

YECDC

# YOUNG EAGLES Q 1 UPDATE



Dear Friends,

The first three months of the year have been incredible. This is a testament to the commitment and support of our friends, partners, and our staff. We would like to thank Yellowknife Vineyard Church, our partners and friends that have continued to show tremendous support. It is thanks to the support that we have been able to continue providing a safe space for the children. During the first three months of 2022, we added two more children—Joyce and Lelato bringing a total number of children in our care to 13. We plan to cap the number of children at 13; while we recognize the need is much greater, we need to be mindful of the quality of care we provide. Given the resources available, we believe 13 is a number we are currently able to effectively manage. It is not always easy to turn down children; however, to provide the quality of care that we have committed to requires making hard decisions. The quality of care embodied in our vision is to properly serve the children by providing them with a nurturing environment that would empower them to grow into the promises of God.

The COVID-19 pandemic and global inflation have stretched our resources. The cost of operation has substantially increased due to inflation. However, despite this, God has been faithful, and we thank God for our friends whose support has continued to allow us in creating a nurturing environment.

We are working on our 2022 development goals, and we hope to accomplish the borehole before the end of Q2. Our development goals are:

1. Drilling for borehole water, the reliance on the municipality for the provision of water has continued to be a challenge in spite the installation of a 10,000-litre tank to alleviate the water challenges. For this reason, we see it fitting to drill for borehole water—the estimated total cost is \$2000.
2. Expansion of the house to create a larger kitchen, dining, and storage area. As we grow and our children grow, it has become necessary to build a kitchen and dining space that would accommodate the growth. The total estimated cost is \$3500.

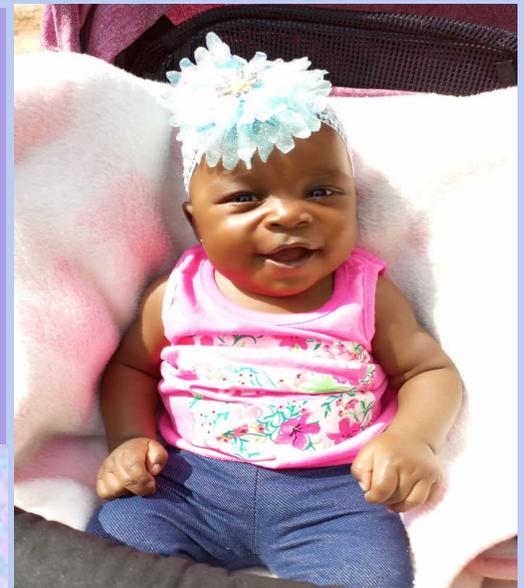
Management thanks you for your continued support and prayers. We pray the Lord will continue to make your way prosperous.



*Lelato - Love*

Lelato whose name means love was estimated to be two (2) to three (3) months old when she came to us in mid-March 2022. She was found abandoned on the wayside before dawn. A good Samaritan took her to his home and later brought the baby to the authorities. She was assessed at the hospital to ensure her health. Lelato has since been faring well and overcoming separation anxiety.

*“The value of a diamond does not diminish for the lack of admiration”  
African proverb*



*Joyce. Ever smiling!*

Joyce came to us on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 after being abandoned by her mother. Attempts were made to reunite Joyce with her extended family, but her safety could not be guaranteed. She is doing well and is a very happy happy baby. She is now 6 months old and is hitting age-appropriate milestones.

**Message from our Partner – Yellowknife Vineyard Church**  
**By Senior Pastor Melt van der Spuy**

Ian Howard Marshall says, “Mission is not just another important theme in the Bible. It is not even merely the major theme in the Bible. No, the relationship between the Bible and mission is much more fundamental than either of these assertions. As many have said, mission describes the essential character of the Bible.”

Mission is core to our identity as a Kingdom seeking New Testament people. As the Yellowknife Vineyard Church, we are always seeking signs of the inbreaking of the Kingdom. We see these signs in the work of the Young Eagles Child Development Centre (YECDC). It is our privileged to be able to partner with YECDC in the work of the Kingdom that they do in Zambia. Practically the YECDC ministry often translates into abandoned children being taken into orphan care at the centre in Kabwe, and given a family, a hope and a future.

Christians living in the Global North are often uninformed (or completely lacking comprehension) of the level of poverty and hopelessness that exists in parts of Africa. Partnering with YECDC allows our church to get a first-hand view of what difference a few thousand dollars can make in the life of 13 children in Zambia. It also allows us to fulfil something of our missional identity to ‘take this Gospel of the Kingdom into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria’ (metaphorically) and ‘the outer ends of the world.’ Works of Justice and mercy in mission is a significant part of our identity as followers of Jesus. Partnering with YECDC allows us to live some of that out in a practical way of demonstrating the love of Jesus for all of humanity.

Grace and peace

Melt



*Norma, Joyce and Bella*

**YECDC - Monthly Operating Budget Summary**

Item	Amount CAD	Comments
Payroll	\$ 850.00	Currently employing 6 full-time staff
Administration	\$ 100.00	
Feeding	\$ 470.00	
Utilities	\$ 125.00	
Transportation	\$ 100.00	
Supplies	\$ 150.00	
Misc.	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,895.00</b>	

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**Some facts about Zambia**

- Zambia gets its name from the Zambezi River. The Zambezi River is the fourth longest river in Africa and the largest river flowing into the Indian Ocean.
- Zambia is home to one of UNESCO’s 7 natural wonders—the Mosi-oa-Tunya, "The Smoke That Thunders" (Victoria Falls) on the Zambezi River.
- Zambia is landlocked and has 7 neighbouring countries—Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Tanzania.
- Zambia boasts of a very young population with 65% of the population under the age of 25 and with 52% under the age of 18.
- There are over 70 ethnic groups in Zambia with over 70 languages are spoken