**BRIEF HISTORY OF A CHILD’S ADMISSION AT BETHANY FAMILY.**

Full name: Edwin Emmanuel Helman  
Fathers Name: Emmanuel Helman  
Mother’s name: Kefleni Makoye  
Date of Birth: 14/10/2012  
Place of Birth: Busega (Buyorwa)  
Date of admission: 01/11/2020  
Reason of Admission: Orphan  
Best colour: Orange  
Favourite food: Ugali and Dagaa  
Best friend: Chacha Chacha  
Best subject: Reading  
Tribe: Sukuma  
Class: Toddlers  
Sex: Male  
Religion: Christian  
Height: 113cm  
Weight: 16kg

**EDWIN EMMANUEL HELMAN’S STORY (A NAME GIVEN TO HIM AT BETHANY)**

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

The mother leaves 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.

Edwin’s mother was married but her husband passed away 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 Edwin’s 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 Director) 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 Edwin and his 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.