

GLAD TIDINGS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

BACKGROUND

Glad Tidings Orphan Care was established in 2003 with the support of Starfish. Orphans and Vulnerable Children have access to education, receive good health care, psychological support and have access to proper sanitation.

Currently 493 children are benefitting from the programme. At each of the four nursery schools, namely GTOC, Moyo, Jonasi and Kundayi, the feeding programme ensures that each child receives a cooked meal each day. There are 25 people who work as volunteers – but receive an allowance.

EDUCATION

Glad Tidings Nursery School commenced in 2004, followed in 2010 by Moyo and Jonasi Nurseries, and in 2011 by Kundayi Nursery School.

GTOC has 4 classes while other centres have 3 classes.

Below is a table showing the number of boys and girls attending the 4 GTOC nursery schools in the 2023- 2024 academic year.

Centre	Number of teachers per centre	Number of male children	Number of female children
GTOC	4	83	67
Moyo	3	42	51
Jonasi	3	73	78
Kundayi	3	40	59
Total	13	238	255

The GTOC main centre building has been painted by the Mission Direct team and the building is now looking great and children are learning in good classrooms.



Jonasi and Moyo have made their own local outdoor playing materials. The children are very happy as they are using the materials and it is also one way of making them do exercises.



Children at Moyo & Jonasi playing with the locally made playing materials.

We have received different materials such as pencils, bubbles and footballs from Mission Direct. The students make good use of the gifts. Lessons are enjoyable and fun times.

IMPACT OF NURSERY EDUCATION ON EARLY YEARS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

The following table shows first term performance records of children attending Ngolowindo model primary school in standard 1 and 2, showing comparisons of grades of those who attended the GTOC Nurseries with those who did not. This indicates the impact nursery education has on the children's education.



Term 1-year 2023	Class 1	Total no. that sat for exams both GTOC and Ngolowindo	Total no. that passed for exams from GTOC.	Total no. that passed the exams from non GTOC members.
		341	147 (89%)	194 (57%)
			Percentage grades grade 4=34-23% grade 3=34-23% grade 2=63-43% grade 1=16-11%.	Percentage grades Grade 4=18-9% Grade 3=33-17% Grade 2=60-31% Grade 1=83-43%
Term 1-year 2023	Class 2	Total no. that sat for exams both GTOC and non-members.	Total no. that passed exams from GTOC.	Total no. that passed the exams from non GTOC members.
		324	143 (78%)	181 (54%)
			Percentage grades Grade 4=21- 16% Grade 3=41-29% Grade 2=50-35% Grade 1=31-20%	Percentage grades Grade 4=23-13% Grade 3=36-20% Grade 2=39-21% Grade 1=83-46%

Key: Grade 4 = Excellent, Grade 3= Good, Grade 2 = Average, Grade 1 = Needs support.
We will continue tracking this difference throughout.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Christmas was celebrated on 23rd December at G.T.O.C, where a special lunch and drinks were prepared for every child at the centre.

Children at GTOC on Christmas party day.

STORY OF AIDA MAPIKO

Born on 23 March 2013, Aida started school at Moyo nursery when she was 3 years old. Aida is a hard worker in class. As a result, she is always getting good grades every term.

When she turned 6 years, Aida was one of the students to be moved to the mainstream at Ngolowindo primary school where she started standard 1, she kept on working hard and now she is in standard 6.



"I am now 11 years old and already in standard 6. People say I am too young for my class because most of my friends (of the same age) are still in standard 3 or 4, but it is different with me because I attended early classes at Moyo nursery school. This helped me to be working hard and pass with good grades that makes my guardians happy. I encourage parents and guardians to be sending their children to nursery schools before sending them to primary schools to standard one,"
shared Aida.