

# *Eden's Child*

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



**Program Update**  
**October 2024**

# What We Did in October 2024

A range of activities under the Eden's Child sponsorship program supported families and communities in October, including food distribution, conducting school and home visits, medical co-pay for sponsored kids, and Saturday bible connect and youth-focused initiatives (arts and crafts, computer training, etc.), engaging self-help groups, women's and men's conference.

## School Visits

Beyond providing school supplies to the children supported by Eden's Child, our commitment extends to monitoring their educational progress. Our aim was to ensure these students not only received the necessary supplies but also to provide for 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 visits, we engaged in discussions with both the children and their teachers, offering encouragement and support. We emphasized the importance of hard work and focusing on their studies, hoping to inspire them to excel academically.



## Home Visits

Home visits were conducted by Eden's Child staff to determine the welfare of sponsored children and assess the living conditions of their families.

These visits were conducted in collaboration with a visiting US mission team. This emphasized the strong connection and growth of the relationship between a child and their sponsor.



## The School of Dreams

Operating across Rango, Mukindo, Vumbi, and Muhanga, the Eden School of Tailoring has been a light tower of skill development. We have 14 students in Rango and 4 of them are waiting to receive certificate, while 12 are from Vumbi and 10 are from Mukindo, for a total of 36 students. Muhanga has no students right now after graduation in September.





## Eden Bright Academy

Eden Bright Academy in Muhanga continues to serve as a beacon of quality education, catering not only to sponsored children but also to the wider community, thereby advancing our mission of educational empowerment.

Today Eden bright academy has 37 students and three teachers who conduct and shape these young future generations to become future leaders, entrepreneurs, and most of all to become self-reliable people. 13 students from this school are Eden's Child sponsored kids.

Eden bright academy Muhanga has changed uniforms from yellow and blue to green with tie.



## Saturday Program and Feeding

Our Saturday Bible connect is not just about spiritual growth; it is 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 plus a well-prepared health lunch.

We had privilege to enjoy Saturday Bible Connect with sponsors of kids.





## Eden's Child Recreational Haven

Eden's Child 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.



## Self-help Groups

Our commitment to empowering self-help groups in all parishes of Eden Temple International remains a cornerstone of community development. We have 59 self-help groups across all programs. These self-help groups serve as vibrant entities fostering financial resilience and collective growth.

These groups are strategically invested in raising domestic animals like hens, pigs, goats, and rabbits, while fostering a sustainable agricultural approach. These groups meet weekly, contributing collectively towards communal goals. These endeavors not only yield tangible benefits but also aid in resolving various challenges encountered by the group and its member.





## Food Distribution

Eden's child remains constant in ensuring the wellbeing of sponsored families through various programs including quarterly food distribution. Having healthy children and family reflects positively to the community and society in general.

Over 940 families sponsored in Eden's child sponsorship program has received food supplies (55 pounds of rice and 22 pounds of beans).







### FOOD DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 9TH

No	Project	Total families received Rice & Beans	Total families received Rice & Beans
1	Mukoni	202	31
2	Huye	54	1
3	Karama	120	0
4	Save	30	4
5	Vumbi	105	1
6	Runda	84	4
7	Kabuga	16	0
8	Mukindo	59	1
9	Muhanga	213	17
		<b>883</b>	<b>58</b>

#### Comments:

- *Runda: 4 families did not receive benefits because they do not attend self-help groups programs and has debts.*
- *Huye, Save and Mukoni: 36 beneficiaries did not receive benefits because there's money problems going on in self-help group, so they're waiting for the clearance of this matter.*
- *Muhanga: 17 families did not receive benefits because they do not attend church services.*
- *Mukindo: Albertine Dusengimana was disciplined for not attending self-help groups.*
- *Vumbi: Umugwaneza Sylvie a sponsored child who is no longer in program because she went abroad, in Zambia did not receive food and her food was given to the poor old mother in the church.*

## KARAMA CHURCH PROGRESS

Sponsorship program at Eden Temple Karama Parish marks a significant milestone, with all 120 sponsored children now receiving support and access to essential resources. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding outreach efforts and transforming lives within the Karama community.

This end October we had visit at Karama with the crossroads mission team, sponsors got to meet children they sponsor, also stopped by the ongoing activity of church building and prayed for the church, pastors and the transformation of the village.





## Health and Medication

We continue to strive for medical care accessibility to all children in Eden's Child. Where special healthcare services are needed, we have always ensured they are rendered, as exemplified by our recent support for Kiza Ange, a child from Kabuga program who's suffering from constant headaches. Also, medical support was rendered to UWIZEYIMANA Dorcas who has femur infections. Eden's child is doing everything possible to ensure the healing of these kids as healthcare services are in progress and for all kids in sponsorship as well.



## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Hygiene and domestic violence are two critical yet often overlooked aspects of maintaining a healthy and harmonious home. Eden Temple International / Eden's Child has organized this conference to train women and men in collaboration with Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church from USA. Women learned to maintain good body hygiene while men had heart to heart conversations on the roots of domestic violence in family and how to counteract the problem with Christian values. This conference aimed to address both hygiene and domestic violence, recognizing that a safe and clean home environment is foundational to well-being and family stability.



## RUNDA CHURCH HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Parents for Kabuga program participated in the community activity at the mission house to ensure that the building and environment is clean and safe and correctly arranged.



## 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, we have been pivotal in nurturing empowerment. Witnessing family's transition from dependence to self-sufficiency is a testament to the seeds of empowerment we have sown. These families, once reliant on support, are now gradually evolving into self-sustaining forces, fortifying the resilience of their communities.