawn up

Chapel/classroom built

* 2020 - Boys (older) Dormitory built

Tragic Vehicle Accident causing the death of Baraka Juma

New vehicle appeal raised £46,000