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APRIL 2025 REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) continues its mission to serve vulnerable children through a holistic approach encompassing child sponsorship, specialized education, therapy, medical care, spiritual development, and skills training. This month marked a milestone with the receipt of a generous donation that enabled us to purchase land and begin construction on a permanent children's home—fulfilling a long-held dream and providing hope for a stable, nurturing environment.

Our educational programs showed positive results, with many children improving academically thanks to the support of caregivers and volunteer tutors. Despite losing a few sponsors, 28 of the 56 children remain sponsored, allowing us to provide essential services like education, healthcare, and nutrition, though continued donor engagement is critical.

The Special Needs program, led by Teacher Sarah, maintained steady progress despite staffing challenges, while physiotherapy services faced reduced frequency due to funding limits, highlighting the need for increased support. Visits from donors and friends brought joy and encouragement, enriching the children's lives with meaningful experiences.

Health challenges arose but were managed effectively through timely medical care. Spiritual growth remained central, with vibrant Sunday services and an uplifting Easter celebration reinforcing faith and community. Nutrition remains a concern due to limited food donations, and we continue to seek partnerships to ensure consistent, nutritious meals.

Overall, ECM remains committed to nurturing resilient, God-fearing children equipped to overcome their challenges and thrive.



2. APRIL 2025 PROGRAM UPDATES

Education and Academic Progress

All school-going children under ECM returned home for their First Term holidays in April. We are pleased to report that many showed improved academic performance compared to previous years. This positive trend is a testament to the combined efforts of our caregivers, volunteer tutors, and the stable learning environment we strive to provide.

Education offers more than academic growth—it instills structure, confidence, and purpose in the lives of vulnerable children. It is a vital pillar of our mission to raise resilient, God-fearing leaders equipped to transform their communities and overcome the challenges of their past.

Sponsorship Program Updates

During the month of April, we experienced a setback in our Sponsorship Program as we lost sponsors for Emmanuel

and Garvin. As a result, the number of sponsored children now stands at 28 out of the 56 currently under our care—leaving 28 still in need of sponsorship.

Sponsorships remain the backbone of our ministry, enabling us to provide essential services such as education, healthcare, food, and personal care. These fluctuations in sponsorship underscore the ongoing need for consistent donor engagement and communication. We remain committed to fostering strong relationships with current and potential sponsors to ensure that every child receives the comprehensive support they deserve.

We received two sponsors who subscribed for monthly donations: Alice and Cobros donating USD 40 and USD 37 respectively. We encourage donors to subscribe monthly to ensure children get the assurance they need in time.



Figure 1: Josph (left) and Trevor (right) were so happy for these gifts. Thanks for all the efforts from our sponsors and donors.

Special Needs Education & Social

In April 2025, our Special Needs Education program continued to run every Saturday and Sunday under the dedicated guidance of Teacher Sarah. We are grateful to witness steady progress among the children, many of whom are showing marked improvements in their ability to communicate, engage, and learn. This program has proven to be a lifeline, especially for children with disabilities and those who are unable to access formal education due to their physical or cognitive challenges.

Unfortunately, due to limited financial resources, Teacher Josephine—who previously supported this program—has not been able to continue her teaching role. Her absence has been deeply felt, as her contribution brought significant value to the children’s development. Nevertheless, the continued commitment of Teacher Sarah and the impact of the program remain a source of hope. It not only offers tailored learning but also affirms the dignity and potential of every child, regardless of ability.

Physiotherapy Updates

In April 2025, four of our children Christopher, Sharif, Samson and Brighton continued to benefit from our physiotherapy program. However, due to financial constraints, three out of five children from the wider disabled community were unable to attend therapy sessions this month. While they missed out on critical in-person support, their guardians continued to receive weekly donations to help them care for the children at home.

