

Eden's Child

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



**Program Update
2023**

What We Did in 2023

A range of activities under the Eden's Child sponsorship program supported families and communities in 2023, including school fee coverage, provision of scholastic materials (such as uniforms, books, pens, pencils), shoes, hygiene materials, medical insurance to family members of every sponsored child, co-pay medical fees, and youth-focused initiatives (arts and crafts, computer training, etc.). Throughout the year, we ensured regular distributions of food items, particularly rice and beans, to all families in Eden's Child.





Sponsored Children Attending School



Sponsored Children Receiving Mattresses

School Visits

Beyond providing school supplies to the children supported by Eden's Child, our commitment extends to monitoring their educational progress. Recently, we visited many sponsored kids attending different schools like AMIZERO primary school. Our aim was to ensure these students not only received the necessary supplies but also to ensure their academic well-being and address any potential obstacles they might face. The delight on these children's faces upon receiving new school outfits was truly heartwarming, reflecting their joy and gratitude.



During our visit, we engaged in discussions with both the children and their teachers, offering encouragement and support. We emphasized the importance of hard work and focus in their studies, aiming to inspire them to excel academically.



Eden's Child Youth Camp (Youth Focus 2023)

In September, a transformative Youth Camp gathered young minds within Eden's Child from primary 6 through university. Beyond a typical camp, participants delved into essential lessons: knowing Christ (personal relationship with God), leadership skills, entrepreneurship, and Rwandan cultural traditions. A visit to Rwanda's National Museum provided profound insights into the country's history, fostering educational growth to all the children who attended the camp. This impactful experience culminated in several students choosing baptism, symbolizing personal growth and spiritual commitment.



Sunday Youth Service

Every Sunday evening, sponsored children within our ministry and local youth unite for a service dedicated to uplifting songs of worship. Uniquely led by a youth pastor, this service is a distinctive feature of Eden's Child and Eden Temple International as a whole. It's another way of fostering Christian leadership, talents, and spiritual gifts amongst our youth.



Saturday Program and Feeding

Our Saturday Bible connect / program is not just about spiritual growth; it's a dynamic hub of learning and empowerment. Although Bible study, worship, and prayer sessions foster spiritual growth and community bonds among the children, the children also learn practical skills. November 2023 saw the launch of computer skills training, preparing our kids for a tech-driven world. Art and craft sessions further encourage creativity and self-expression.



Life Transformation

Niragire Ruth and Family: A Story of Resilience

In 2014, Niragire Ruth's family faced adversity, struggling to afford basic needs. Eden's Child intervened, supporting Ruth's education and igniting her dream of becoming a doctor. Beyond academics, they ensured the family had sustenance, easing Ruth's studies. Meanwhile, Emeritha, Ruth's mother, engaged with Eden's Self-Help Groups, investing in livestock and agriculture despite personal challenges. Over nine years, Eden's Child transformed their lives, offering hope and empowering them to pursue dreams against all odds.



Eden's Child Recreational Haven

Eden's Child recently purchased land near the Eden Medical Center in Mukoni. This area provides a playground for sponsored children to enjoy various games such as soccer, volleyball, basketball, and more. When the parents of these children heard this exciting news, they were thrilled and volunteered to assist in clearing the land as the initial step in preparing this facility. This enthusiastic response underscores the strong community support and eagerness to create a vibrant space for sponsored children to engage in healthy recreational activities.



Eden Temple International Ministries

Eden's Child Foundation (ECF) partners with Eden Temple International (ETI). ECF (based in the USA) primarily manages the sponsor (donor) elements of the Eden's Child Program, while ETI (based in Rwanda) manages the ministry (sponsored children) elements. ETI oversees several other ministries, described below, which are integral and complimentary to the mission of Eden's Child.

ETI operates across six parishes (MUKONI, VUMBI, KARAMA, MUKINDO, MUHANGA and RUNDA) and 2 additional projects (SAVE and KUBUGA), fostering transformative growth and impactful achievements in multiple sectors. In addition to overseeing Eden's Child ministries, ETI engages in various other initiatives, including Churches, Medical Centers, The Trust Fund, The School of Dreams (Sewing school), and The Radio Gospel Program (every Sunday morning).

