

Eden's Child

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



**Program Update
2024**

What We Did in 2024

In 2024, Eden's Child Sponsorship Department engaged in diverse activities to support children and families. These included distributing food, mattresses, school supplies, and uniforms; providing education, healthcare, and hygiene training; and hosting impactful events like the Youth Focus Camp, Saturday Bible Connect, and conferences on domestic violence. We welcomed U.S. mission teams, initiated the Karama Sponsorship Program, and registered new children, and organized Easter and Christmas letter-writing. Home and school visits strengthened community bonds, while staff retreats fostered growth. Each initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to empowering lives and fostering transformation.



EDUCATION

In 2024, Eden's Child ensured that all sponsored children had the resources needed to succeed; providing school supplies such as books, pens, pencils, mathematical sets, rulers, and uniforms, along with covering their school fees. These essentials removed significant barriers, allowing children to focus on their education without worry.

Our staff also visited schools to monitor attendance and progress, offering personalized support and advice to their young brothers. Together, these efforts play a vital role in nurturing the dreams and potential of every sponsored child.



HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICATION

In 2024, Eden's Child made a significant contribution to community health by providing health insurance to 4,691 individuals from 920 families. Additionally, they supported medication expenses for sponsored children, including Dorcas, Frank, Umwali, and others. This initiative underscores their commitment to improving healthcare access. By addressing both family and individual needs, Eden's Child demonstrates a holistic approach to community well-being. Their efforts highlight the importance of healthcare as a foundation for development. Such impactful actions continue to foster a healthier and stronger community.



EASTER AND CHRISTMAS LETTER WRITING

At Eden's Child, fostering connections between children and their sponsors is a cherished tradition. During Easter and Christmas, children write heartfelt letters to their sponsors, sharing updates, gratitude, and personal stories. Sponsors, in turn, respond with encouraging messages, creating a bond that transcends distance. These exchanges inspire hope and joy, strengthening the emotional support system for the children. The tradition ensures a meaningful connection, reminding both parties of their mutual impact. This practice not only nurtures relationships but also enriches the children's sense of belonging and care.



Eden's Child Youth Camp (Youth Focus 2024)

From August 18th to 23rd, a transformative Youth Camp brought together young minds from Primary 6 through university within Eden's Child. This extraordinary event went beyond a typical camp, offering essential lessons in knowing Christ (developing a personal relationship with God), leadership skills, entrepreneurship, and Rwandan cultural traditions. We had the privilege of hosting a US youth team along with their five guardians, Pastor Chris and Pastor Monte from the Living Room Community Church. The camp was filled with enriching indoor and outdoor games, fostering camaraderie and teamwork. The camp was truly impactful, fostering cross-cultural exchange and understanding, strengthening leadership and collaboration skills, deepening spiritual growth and global fellowship, and inspiring entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth, our kids departed back home with full package of experiences from their fellow US youth team and pastor Chris with his team.



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 a vibrant platform for spiritual growth, learning, and empowerment. Children deepen their faith and community bonds through Bible study, worship, and prayer. Practical skills, like computer learning, prepare them for a tech-driven future. Art and craft sessions nurture creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving. These activities instill values like compassion, teamwork, and perseverance, shaping well-rounded individuals. Together, the program equips children with skills and confidence to thrive in both the present and the future.



Eden's Child Recreational Playground

Eden's Child has successfully completed the development of a vibrant playground near the Eden Medical Center in Mukoni. This new facility is now a lively hub where sponsored children are enjoying a variety of games, including soccer by now and plans to build volleyball, basketball. The excitement among the children is palpable as they embrace this dedicated space for recreation and fun.



SELF HELP GROUPS

Eden's Child self-help groups play a vital role in shaping and transforming the lives of sponsored families. Parents actively participate in group meetings, pooling their savings to create impactful changes in their households. These savings are invested in livestock and farming, providing both sustenance and income through surplus harvest sales. Currently, the groups collectively own 2 sheep, 1 cow, 205 chickens, 236 pigs, 58 rabbits, and 234 goats, which not only support agriculture but also provide manure to enrich farming. The initiative empowers families to address financial challenges, fostering resilience and self-reliance. Leaders of the self-help groups have undergone specialized training on leadership skills, equipping them to inspire and guide their members effectively. These trainings emphasize fostering development within the groups and creating sustainable progress. With 999 dedicated members from all groups, the program thrives as mothers work tirelessly to achieve independence. This collective effort not only ensures food security but also drives economic and social transformation within the community. Currently their saving is 7,608,143Rwf



Empowerment Training in Self-Help Groups

THE SCHOOL OF DREAMS

Operating in Rango, Mukindo, Vumbi, and Muhanga, the Eden School of Tailoring graduated 43 individuals this year (Rango:14, Vumbi: 7, Mukindo: 13, Muhanga: 9). Graduates, equipped with tailoring certificates, demonstrated proficiency in sewing and embarked on paths of self-reliance. Currently we have 37 students from 3 schools (Rango: 13, Vumbi: 12, Mukindo: 12). Muhanga will register new students in January 2025.