Additionally, limited funding has necessitated a reduction in therapy frequency to once per week for those still enrolled. This adjustment has slowed the physical progress of children who require more frequent, consistent sessions to improve mobility and muscle function. Physiotherapy remains an essential component of our care model, and we recognize the urgent need for increased support in this area to ensure long-term mobility and independence for every child we serve.



Figure 2: Christopher during a physiotherapy session

A Joyful Visit to Uganda

April was marked by joyful and spiritually uplifting visits that left lasting memories for our children. On Easter Monday, April 21st, we were honored to receive Mrs. Opio Judith, a woman of God who came

bearing Easter blessings. She brought gifts, goodies, and an Easter cake, and she ministered to the children through a powerful message of hope and resurrection. Her presence brought warmth and encouragement to both children and staff.



Figure 3: Mrs. Opio Judith, a woman of God who came bearing Easter blessings

On April 22nd, we welcomed Nicola and her husband Micheal from the UK, who spent an entire week with us. They shared meals, played games, and organized a special boat ride with the children at the Source of the Nile River. Together with their sponsored children, they also visited Murchison Falls and explored the national park, giving the children a rare chance to witness the beauty of Uganda's wildlife and nature firsthand. These visits brought joy, spiritual nourishment, and meaningful interaction that made the children feel loved and valued.



Figure 4: On April 22nd, we welcomed Nicola and her husband Micheal from the UK, who spent an entire week with us



Figure 5: A boat ride to source of the Nile river with Nicola and her husband.

Children's Health

This month presented several health challenges. Halima continued to experience recurring skin irritation, while Trevor and several of our children with disabilities fell ill. Thankfully, all are currently recovering. Timely access to medical care has played a crucial role in preventing these conditions from escalating into serious complications. Continued support for healthcare remains a cornerstone of our commitment to holistic child development and well-being.



Figure 6: Some of the sponsored children display their gifts they received from their sponsors.

Easter Sunday Celebration

Easter Sunday was celebrated with joy and reverence at ECM. The day began with a vibrant worship service led by our pastoral team, where children were reminded of Christ's sacrifice and the hope of resurrection. The celebration was crowned with a delicious fish meal enjoyed together, creating a sense of family, gratitude, and belonging among the children and caregivers.

Birthday Celebrations

In April, we joyfully celebrated the birthdays of several children at Empowered Child Ministries. Jane turned 13 and Devine turned 8 on April 10th, followed by Shirati who celebrated her 5th birthday on April 11th. Rihanna turned 8 on April 13th, Mariam turned 14 on April 14th, and both Joseph (9) and Sunday (15) celebrated their birthdays on April 17th. These celebrations are always a highlight within our community, offering each child a special moment to feel seen, loved, and appreciated. For many of them, it was their very first time experiencing a birthday celebration, making the occasion not only joyful but deeply meaningful and emotionally affirming.



Figure 7: some of the children who celebrated their birthdays in April 2025.

Nutrition Struggles

April was a challenging month in terms of nutrition. Limited food donations resulted in meals that lacked essential nutrients, particularly protein and fruits. This impacted the children's energy levels,

concentration in school, and overall immunity. Addressing food insecurity remains urgent, and we continue to seek reliable partnerships and dedicated donors to help us provide consistent, nutritious meals for every child under our care.



Figure 8: Musa displays part of the luggage he received from his sponsor

Sunday Services and Spiritual Development

Weekly Sunday services led by Pastor Derrick continued faithfully throughout April. Each session included heartfelt worship, Scripture teaching, and prayer. These spiritual gatherings are central to our mission of raising God-fearing children. They not only offer moral guidance but also nurture purpose, character, and a strong relationship with God. Our commitment to spiritual development ensures that faith remains the foundation of everything we do at ECM.



Figure 9: Children during a worship session on Sunday

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report of Empowered Child Ministries outlines a transparent and responsible management of funds, detailing budget allocation, expenditures, and funding sources. Key income streams include individual donations, partner grants, and fundraising activities, all vital to supporting the 56 children in our care.