ETI Churches

Eden Temple International operates in six vibrant parishes, conducting various services throughout the week to foster spiritual growth and community bonding:

Weekly Services

Wednesdays: Collective prayers

Fridays: Dedicated to women

Sundays: Services for all Afternoon

Sessions: Youth Service

Parish Highlights

ETI's parishes, including Mukoni, Vumbi, Karama, Mukindo, and Muhanga, thrived with dedicated church buildings, witnessing a significant increase in church members. This surge, totaling over 20,000 Christians across all branches, marked a notable rise in congregants, resulting in more baptisms throughout the year. Furthermore, the male youth leaders received guidance and mentorship during a retreat, fostering their interest in pastoral roles and effective evangelism. The joyful celebration of Eden Temple International's 12th anniversary in June 2022 was a testament to the ongoing growth and spiritual vibrancy within the community.



Mukoni (Butare) Parish



Mukindo Parish



Muhanga Parish



Karama Parish



Vumbi Parish

Runda Parish

Construction continues at the Mission House in Runda. This ongoing project reflects a commitment to create infrastructure and facilities that provide an enhanced space for a church, accommodations, a restaurant & coffee shop, and commercial shops to enable the church become self-sustaining and serve as a catalyst for church planting.



Medical Centers

Eden Temple International operates two crucial medical centers: GRACE HEALTH POST in Mukindo and EDEN MEDICAL CENTER in Butare (Huye district), offering vital healthcare services to the community. The services provided encompass consultations, pharmacy services, maternity care, and family planning.

Grace Health Post – Mukindo

Grace Health Post, staffed with a dedicated team comprising three nurses, a customer care representative, a data manager, and an accountant, serves the community seven days a week. Ensuring healthcare services are available every day, from Monday through Sunday, the center received and provided care to 11,354 patients in 2023. Cases typically involved treatments for prevalent conditions such as malaria, parasitic infections, respiratory ailments, among others.



Eden Medical Center - Mukoni (Butare)

At Eden Medical Center in Mukoni (Huye), our commitment to accessible healthcare persisted in 2023. This center diligently provided medical assistance to a significant population in the region, with a total of 18,363 patients treated throughout the year. Common ailments addressed included malaria, parasites, respiratory issues, among others.



Eden Trust Fund

Within the framework of the Eden Trust Fund, our commitment to empowering self-help groups in all parishes of Eden Temple International remains a cornerstone of community development. These self-help groups serve as vibrant entities fostering financial resilience and collective growth.

Muhanga Branch

Despite over 100 registered customers at our Muhanga branch, we see active participation primarily from 16 self-help groups and church members who actively seek credit or loans. These groups stand as exemplars of community-driven progress and financial empowerment.

Mukoni Branch

At the Mukoni branch, 36 registered customers, largely comprising E.T.I. self-help groups and church members, actively engage in activities facilitated by the Eden Trust Fund.

Icyerekezo - Save Self-Help Group

One such inspiring group is Icyerekezo - Save, comprised of 14 members. They've strategically invested in domestic animals like hens, pigs, goats, and rabbits, fostering a sustainable agricultural approach. This group meets weekly, contributing collectively towards communal goals. The member utilize their pooled resources to rent and cultivate land, resulting in bountiful harvests. These endeavors not only yield tangible benefits but also aid in resolving various challenges encountered by the group.



The School of Dreams

Operating across Rango, Mukindo, Vumbi, and Muhanga, the Eden School of Tailoring has been a light tower of skill development. This year witnessed a significant milestone with the graduation of 80 individuals across these locations, each equipped with a certificate in tailoring. Among them, 19 graduated from Rango, 33 from Vumbi, 16 from Muhanga, and 12 from Mukindo. These graduates are testament to the program's success, demonstrating proficiency in sewing machine operations and showcasing the impactful journey of skill acquisition at the Eden School of Dreams.



Radio Gospel Program

Eden Temple International ventured into radio ministry through Radio SALUS, later transitioning to Rwanda Broadcasting Agency (RBA 100.4 FM). The radio program, 'Ubuzima bwo muri Eden', airs every Sunday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. Led by notable pastors and vibrant youth leaders, the program delivers impactful sermons and messages. Through Radio HUYE, many individuals embraced Christianity, with many still receiving complimentary Bibles, marking the program's profound impact in spreading the holy gospel.

Last Words

Eden Temple International and Eden's Child Foundation are united in our mission of transformation: empowering families to achieve self-sustainability and move beyond mere assistance. Our goal is to equip families with essential tools and skills necessary for self-reliance.

Through education, healthcare, and spiritual guidance, Eden Temple International has been pivotal in nurturing empowerment. Witnessing families transition from dependence to self-sufficiency is a testament to the seeds of empowerment we've sown. These families, once reliant on support, are now gradually evolving into self-sustaining forces, fortifying the resilience of their communities.