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El Shaddai Easter Blessings Overflowing!









With the help from our Partners the El Shaddai staff and children were blessed with yummy treats for Easter!

The kids really love pastries, especially cross buns and cake. They were super happy to have pastry's, cake and hot cocoa in the evening for Easter, what an amazing gift. We had a fire outside and they sat around it enjoying their treats.

The Live-in Staff each received a mug with a small chocolate, a sachet of cocoa and a packet of cookies! They were so happy for this gift. This small token of gratitude carries a huge amount of gratefulness.

We thank you and we thank the Lord for the kindness shown to us time and time again.

El Shaddai's Easter Service was a beautiful celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The visiting South African Team treated our El Shaddai Family to a time of praise & worship. He has risen indeed!



In return we treated them to our favorite worship songs. We sang for joy as we praised the Lord for His tremendous provision and faithfulness. What a treat it was to celebrate alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Over Easter break we received an instant porridge donation from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (SA). The high Protein Meal is filled with a lot of nutrients.



The smaller packs are donated seed packages for the garden from a different company. What a blessing it is to have such generous and thoughtful people helping us. Alleluia!



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood, as to understand. To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. And it's in pardoning that we pardoned. And its in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. ~ Francis of Assisi (Part II)

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El Shaddai School News



El Shaddai Preschool and early pre-K kids work hard in and out of the classroom. As you can see here, they are hard at work building a dam, school and housing for their community. While others are preparing meals and mud pies for dessert. They are growing into their leadership rolls even at this young age.



El Shaddai Graduates where, Ayanda Mamba, Mhlungisi Ngwenya, Phiwa Zwane, Madita Dlamini, Joseph Madlopha. Thanks to our Partner's all the school fees were paid in full!



Ayanda wants to study science, Mhlungisi also wants to apply for business management, Phiwa wants to become a mechanic, Madita wants to go into accounting, Joseph wants to become a chef.

Following the graduates, now in Form 5 (12th Grade) are David, Sivuno, Siphelele, Fana, Sphiwe, Chief and Benjamin. Sivuno and David have been in the top of their class. The current Form 1 students will only have four years of High School, they will finish in 2029. Siphelele and Sphiwe are currently our Form 1 (8th Grade) students. Siphelele is top in her class.

Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you as an instrument in His hands!

A South African team of students (total of thirty) came for a visit over the Easter break. Several of the team members spent time playing games and doing face painting with the kids.







They built a playscape at the El Shaddai toddler / baby house. It was all hands-on deck as everyone join in to put their own personal touches on the project. To finish it off the playscape was cover in hand prints as a reminder of the joy and love that was shared by all. Hours and hours of fun to follow!







The El Shaddai kids who had birthdays were treated to some snacks and special treats.







I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world. ~ St Mother Teresa

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Farming Is A Way Of Life



We had a very good corn harvest, one of the best yields in the community. A maize (corn) crib had to be built. This is the first batch, harvesting is ongoing.

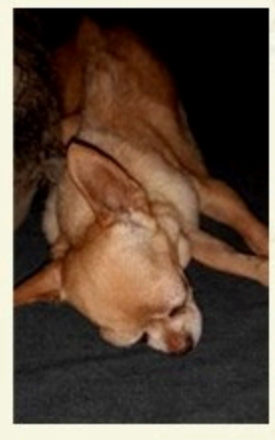


The goats did not fair well during this years rainy season. With the three weeks of constant rain we had in January, the goats developed Foot-rot from grazing in the wet fields. Unfortunately, one young male goat was lost. Those that remained were treated as needed and are doing much better.

Challenging Medical Issues



Charmain is continuing to recover from her recent knee surgery from the end of February. Recovery will take time and the Physical Therapy is tough but it has to be done. Her Rheumatoid Arthritis effects the healing time and her left knee is shot which presents its own challenges. Thankfully she is walking with a cane now. Her left knee will need to be replaced once her right knee is completely healed from surgery. Please keep praying for her recovery.



Sadly, El Shaddai's beloved dog Chai passed away in March. God showed his mercy and fetched her in the early morning hours. She was loved by all and will be missed very much.

God Never Stops Working



We had a great surprise for the children at the end of January from a group based out of Big Bend in Eswatini. They came to bless the children with worship songs, prayer and play. And a delicious meal was served of Corn Meal (Pap), chicken and salad greens!





In the first week of April Pastor Wiseman also from Big Bend in Eswatini blessed the children. To El Shaddai's surprise he arrived with a truck filled with bags of rice, enough to last three weeks. He also brought munchies and a dozen or more loaves of bread. God is good, amen!

El Shaddai Needs Your Support!



El Shaddai Ministry (ESM) donations have been impacted in the last few years by a changing world. Having limited funds, while raising fifty-six children, is a difficult task, by anyone's standard. With help from our generous Partners ESM is rising to the challenge and continues to be dedicated to providing the children the best possible care. With the Lord's help, we strive to make the most of every dollar we receive from donors. Truly blessed!

To donate visit 'El Shaddai Paths to Life & Leadership' Website!
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A Story of Love & Loyalty - In the wild, female elephants are known as fierce protectors. When one of their sisters is suffering, they circle up around her. They close tight, watch, guard and even kick dust around her to mask her vulnerable scent from predators. We are the same. This is who we are, and who we are meant to be for each other. Sometimes we're the ones in the middle. Sometimes we're the ones kicking up the dust with fierce, fierce love. But the circle remains.

Thank you for being our elephants!

Please pray about how the Lord is leading you to partner with El Shaddai in 2026!
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!

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. ~ Francis of Assisi (Part I)





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