Major expenses prioritize child welfare, covering necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter, alongside educational programs that provide learning materials and specialized support for disabled and school-going children. Healthcare costs address medical treatments, emergency care, and ongoing therapies for children with special needs.

Operational expenses, including administrative costs, utilities, and facility maintenance, are carefully controlled to ensure effective daily functioning. This encompasses upkeep of the children's home, allowances for caretakers, and essential services like electricity and water.

3.1 Collected Donations

During the reporting period, Empowered Child Ministries received a total of UGX 94,617,497 (approximately USD 27,033.57 or GBP 21,026.11) in donations through various channels. The largest contribution came via PayPal, totaling UGX 53.5 million, followed by bank transfers at UGX 25.4 million. Additional support was received through GoFundMe (UGX 10.3 million), mobile money (UGX 3.4 million), Western Union (UGX 1.3 million), and Ria (UGX 414,000). These generous contributions have been instrumental in sustaining our programs and meeting the diverse needs of the 56 children under our care.

Donations	UGX	USD	GBP
Bank Transfer Donations	25,460,959	7,274.56	5,657.99
GoFundMe Donations	10,372,500	2,963.57	2,305.00
Mobile Money Donations	3,485,182	995.77	774.48
Paypal Donations	53,563,960	15,303.99	11,903.10
Ria Donations	414,000	118.29	92.00
Western Union Donations	1,320,896	377.40	293.53
Grand Total	94,617,497	27,033.57	21,026.11

3.2 Expenditure

Empowered Child Ministries incurred a total of UGX 21,090,966 (approximately USD 6,025.99 or GBP 4,686.88) in direct expenses during the reporting period. The largest portion was allocated to program costs, totaling UGX 13.1 million, which supported education, therapy, and child welfare services. Administrative expenses followed at UGX 6.2 million, covering essential staff and management functions. Additional expenditures included UGX 1.3 million in other operational costs and UGX 397,600 for utility bills. These expenses reflect our commitment to efficient and purposeful use of funds to support the holistic care of children under ECM.

Direct Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	6,291,846	1,797.67	1,398.19
Other Operational Expenses	1,310,000	374.29	291.11
Program Costs	13,091,520	3,740.43	2,909.23
Utility Bills	397,600	113.60	88.36
Grand Total	21,090,966	6,025.99	4,686.88

Our huge **donations in April helped us acquire land worth Ugx 31,000,000** (USD 8,857 OR GBP 6,889). Thank you for all the generous givers towards making the dream of Empowered Child Ministries come a reality. This land in Mafubira has been added to our Fixed asset list.

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

During the reporting period, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of UGX 6,291,846 (approximately USD 1,797.67 or GBP 1,398.19) on administrative expenses. Key costs included UGX 2.13 million in PayPal withdrawal charges and UGX 1.2 million for rent and lease fees. Allowances for caretakers amounted to UGX 1.09 million, while professional services and consultations totaled UGX 1.02 million. Other expenses covered website maintenance, internet bundles, withdrawal fees, and gratitude gifts with shipping, all essential to ensuring smooth daily operations and donor engagement.

Administrative Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Allowances for Caretakers	1,095,000	312.86	243.33
Gifts of Gratitude, Postages & Shipping	190,000	54.29	42.22
Internet Bundles	235,000	67.14	52.22
Paypal Withdraw Charges	2,131,846	609.10	473.74
Professional Services & Consultations	1,020,000	291.43	226.67
Rent & Lease Fees	1,200,000	342.86	266.67
Website Maintenance & Repairs	100,000	28.57	22.22
Withdraw Charges & Fees	320,000	91.43	71.11
Grand Total	6,291,846	1,797.67	1,398.19

3.3.2 Program Costs

Empowered Child Ministries allocated UGX 13,091,520 (approximately USD 3,740.43 or GBP 2,909.23) to direct program costs during the reporting period. The largest portion—UGX 7.27 million—went toward children's meals, ensuring consistent nutrition. UGX 2.18 million supported the purchase of household items and essential equipment, while UGX 1.62 million was invested in education programs, including materials and specialized support. The Drop-in Clinic services received UGX 1.26 million, offering essential medical care, and UGX 755,000 was spent on broader health and welfare services. These investments directly contributed to the well-being and development of the children under ECM's care.

