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El Shaddai Ministry High School News



There is no denying the people of Eswatini (Swaziland) are struggling on all fronts. The battle on poverty, disease and spiritual emptiness continues to claim lives and is taking a tremendous toll on the vulnerable children and families throughout the country.

We know you will agree, a child's education is essential, in order for them to achieve a better way of life. That's why education is a very high priority for El Shaddai. It may surprise you but the Swazi government, provides very minimal assistance to Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC). The children placed in the child care facilities, are primarily supported through private donation, from people such as yourselves.

Eswatini's school year begins in January and ends in December. Schools were on break and reopened on September 9th. Outstanding school fees still have not been paid. These unpaid school fees will prevent students from continuing on to the next grade in 2026.

Join us in prayer as we ask God to help meet the need! There are five El Shaddai Form 3 (Tenth-Grade) students they are Masoja, Akeelah, Sizwe, BoyBoy, and Sakhile. We pray all will go well and they will pass their exams!

There are five El Shaddai students who are graduating from High School this year! The students completing Form 5 (Twelfth-Grade) are, Joseph, Siphamandla, Ayanda, Phiwa, and Mhlungisi.

The Swazi Child Welfare Department (SCWD) requires that these young men and women, be housed on property separate from the younger children. One of the plans being discussed (by ESM directors and SCWD), is designating the Komati Home (located thirty minutes from El Shaddai's Primary home) into a transitional home for El Shaddai's high school graduates.

Additionally, the government has proposed that the Chief's from each village, should assist in integrating these young people back into their communities. By making land available to the OVC's (Orphaned & Vulnerable Children) after they complete their education, they hope they will be able to reconnect with their extended family in each area.

The Directors of El Shaddai recently had a five-hour meeting with the Regional Education Office, Chief Labandla (Chief's Community Leaders), and the School Committee. Fifteen years later, they have finally been granted the right to build the high school. With zero funding available, God must be planning something in the background.

We are discovering the joy of a radical gospel inside of us that produces radical fruit outside of us. And as we meet needs on earth, we are proclaiming a gospel that transforms lives for eternity. The point is not simply to meet a temporary need or change a startling statistic; the point is to exalt the glory of Christ as we express the gospel of Christ through the radical generosity of our lives.- Pastor David Platt

El Shaddai Ministry Primary School News

El Shaddai Primary School continues to face new challenges. Eswatini's educational system continues to go through major changes. This has a direct impact on the children at all levels. Pray that God would move in the hearts of the teachers, parents and children motivating them to pursue excellence, despite the challenges they face.

El Shaddai lost their Consumer Science teacher at El Shaddai Primary School. She was promoted to a permanent high school post. Losing a teacher now will be a huge challenge for all the students.

There are six El Shaddai Seventh-Grade students, who recently completed their exams. Ayanda, Ziyanda, Michael, Temalangeni, Temagamane, and Musa. El Shaddai will be looking to place these youth at a High School for 2026.

El Shaddai recently met with the Principle of the El Shaddai Primary School. She was informed that the government is changing their policy for First and Second Grade students. Children will only learn Siswati, English and Math in these grades and no other additional subjects will be taught.

The El Shaddai Primary School has been in need of a new kitchen for quite some time now. El Shaddai received news that a new outdoor kitchen will be built. Micro-Projects of Eswatini has committed to completing the project by the end of the year!

El Shaddai is Committed to Caring for the Children the Lord Has Entrusted Us With!



El Shaddai Ministry (ESM) donations have been impacted in the last year by a changing world. Having limited funds, while raising fifty-six children, is a difficult task, by anyone's standard. Please be assured ESM has risen to the challenge and is dedicated to providing the children the best possible care. With the Lord's help, we continue to make the most of every dollar we receive from donors!

For ESM to be the best stewards of what the Lord has provided; we have had to convert all Child Sponsorships into El Shaddai Partnerships. The children are given all the basic necessities of life such as food, clothing, and an education. These are our top priorities! As additional monthly funds become available, budgeted needs are prayerfully considered and are used as the Lord directs.



El Shaddai appreciates your continued support of the precious Children the Lord has entrusted us with!

Together we can make a difference!

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Third Quarter News 2025

Farming Is A Way Of Life



The El Shaddai garden is full up and look amazing! They are trying to plant as many vegetables as they can. They recently planted fifteen hundred beetroot seedlings. The plan is to plant more vegetables as time and money allow.

The animals add a great deal of value to El Shaddai Children's Home. Eswatini is largely an agrarian society, especially in the rural areas which is where the home is located. The children help to care for the animals. By doing so, they learn valuable life lessons on how to care for animals, such as cows, goats, chickens and geese. They are homesteaders in every sense of the word.



Anton (El Shaddai Director) used his ingenuity to and build a Hay Baler. El Shaddai had tall overgrown grass, all around the property, and its fire season. They soon began baling the grass and started using it as bedding for the goats. Every morning, they noticed that the bales of grass disappeared. The goats had been munching on it all night long. Now the goat bedding gets turned into manure and is being used as fertilize for the garden.



A South African group of volunteers visit El Shaddai a few months ago. They upgraded the garden fences which was quite exciting. It took a lot of oversight on Antons's part. With having to monitor tools, making sure no injuries happened, and seeing to it that everything was done properly. The group did a great job.
Thank you to all who participated!

Maintenance & Building Projects



Building Projects and Maintenance are a critical need at El Shaddai Ministry!

Not only are they a necessity due to safety concerns but they are a great way to involve the children. Building projects teach the children great life skills, it teaches them valuable lessons they can carry into adulthood!

The Baby House Sewage System is slowly collapsing the same way as the Girls dorms. Needless to say, the sewerage system of the baby house needs to be replaced.



The Baby House walls are separating from the foundation. The house is fairly new but is in desperate need of a wraparound step. Unfortunately, when the house was built, local builders did not reinforce the walls and connect the rebar to the foundation.

El Shaddai experiences intense rain storms. The heavy rainfall is digging its way under the foundation. This is creating puddles against the wall. As you can imagine this is not good for the structure itself. In order to remedy the problem, support steps have to be built. This is needed to help prevent the walls from completely collapsing.

The corrugated roof on the Girls' Dorm is showing a tremendous amount of age. The paint is wearing thin, tiny holes are appearing all over the roof. This is causing the roof to rust out and leak badly. The water is starting to cause the roof trusses to rot and become unsafe.

The new Kitchen (canteen) has only progressed to the foundations. We pray God will provide for this to be built and completed before the end of the year.

These projects should not be delayed any longer!

When we consider the promises of Christ, risking everything we are and everything we have for his sake is no longer a matter of sacrifice. It's just common sense. Radical obedience to Christ is not easy; it is dangerous. It is not smooth sailing aboard a luxury liner; it is sacrificial duty aboard a troop carrier. It's not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end such risk finds its reward in Christ. And HE is more than enough for us. - David Platt ('Radical' pg. 181)

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

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