

# EMMA'S KIDS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013



Warm Christian Greeting,

Emma's Kids Christian Academy has reopened and going strong. We have been praying and believing God for this miracle. How did it happen? The favor of God.

The kids are so happy to be back in their school. Praise and Worship begins every morning in the chapel at 07:00. Bible classes are part of their curriculum and are taught every day. The Word of God does make a difference for it is living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit. Heb. 4:12.

The Ministry of Education inspected our school for reopening in November 2012. They were very happy with what they found and worked diligently with us. They have committed to assist us with teachers, which mean the government will pay them. A retired head teacher agreed to come for a very small fee and run the school. Early December he was here planning. A lot of the materials were already on the shelf, just waiting.

This same teacher accepted our first Emma's Kid in 1997 when other schools refused. Most public schools were not fond of the street kids behaviors. One day I remember telling one of the head teachers that, "Someday our kids will be teaching yours."

Five of our Emma's Kids who have completed grade 12 are now assisting their younger brothers and sisters. They are humbled to be involved with kids they can easily relate to. You will be pleased to witness the fruits of your labor over the years. (Photos included.)

Through the assistance of the PTA and your donations, we are having school uniforms made. This is an area of need as some kids can not afford them. Emma's Kids school caters to the vulnerable. There are 305 children registered, a lot of uniforms to come up with.

Most of the kids are from the village and the majority is orphans. One elderly widowed grandmother came walking on a cane to ask if she could do some piece work to pay for her two grandchildren's uniforms. She was assured her grandchildren would receive the uniforms free and start eating from the kitchen.





Chapel



Landscaping the school grounds

Another focus of the school is to introduce the kids to a world vision, pointing them toward the Great Commission. Matt. 28:19

In the middle of the conversation, he asks me how I found out about all of this. With a lump in my throat, my answer was, "Someone had to tell me." Rom.10:14. As a young Christian, I thought I had to go to the bush to find the Unreached.

Emma's Kids go to Kawana Village every Sunday and share at the Great Commission church. Recently a Muslim friend stood in the crowd afar listening to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is a doctor (surgeon) from Egypt. When learning he was Muslim, I was hesitating to allow him to move into the Emma's Kids apartments, until the Lord whispered, Tell him about me! I paused.

### Emma's Kids Farm and Loaves and Fishes.

Sometimes it seems like nothing is moving, then suddenly a **SPARK**. I heard my husband Rodger talking about praying and speaking positively over the farm as he walks. I visited the farm with our overseer, Bishop Israel Simbaya, and we were amazed. The maize was everywhere, and very full, one with seven ears.

A large field of red onions have been planted and looking great. This could really assist us when selling them at the Congo border. The citrus trees and banana trees are everywhere with much fruit.

One evening when I was visiting him, he insisted on serving me some of his freshly prepared food, I accepted. As I lifted my head from praying quietly, he was looking straight into my eyes. He asks "Tell me about your God." Through tears that only God could see, I proceeded.



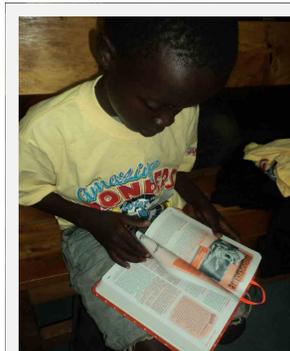
Class time



Chilufva instructing the kids



Great Commission



Bible Study



Cabbage



Bishop Simbaya and Rodger





Piggery

Loaves and Fishes College has not officially opened yet. Daniel Kasongo, director, continues to work on the registration renewal. Another four of our Emma's Kids graduates were given scholarships for college and shifted in December. The agreement is free schooling in exchange for tuition, food and shelter. They have really turned the farm around and are happy to see how the farm is coming up. Layer chickens have been purchased on a small scale, and we have started selling eggs. Recently, prisoners were hired to start digging fish ponds, and one is already well on its way. Photo to left.

The Theological Seminary donated to purchase pigs, and now we have a piggery with four little pigs, three females, Bacon, Ham and Sausage and Porky the male pig. Pig production is in high demand in Zambia.

The Soaring Eagles Soccer team continues to soar. Last season they even made it to the tournaments. We really do appreciate your support in this area. Financially it does get challenging. For those of you who do not feel this area of ministry is vital just ask the kids and come and see how they are able to minister when losing. (Oops) They are learning about team work, and that it takes a team effort to win a game. Now, the young eaglet's team has started. We are preparing them for the next generation of Christian Footballers.

Emma's Kids are pleased to announce that they have completed their first CD. "For I Know" Jer.29:11. Soon we will share with all of you, and I know you will be blessed.

Our family was challenged when our son Moses broke both arms and returned from surgery with two casts, from fingers to elbows. This was the only time I can remember being happy with having a strong willed child, as he was determined to conquer having those two cast. After awhile, he was already climbing trees. Moses was happy to figure it out but not as happy as his mommy was.

We'd like to say thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make this ministry successful. The task is not easy, but all things are possible when we put our trust in Him alone, remembering the poor and staying committed and focused on the Great Commission He has commanded us to do.

Emma's kids Ministry and our personal budget are at a critical moment. We do covert your prayers and ask that you believe with us. We could not be sent, or remain without you.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Fish pond



Moses Wikelund



Soaring Eagles



Emmas kids first CD