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
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Childrens' Meals	7,271,000	2,077.43	1,615.78
Drop-in-Clinic	1,260,000	360.00	280.00
Education Program	1,617,520	462.15	359.45
Health & Welfare Program	755,000	215.71	167.78
Household Items & Equipment	2,188,000	625.14	486.22
Grand Total	13,091,520	3,740.43	2,909.23

a) Education Program

The Education Program at Empowered Child Ministries recorded a total expenditure of UGX 1,617,520 (USD 462.15 / GBP 359.45) during the reporting period. This investment supported a range of activities aimed at enriching the educational experience and spiritual growth of the children. Key expenses included UGX 630,520 for secondary school tuition fees and UGX 332,000 for dancing classes that promote creativity and confidence. Additional costs were incurred for special needs education (UGX 160,000), Sunday church services (UGX 300,000), and essential learning materials such as scholastic supplies (UGX 60,000) and stationery items (UGX 135,000). These combined efforts reflect ECM's commitment to holistic education that nurtures both academic potential and personal development.

Education Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Dancing Classes	332,000	94.86	73.78
Scholastic Materials	60,000	17.14	13.33
Special Needs Education	160,000	45.71	35.56
Stationery Items	135,000	38.57	30.00
Sunday Church Services	300,000	85.71	66.67
Tuition Fees - Secondary Education	630,520	180.15	140.12
Grand Total	1,617,520	462.15	359.45

b) Health and Welfare Program

The Health & Welfare Program at Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of UGX 755,000 (USD 215.71 / GBP 167.78) to support the well-being of children in its care. This included UGX 431,000 on medical services, which covered treatments and health checkups for children in need. Additionally, UGX 269,000 was allocated to hairdressing and assorted personal care items, ensuring children maintain hygiene and dignity. A further UGX 55,000 was spent on children's gifts and toys, providing emotional comfort and a sense of joy. These efforts reflect ECM's commitment to both the physical and emotional well-being of the children.

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Gifts, Toys	55,000	15.71	12.22
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	269,000	76.86	59.78
Medical Services	431,000	123.14	95.78
Grand Total	755,000	215.71	167.78

c) Household Activities

Empowered Child Ministries allocated a total of UGX 2,188,000 (USD 625.14 / GBP 486.22) toward household items and essential equipment to support the daily needs of the children. The expenses covered key items such as beddings (UGX 670,000), clothing (UGX 457,000), and washing bar soap or powder (UGX 453,000), which were necessary for hygiene and personal care. Other purchases included

kitchen items, sanitary towels, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and home maintenance supplies, all aimed at maintaining a clean, comfortable, and well-equipped living environment. This investment ensures a dignified and supportive atmosphere for the children under ECM's care.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
Barber	205,000	58.57	45.56
Beddings	670,000	191.43	148.89
Clothings	457,000	130.57	101.56
Diapers	51,000	14.57	11.33
Home Equipment & Items	33,000	9.43	7.33
Household Maintenance	76,000	21.71	16.89
Kitchen Items	99,000	28.29	22.00
Liquid Soap	48,000	13.71	10.67
Sanitary Towels / Pads	42,000	12.00	9.33
Shoe Polish	18,000	5.14	4.00
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	36,000	10.29	8.00
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	453,000	129.43	100.67
Grand Total	2,188,000	625.14	486.22

