



Building Christian character in children and exploring their intellectual capabilities by instilling basic biblical truth and imparting basic education principles that will enable them to excel with their education.

Ebenezer Update

Ebenezer Institute of Learning

August 2017

Year End

Ebenezer's school year came to a close on 28 July. It has been a year of growth and learning for everyone: the board, administration, teachers as well as students. During the past term, we celebrated two graduations, saw the completion of the Mariella Memorial Chapel and another class block, purchased and started using a barcode system for the library, published a website, and said farewell to Susan, volunteer for 4 years.

We look with anticipation to a new school year beginning 4 September with a new Bursar, 60 new reception students, one new assistant, and two new Co-Workers from Germany. Please pray with us for these new students and teachers as well as our current staff and administration; that they may grow in unity as they seek to love and educate Malawi's children.

Graduations

On 20th May, 2017 the Grade sevens graduated at Ebenezer. The students were happy to receive their awards. Various activities such as songs and dances by other classes were performed as a way of celebrating with the Grade sevens.

For our end of year celebrations we also celebrated the graduation of our Kindergarten class. It was an exciting day for these kids as they are enthusiastic to go into Grade one come next academic year. Classes and individuals shared their talents to celebrate with the Kindergarteners through songs, dances and drama.

1 Highlights from the Grade 7 graduation



2 Highlights from Kindergarten graduation



DAY AT EBENEZER

Ebenezer is one of the highly functional schools that, not only the Nkhoma community is proud to have, but also Malawi as a whole. A normal day at Ebenezer is learners doing various activities on a play ground supervised by their teachers. In the library learners are taught how to read. The teachers are skilled in teaching these learners, not only reading, but comprehension as well.

With the purposeful learning environment that Ebenezer has, learners enjoy spending every single minute being at the school. In subjects like Expressive Arts and Life Skills, which are taught from Grade 3 to Grade 7, learners enjoy different practical activities, deepening their knowledge of Malawian culture and how to live well as a Malawian. Some of these activities are done in groups and this is really important because learners are given a chance to share some skills and some team up in pairs.



CONSTRUCTION

The construction of the Mariella Memorial Chapel has come to an end. Special thanks to her family for the legacy she has left behind. Our new class block is ready for Grades 5, 6 and 7 come September.



Library Thanks!

A new computerized system for our library is up and running. Students can check in and out books electronically and teachers can better use the resources we have. Thanks to Galatia Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC for the Barcodes and some new books.



Goodbye



As editor of the Ebenezer Update for the past 3 years, it is time to say goodbye. I have been at Ebenezer for four years now, and feel deeply that it is time to move on. Joel (age 3) and I will be relocating to Decatur, GA where I will work as a part time nanny and also as a preschool teacher for refugee children. Ezra Jekemu will take my place, holding proudly to his title, "Media Specialist". Aside from teaching grade 5, he will also be in charge of Updates, the library, the website, Facebook, and sponsorship photos. We have been working together for just over two months, as I hand over tasks.

When I look back over my time here, I feel blessed by what the Lord has taught me: shaking up my pride, teaching me my God given limitations. Despite whatever physical footprints (good and bad) I may leave behind, I pray that I am remembered for my passion for education and care for the staff and children (and maybe my obsessive lists of ideas and Mandasi Fridays!).

To our sponsors and prayer partners, I thank you. The quality of education that children at Ebenezer receive, the facilities in which they learn, and the excellent staff are due, in many ways to your prayers and support. Let's continue to fight for the right all children have to a good education with caring teachers.

-Susan Rembert

WEBSITE

As a growing institution, Ebenezer is privileged to publish a new website effective now. This website will help to update everyone on the activities happening at school such as building construction, curriculum, the everyday school life and the school feeding program. You can find links to past newsletters and see future plans for the school. The website is:

ebenezerinstituteo.wixsite.com/ebenezer-nkhoma

Prayers

Please pray for Heather and her family. In May, her daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren were in a car accident, leaving her daughter and one grandchild critically injured. Heather has moved to Johannesburg, taking a leave of absence, to help with physical therapy during this season.

Chrissie Mbewe continues as principal, and a new Bursar has recently been hired to take care of finances and other administrative tasks.



As we look towards the 2017-2018 school year, please spread the word about Ebenezer as we continually look for new sponsors and partners. For more information on the school you can find us:

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