

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

- 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 servery 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
24 girls baptized in Lake Victoria
- 2021 - School Staff Toilets built
Village Community support started
Stella and Hamza (former Bethany children) married
New Landcruiser vehicle purchased