d) Children's Meals

Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of UGX 7,271,000 (USD 2,077.43 / GBP 1,615.78) on children's meals to ensure proper nutrition for the children in their care. This included staple foods such as beans, maize flour, rice, and vegetables, along with cooking essentials like oil, salt, and sugar. The budget also covered firewood for cooking and special meals tailored for children with disabilities. Fruits and other assorted food items were purchased to provide a balanced diet, supporting the health and well-being of the children.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	697,500	199.29	155.00
Cooking Oil	201,000	57.43	44.67
Firewood	520,000	148.57	115.56
Fruits	257,000	73.43	57.11
Maize/corn Flour	750,000	214.29	166.67
Other Food Stuff	2,261,500	646.14	502.56
Rice	1,575,000	450.00	350.00
Salt	10,000	2.86	2.22
Special Meals for Disabled Children	40,000	11.43	8.89
Sugar	392,000	112.00	87.11
Vegetables	567,000	162.00	126.00
Grand Total	7,271,000	2,077.43	1,615.78

e) Drop-In-Clinic

Empowered Child Ministries allocated UGX 1,260,000 (USD 360.00 / GBP 280.00) to support the Drop-in-Clinic services. This funding covered donations to caretakers, medication specifically for children with disabilities, and physiotherapy sessions. These resources are vital for maintaining the health and well-being of the children, particularly those with special medical and therapeutic needs.

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	300,000	85.71	66.67
Medication for Disabled Children	256,000	73.14	56.89
Physiotherapy Sessions	704,000	201.14	156.44
Grand Total	1,260,000	360.00	280.00

3.3.3 Utility Bills

Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of UGX 397,600 (USD 113.60 / GBP 88.36) on utility bills. This amount covered essential services including garbage collection, electricity, TV subscriptions, and water bills, all of which are crucial for maintaining a clean, safe, and functional environment for the children in their care.

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	10,000	2.86	2.22
Power/electricity Bills	63,000	18.00	14.00
TV Subscriptions	37,600	10.74	8.36
Water Bills	287,000	82.00	63.78
Grand Total	397,600	113.60	88.36

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

Empowered Child Ministries incurred a total of UGX 1,310,000 (USD 374.29 / GBP 291.11) in other operational expenses. These costs included organizing birthday parties for the children, as well as various transportation expenses related to food items, general supplies, facilitation, and package pickups. These activities support the smooth running of daily operations and contribute to the children's well-being and celebrations.

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Birthday Parties	840,000	240.00	186.67
Transportation for Food Items	86,000	24.57	19.11
Transportation of Items	61,000	17.43	13.56
Transport Facilitation	316,000	90.29	70.22
Transport to Pickup Packages	7,000	2.00	1.56
Grand Total	1,310,000	374.29	291.11

4. FUNDING NEEDS

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is facing critical challenges that require **urgent support** to continue providing a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for the vulnerable children in our care. Our mission remains rooted in restoring hope and dignity through holistic care—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. However, to sustain and grow this impact, we must urgently address several priority needs.

