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El Shaddai Regional Child Care Facility, Eswatini

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El Shaddai Christmas Miracles!



El Shaddai Christmas was extra special and we were so blessed to have a proper celebration with gifts for the kids this year! The kids were super happy and very grateful. God is good, He made a way for a Christmas miracle.



As you can imagine Christmas shopping, preparing gifts and food for the Children and Staff Christmas celebration is a monumental task.

Christmas Gifts for the Children included an outfit made up of jeans, a T-shirt, sneakers and pajamas. And a special gift package was also given to each child. These packages included toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, face clothe, socks, underwear, deodorant and lotion.

It was all hands on deck in preparing and serving the Children's Christmas Meals. Thanks to our Partners we were able to provide each of our children with a special breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Despite the weather being dismal, Anton, Chanel and volunteers (Anthony & Edmund) were determined to provide a BBQ feast fit for kings and queens.



Over the years, the El Shaddai Staff has received many generous donations from our Partners.

This year, without fail, you provided our Staff with much need Christmas bonuses. The Staff also received a special meal which they shared with their El Shaddai Church Family.



It's a huge undertaking to get the El Shaddai kids what they need for Christmas in such a short time frame. Because of this the Directors and their family celebrated Christmas at a later date. They celebrated by having BBQ chicken, pap (grits) and potato salad.

Funds were also donated so our kids could have a New Year's celebration. What a hope filled celebration!



Tremendous amounts of used clothing, shoes and food were donated by a local Methodist Ladies' Group. It was a huge job sorting through the mounds of items. At the end of the four-hour event, the children and staff walked out with big smiles and much needed clothing. Thank you!

What a joy to experience these Christmas miracles!

Dear Heavenly Father. As we enter the doorway of a new year, we thank you for carrying us through the one behind us. Through the joy, lessons, hardships, and disappointment. We place this coming year in your hands. Asking you for your guidance, peace, provision, and love.

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El Shaddai School News



The Eswatini Regional Education Office (REO) has implemented new rules for Preschools in 2026. These new rules prevent children, five or under from entering into primary school. El Shaddai Preschool graduation was on November 28th. They put on quite performance all dressed in their traditional Swazi clothing. They gave it all they had, as they danced with determination on their faces. It was very entertaining for all those watching the show. What a great end to the year!



High School (HS) changes are coming with new regulation being put in place. Youth who entered their class at a younger than acceptable age, must repeat their grade in 2026. The HS syllabus is changing again and 2026 will be the final form 5 (12th grade) class to be taught under the old syllabus. High school will end at form 4 (11th grade). Students who want to study engineering and medicine will be required to attend additional classes after graduation. Great news, all of our 7th grade students passed. All our Form 3 (10th grade) students passed. All Form 4 (11th grade) students passed but two. We pray the Lord will give us wisdom to deal with our youth who are struggling academically.

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 make a difference!

To make a donation visit 'El Shaddai Paths to Life & Leadership' Website!
At https://pathtolead.org or Mail your check to 'ESPTL&L'
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Farming Is A Way Of Life



The plowing and planting season began at the end of Oct. Fields were mapped out showing where the crops needed to be planted. The first crop planted was yellow maize (corn) and the old local white maize variety was also planted. This was a gifted to El Shaddai by one of the Gogos (grandmother's) in the area.



After that Anton planted a new crop of alfalfa (Hay), this will help to keep all the animals fed and healthy. Eswatini does not grow alfalfa, and importation of alfalfa bales are banned for some unknown reason.



El Shaddai's Vegetables were harvested. We had a wonderful harvest on our onions, which we are super happy about because they are currently unaffordable in Eswatini. We harvested some of our beetroots, and they are looking fantastic. And best of all, no fertilizer was used on our veggies, only goat and chicken manure.



Most of the planting is done for the season. But just like every year, the tractor always gives up halfway. The El Shaddai tractor now has a broken steering rack.

Severe Weather & Damaged Roads



Weather in Eswatini has been very odd in the past few months, its either deadly hot or rainy. The storms here have been bad on a daily basis. Every time it rains the Girl's house roof leaks and the Director's (Anton and Chanel) house floods.

There are many days we go without electricity. We recently had a horrible storm with non-stop rain, lightning, and thunder. A town close to Eswatini was hit by a tornado. The non-stop rain has severely damaged the roads and the road up to El Shaddai is a terrible mess. We are stuck on the mountain unless it's an emergency, then we take risks of further damaging our vehicles. It's been a rough start to the year, but we thank the Lord for His protection.



Challenging Medical Issues

Its been a challenging fourth quarter when it comes to medical issues. One of our girls fractured her leg and tore ligaments. After taking a bad fall in late November, she had to see a bone specialist and undergo treatment. After many trips to the hospital, she is now on the mend!

Charmain (Director) was recently examined by an orthopedic surgeon. Due to the seriousness of her Rheumatoid Arthritis, she sufferers from severe joint damage in both her knees. He recommends both her knees be replaced. Charmain's replacement surgery begins in February. Praise God for providing the funds needed for the deposit to begin this difficult process.

Please cover our family and friends with good health, safety, and love. Strengthen us when we feel tired, lose hope, calm our hearts when we worry, and remind us that you are always with us. Help us walk into the new year with faith instead of fear. Gratitude instead of doubt and hope for what lies ahead. We trust you with our plans and dreams. Thank you for a new beginning and for your unending love, protection, provision and grace. AMEN

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS & VOLUNTEERS

Heartfelt thank you to all our Partners – Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity. We can't begin to explain how much it means to us to have your support. More often than not, our efforts are overlooked, and we sometimes feel were going it alone in the world. But the fact that you acknowledge us, even though you may be going through your own personal hardships, is something we can't express our appreciation enough for. Your gifts of prayer and financial offerings came at a time of great need. We have been on our knees many, many nights, pleading with the Almighty for intervention. Thanks to you, our prayers have been answered!

Please pray about how the Lord is leading you to partner with El Shaddai in the coming year!
If you feel moved to give, visit the El Shaddai Paths website at https://pathtolead.org
One hundred percent of the funds donated, go directly to supporting El Shaddai!

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:35-36



