

GLAD TIDINGS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

BACKGROUND

Glad Tidings Orphan Care was established as a faith based organisation in 2003 in an area called Ngolowindo, about 6km east of Salima town. With the support from Starfish, they ensure that orphans and vulnerable children with their careers are given support and advice. GTOC Key Workers therefore regularly visit the children in their own homes to check on their welfare and school attendance, etc.

GTOC has 25 volunteer staff: 1 Project Manager 5 Key workers 9 Nursery Assistants 2 Night Watchmen

They each receive an allowance funded by Starfish for their hard work.

EDUCATION

GTOC provides an excellent foundation in education for the children from the community of Ngolowindo who attend their four nursery schools.

What we try to do is to track the impact of early years' learning so that we can see the difference it makes when the children go to primary school. The evidence is very clear as you will see below.

Below is a table showing the statistics of all four Nursery Schools in the 2022-2023 Academic year.

Centre	Year started	No. of teachers	No. of classes	No of male children	No. of female children	Total
GTOC	2004	4	4	83	70	153
Моуо	2010	3	4	53	54	107
Jonasi	2010	3	3	59	84	143
Kundayi	2011	3	3	56	68	124
Total						527

IMPACT OF NURSERY EDUCATION ON EARLY YEARS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION.

The following table shows the third-term performance records of children who attended Ngolowindo Model Primary School in standard 1 and 2.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

2022 Term 3	Class 1	Total no that sat for exams both G.T.O.C and non- members = 295	Total no that sat exams from G.T.O.C. = 82	Total no that sat exams from non- G.T.O.C = 213
			Grading Percentage Grade 4-15=18% Grade 3-4= 41% Grade 2-16=19% Grade 1-17=22%	Grading Percentage Grade 4-37= 17% Grade 3-50=23% Grade 2-60=28% Grade 1-66=32%
2022 Term 3	Class 2	Total no that sat for exams both G.T.O.C = 281	Total no that sat exams from G.T.O.C = 75 Grading Percentage Grade 4-9=12% Grade 3-22=29% Grade 2-31=41% Grade 1-13=18%	Total no that sat exams from G.T.O.C = 206 Grading Percentage Grade 4-12=6% Grade 3-28=14% Grade 2-108=52% Grade 1-58=28%

Grade 4 = 80-100 marks-excellent Grade 3= 60-79 marks-very good. Grade 2 = 40-59 marks- average Grade 1 =0-39 marks-fail needs support

We will continue tracking this difference throughout.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Christmas was celebrated on 17th December at G.T.O. C, where a special lunch and drinks were prepared for every child at the centre. Also, every child and staff member at the centre went home with new clothes and blankets to keep them warm in winter.



Children at the 2022 Christmas party

Faith Adam

Faith Adam was born on 4th September 2015 after her birth mother became ill and died when she was only 3 weeks old. The child's aunt, Loveness Billy, took her in but was unable to afford to feed her milk formula. When she heard from neighbours that GTOC through Starfish takes care of young children and buys milk for vulnerable children, she immediately came with the young girl to the centre and was assisted for her first 2 years of life.

When she was three, Faith started going to Jonas Nursery School. She is now seven years old and is in standard 2 at Ngolowindo Model Primary School.

Her guardian Loveness is very thankful to the management for all the help rendered to her niece and for all the support it gives to other children and Orphans.



Susan Kanthemba

'My name is **Susan Kanthemba**, I am 40 years old, and I started working as a volunteer with GTOC 14 years ago in 2009 as a Keyworker and also now as a Nursery Assistant. The allowance I receive helps me support my family. The money helps me pay fees for my children and buy groceries for my family.

With the teaching skills I have learned here enables me to teach my child and other children in the surrounding my community. I hope to open my own school one day!'