- **Temporary Rental Space:** ECM has been asked to vacate its current premises by May 30th. We are in urgent need of at least six months' rent to secure a new and larger space that can accommodate our growing number of children. As of the time of this report, no alternative location has been secured, placing the future of our programs and the well-being of our children at serious risk.
- **Solar Panels for Reliable Power:** Frequent electricity outages continue to disrupt our daily activities, particularly in the evening when children need lighting for study and indoor safety. Installing a solar power system will provide a reliable and sustainable energy source, ensuring that operations continue uninterrupted and the children have the lighting they need for learning and comfort.
- **Healthcare & Medical Support:** Our children require routine medical check-ups, emergency treatments, and, for some, specialized physiotherapy. Consistent funding is essential to meet these needs and ensure that every child receives the medical attention necessary to thrive physically and emotionally.
- **Skills Development Programs:** We are committed to empowering children with life skills that foster independence. One of our active initiatives includes vocational training in liquid soap-making, which not only equips children with practical skills but also builds their confidence and opens future income-generating opportunities.
- **DSLR Camera for Documentation & Outreach:** Capturing the progress and stories of our children is vital for transparency, storytelling, and donor engagement. A DSLR camera would enable us to professionally document their journeys, showcase program impact, and enhance our communication with existing and potential supporters.
- **Support for Orphans & Children with Disabilities:** We provide specialized care and education for children with disabilities, including therapy services and adaptive learning tools. These services are resource-intensive and require dedicated funding to ensure that each child receives tailored support that meets their unique needs.
- **Food & Nutritional Support:** Nutrition is a cornerstone of child development. Many of the children, particularly those with disabilities, require specialized and nutrient-rich diets. We are seeking consistent support to provide balanced and sufficient meals that meet each child's dietary needs.
- **Special Education Equipment:** To effectively serve children with disabilities, we need special education materials, including sensory toys, educational tablets, adaptive learning tools, block letters, numbers, and picture cards. These resources are critical for facilitating learning and therapy in a way that is accessible and engaging for each child.
- **Additional Support Staff:** With the growing needs of our children, ECM is stretched thin. We require additional caregivers, teachers, and therapists to maintain the quality of care, ensure personalized attention, and expand our capacity to serve more children with excellence.
- **Food Storage & Juice Preparation Equipment:** We also urgently need a **deep freezer** to store perishable food items safely and in larger quantities. In addition, a **blender** will support our nutrition program by enabling us to prepare fresh juices and special meals, particularly for children who require softer or liquid diets.

5. CHALLENGES

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children by providing holistic care, education, and spiritual support. However, we are currently facing several critical challenges that hinder our ability to effectively serve these children:

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is currently facing several urgent challenges that directly impact the well-being of the children in our care. At the top of the list is the **urgent need for a new space**—our current facility is overcrowded and we have received a notice to vacate from our landlord. This space is no longer adequate to meet the housing, educational, and developmental needs of our growing number of children. In addition, **financial constraints have severely limited access to physiotherapy and special needs education**. We had to let go of one of our specialized educators, leaving only one teacher to serve all children with disabilities, which has compromised the quality of care.

Moreover, ECM struggles with **inconsistent financial support**, which affects essential services such as education, medical care, and daily operations. For instance, we were unable to meet all the medical needs of the children this month, and **many children fell ill**. Compounding these issues, **28 children currently lack sponsors**, which strains our ability to provide for their school fees, healthcare, and meals. Our **food and basic supplies are running low**, making it increasingly difficult to provide consistent, nutritious meals.

The situation is further worsened by **frequent power outages**, disrupting cooking, studying, and therapy sessions. A stable power solution is urgently needed to maintain a safe and supportive environment. Additionally, **emotional and mental health support is lacking**, as we do not have the resources to hire professional counselors despite many children having experienced trauma. At the heart of these challenges is the **urgent need for repairs and refurbishment of wheelchairs** for our children with disabilities, which are vital for their mobility and participation in daily activities.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is actively working to overcome the current challenges affecting the children under its care by adopting a range of strategic solutions. To address the urgent need for a new space, **ECM is preparing to launch a targeted capital campaign aimed at raising funds for relocation**. The team is reaching out to local churches, landowners, and community leaders to identify potential spaces for temporary or permanent relocation, while also exploring opportunities for land donations or subsidized rental options through partnerships with NGOs and local authorities.

In response to the reduced access to physiotherapy and special needs education, **ECM is seeking partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and universities to bring in volunteer therapists and interns**. At the same time, caregivers and support staff are being trained in basic therapy techniques to ensure that children with disabilities continue receiving consistent care. Applications for grants that support inclusive education and disability programming are also being submitted to secure long-term funding for specialized staff and resources.

To tackle the issue of inconsistent financial support, **ECM is developing a monthly giving program that encourages sustained contributions from donors**. The organization is diversifying its fundraising

approach by expanding into online crowdfunding, organizing community events, and forging international partnerships with churches and schools. In order to strengthen donor engagement, ECM is preparing to provide regular updates and impact reports, showcasing how contributions directly benefit the children.

