
An Invitation from The Esther School (and 24 new preschoolers!)

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Hi friends and family,

I hope you're doing well!

As 2026 gets underway, I'm slowly finding my rhythm working from home for The Esther School while also doing some substitute teaching. It's been a big adjustment, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue serving TES while living in Canada.

While I am here in Canada, school is very much underway in Zambia! Something that always amazes me about the beginning of the school year is the transformation we see! Children are stepping into a new classroom for the very first time—some having never held a pencil, opened a book or even seen a white person! But within a few months, their confidence grows and their curiosity explodes. We see! Education at TES doesn't just change a school year—it can change the trajectory of a child's life.

I wanted to share **two ways you can be part of what's happening at The Esther School this year.**

Visit The Esther School

Have you ever thought about visiting TES in Zambia? The best way to truly understand the heart of the school is to experience it in person—meeting students, visiting classrooms, and seeing it firsthand.

I'm planning to be in Zambia during **July and November**, and both are wonderful times to visit.

July: It's the cool season! Nights can get down to about 8°C, while daytime temperatures sit around 25°C. It's comfortable weather and also a great time for safari since the shorter grasses make it easier to spot.

November: One of the most exciting times of the year at TES. During **Celebration Week**, students showcase what they've learned throughout the year, ending with the highlight—**Graduation**.

If visiting TES is something you've ever been curious about, I would love to talk with you about it.

Sponsor a Student

We've just started a new school year, and we have **24 new preschool students** who are still waiting for sponsors.

For one of these children, a sponsor means holding their first book, learning their letters and growing in a safe and gospel centred environment each day.

Would you consider sponsoring one of these 24 students this year?

You can learn more through our website, or simply reply to this email and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement, and support. It means a lot to know so many of you care about the work happening at The Esther School.

Enjoy some recent photos sent my way!



The crops are thriving this year!! Huge sunflowers for our Sunflower Oil program!



Sweet kiddos enjoying the playground at recess



Bigger "kiddos" also enjoying the playground during recess, just in a different way :)

Blessings,

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