EDEN BRIGHT ACADEMY

Eden Bright Academy plays a vital role in shaping future leaders, professionals, and influential individuals. The school instills Christian values and essential life lessons alongside academic excellence. It stands as a beacon of holistic education and character development for the community. Currently we have 34 students.



EDEN'S CHILD STAFF RETREAT

A staff retreat was held from March 24th to 26th, aimed at training and motivating staff to enhance their performance within the program. Topics covered included work plans for various programs including Saturday Bible Connect and Youth Camp 2024, children's rights, time management, and spiritual reflection through communion.



MEN AND WOMEN CONFERENCE

Hygiene and domestic violence are two critical yet often overlooked aspects of maintaining a healthy and harmonious home. Eden Temple International has organized this conference to train women and men in collaboration with Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church from USA.

Women learned to keep 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.



DISTRIBUTIONS (MATTRESS, FOOD, SOAP & LOTION)

In 2024 Eden's child distributed mattresses to sponsored families to ensure their comfort and support better sleep. This initiative aims to promote the overall well-being and health of the sponsored kids.



Quarterly food benefits and monthly hygiene materials profoundly impact the sponsored child, their family, and the community. For the child, it ensures proper nutrition, improved health, and better educational outcomes. Families experience economic relief, reduced disease risks, and greater stability. Communities benefit from enhanced public health, increased educational engagement, and a stronger sense of solidarity. This support breaks the cycle of poverty and fosters sustainable development.



2024 Updates for Eden Temple International Ministries

Eden Temple International Ministries (ETI) continues to partner with Eden’s Child Foundation (ECF) to fulfill its mission across Rwanda. Key highlights from 2024 include:

- Eden’s Child Program:**
 - ECF (USA) manages sponsorships, while ETI (Rwanda) oversees the ministry for sponsored children.
- ETI operates in six parishes and two projects, though **Runda** and **Mukoni** are temporarily inactive for 4 months due to unmet government requirements. Construction progress includes a parking area at Mukoni, ongoing building works at Runda, and **Karama Church nearing completion**, expected to host over 350 Christians for gatherings.**
- Ministries and Programs:**
 - Weekly services include prayers, women’s gatherings, youth services, and Sunday worship.
- Special Initiatives:**
 - Expansion of **Churches, Medical Centers, Eden Trust Fund, School of Dreams (sewing school), and Radio Gospel Program** airing every Sunday morning.
- Milestone Celebration:**
 - Celebrated 13 years of impactful ministry, highlighting spiritual and community growth.

ETI remains committed to fostering transformative growth through its dynamic ministries and projects.



MUKONI PARISH



MUKINDO PARISH



MUHANGA PARISH



VUMBI PARISH



KARAMA PARISH

Runda Parish

The Mission House in Runda will serve as both a spiritual and practical resource, providing multiple benefits through its diverse facilities. On the ministry side, the church will have an enhanced space for worship, outreach programs, and community gatherings, fostering spiritual growth and enabling effective church planting.

Financially, the accommodations, restaurant, coffee shop, and commercial shops will generate sustainable income streams. These revenues will help support church operations, fund future projects. By combining ministry and financial sustainability, the Mission House will act as a foundation for long-term impact and growth in the community.



Medical Centers

Eden Temple International manages two essential medical facilities: GRACE HEALTH POST in Mukindo and EDEN MEDICAL CENTER in Butare (Huye District), both dedicated to delivering vital healthcare services to the community. These medical centers provide a wide range of services, including medical consultations, pharmacy access, maternity care, laboratory, vaccination of babies, and family planning support.

Grace Health Post – Mukindo

Grace Health Post, serving 8,412 patients in 2024, provided daily healthcare, addressing malaria (516 cases), parasitic infections, and respiratory illnesses. Its uninterrupted services enhanced

disease management, reduced morbidity, and improved public health resilience. Evidence-based care and data-driven approaches ensured effective interventions and socioeconomic stability. The post's dedication has profoundly elevated community health and well-being. Today 2 nurses, 1 receptionist, 1 data manager are in action at Grace Health post.



Eden Medical Center - Mukoni (Butare)

In 2024, Eden Medical Center in Mukoni (Huye) continued its vital role in accessible healthcare, treating 19,163 patients. The team includes 3 nurses, 2 midwives, 2 laboratory technicians, 2 receptionists, 1 data manager, and 2 cleaners. Most treated diseases were urinary infections, respiratory diseases (cough, flu), and sexually transmitted diseases, while the numbers of Malaria has dropped to 94 patients and 73 babies delivered from Eden Medical Center Mukoni . The center remains crucial to the community, especially for Eden's Child-sponsored children who receive free treatment as their bills are covered by Eden's Child. This support enhances community health and ensures vulnerable children thrive.



Closing Remarks

Eden Temple International and Eden's Child Foundation remain steadfast in our mission of empowering families to achieve self-sustainability. Through education, healthcare, and spiritual guidance, we are witnessing a transformative journey where families evolve from reliance to independence. These milestones affirm our commitment to building resilient communities equipped to thrive.

We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, partners, and team members, whose unwavering dedication has made 2024 a year of impactful change. Together, we look forward to continuing this journey of transformation in the years to come.