As part of efforts to ensure that every child receives consistent care, **ECM is intensifying its “Sponsor a Child” campaign to help find sponsors for the 28 children currently without one.** This includes creating emotional stories and visual content that highlight the unique needs and potential of each child. ECM is also encouraging collective sponsorship models where church groups, families, or small organizations can co-sponsor a child, while introducing tiered sponsorship options for individuals with varying financial capacities.

To manage the ongoing shortage of food and essential supplies, **ECM is working on establishing partnerships with local farms, food suppliers, and supermarkets to secure regular in-kind donations.** Plans are underway to initiate a community-supported garden that will not only help feed the children but also serve as a learning opportunity in sustainable agriculture. In addition, ECM continues to organize donation drives and is appealing to the local community and church networks for contributions of food and household items.

The frequent power outages continue to disrupt daily operations, but **ECM is actively exploring solar energy solutions as a sustainable alternative.** The organization is in discussions with solar companies and renewable energy nonprofits to secure funding or donations for solar installations. In the meantime, ECM is employing temporary measures such as rechargeable lanterns and gas-powered cooking options to maintain a safe and functional environment for the children.

Recognizing the critical importance of emotional and mental health, **ECM is working to build partnerships with universities and organizations that can provide volunteer counselors and social workers.** Efforts are being made to train staff in trauma-informed care and basic emotional support techniques. Additionally, ECM is creating peer mentoring groups among older children, guided by staff, to help nurture resilience and emotional well-being across the home.

Lastly, **ECM is responding to the urgent need for wheelchair repairs and mobility support for children with disabilities.** The team is reaching out to disability support organizations and medical equipment providers for donations and refurbishment assistance. Fundraising efforts focused on mobility needs are being planned, and ECM is also engaging local technicians and vocational schools to assist with affordable repair services.

Through these ongoing efforts, ECM remains committed to ensuring that every child in its care receives not only the basic necessities but also the love, support, and specialized services needed to thrive.

7. WAYS YOU CAN HELP

There are several ways you can support us:

1. **Online Donations** – Make a secure online contribution to directly support programs that benefit the children.
 - **One-Time Donations** – Your generous gift helps meet urgent needs and funds vital projects.
 - **Recurring Donations** – A monthly commitment ensures consistent support for essentials like food, healthcare, and education, creating a lasting impact.
2. **Child Sponsorship** – Change a child's life by becoming a sponsor. Your support provides them with education, healthcare, and essential care, giving them hope for a brighter future.
3. **In-Kind Donations** – Donate clothing, school supplies, or household essentials. These contributions go directly to the children, improving their daily lives.
4. **Fundraising** – Host a fundraising event or campaign to support our mission. Whether it's a charity run, bake sale, or online fundraiser, your efforts help make a significant difference. Contact us for guidance and resources.
5. **Volunteer Opportunities** – Share your time and skills to make a meaningful impact. Whether you assist in child care, education, administrative work, or special projects, your involvement helps create a nurturing and supportive environment.

Your generosity fuels our mission. Thank you for making a difference!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of everyone at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM), we express our sincere thanks for your incredible generosity and steadfast dedication to our mission. Your support—through donations, sponsorships, gifts in kind, or the gift of your time—has made a profound difference in the lives of the children we serve. We are especially grateful to all who contributed towards the purchase of land for the construction of a permanent home for the children.

Thanks to your compassion, these children now have access to essential services such as education, healthcare, and nutritious meals, as well as a safe and nurturing environment where they can grow and flourish. Your giving is more than a contribution—it is a lifeline that offers hope and opens doors to a brighter future.

We deeply appreciate your selflessness and commitment. Thank you for walking this journey with us and for creating lasting change in the lives of vulnerable children. May you be richly blessed for your kindness.

Sincerely,

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