

Compassionate life

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Helping Orphans and Widows in Swaziland, Africa

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: **to look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27 (NIV)



Partnering With God's People To:

Strengthen families in order for them to protect and care for orphans and vulnerable children...Helping families help themselves.

Mobilize and support community based responses to provide both immediate & long term assistance to vulnerable households.

Ensure access for orphans and vulnerable children to essential services, including education, health care, birth registration and others.

Help protect the most vulnerable children by channeling resources to impoverished communities.

Raise awareness at all levels through advocacy and social mobilization to create a supportive environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”
Mark 10:14



Swaziland, Africa

- Has the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the world.
- The population has declined to just under 1 million people
- Over half of the general population is HIV positive.

Children in Swaziland are being orphaned at an alarming rate: 10% of all Swaziland households are being run by children.

- 80% of all pregnant women giving birth in one hospital were HIV positive.
- In Swaziland if you are 15 years old you have a 6% chance of living to be 29 years old.

In Sub-Sahara Africa:

Over 15 million children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Over 26 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.



God is calling us for such a time as this. Will you join us?

5th Graders Set Example (April)

CLF USA News:



Did You Know?

The majority of families in third world countries live on **less than \$1 a day**; the average daily income in the United States is over **\$88 a day**. If each person gave as little as \$0.50 cents / day, **poverty could be eliminated**.

CLF visited with a Carter Middle School (Clio, MI) fifth grade class several times this year. The students donated **\$514.49** as one of El Shaddai Primary School Partners. The children have been exchanging letters and learning about one another's culture for the past year. The Clio children earned the local TV stations 'Good Kids Award' and were highlighted on the local nightly news.

Silent Auction (April)

The Silent Auction in April, held at New Covenant in Michigan, raised a total of **\$2366** in funds towards supporting the El Shaddai School Food Fund. This fund will help to supply the school with food that

will help to feed 235 children one well balanced meal per day. Special thanks to Sue Reber and Krista Back who organized and set up the auction and a BIG thanks to all those who saw it as a worthy cause to invest in.

From Mission to Missions (May)

The CLF board president and Executive Director (Tom & Linda) spoke at one of Flint's major outreach centers, Greater Flint Outreach Center. Those in the audience had very little to give, but what little they had they gave. Reminds us of the widow Jesus pointed out, who gave everything she had, and was more pleasing to God above those who gave little, but who had much. What blessing the people at GFOC have been!

Books Bring Bucks (May)



Compassionate Life would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the 'Book Sale' a success. Thanks to all those who donated thousands of books to make this possible. The Book Sale raised a total of **\$2200** in funds that will go towards supporting the Compassionate Life Medical Fund in Swaziland. This fund will help provide El Shaddai and the Manzini Free Methodist Church with much needed

medical supplies. In addition, the fund will help to cover the cost of transportation to and from the clinic / hospital or dental facilities if people need more advanced care. It will also be used to cover any doctor / dental office visits. Special thanks to Tammy Shim who was inspired by God to step out in faith to make a difference in the lives of those suffering in Swaziland.



CLF Team to Swaziland

In August, Linda and Tom Mulanix will be returning to Swaziland to continue work with El Shaddai, the Free Methodist Church in Manzini, and the child sponsorship program. Linda and Tom have a

full agenda of tasks that need to be completed. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Compassionate Life Foundation Board of Directors:

- Tom Mulanix (*President*)
- John Waldo (*Vice Pres.*)
- Sue Reber
- Derek Van Dam
- Krista Back
- Teresa Vaughn
- Linda Mulanix, (*ex officio*), is the founder and Executive Director

Note: Derek recently moved to Cape Town, South Africa to develop the first ever continent-wide meteorological department in Africa, with e.TV. Derek joins the CLF board meetings via Skype internet conferencing. He will join up with the CLF trip in Swaziland to create a video documentary of the CLF and El Shaddai work, to be broadcast on e.TV (estimated viewership: **10 million!**)



Highlights

- **Swaziland government supported teachers arrive at ESM Primary School (May)**

- **Two new babies arrived at ESM (June)** The first baby (Angelique) was born one month premature. Her mother was not able to get her to breast feed so she took the baby to the witch doctor. The witch doctor cut the baby's chest and back (like that was going to make the baby drink any better!). The mother began feeding the baby river water with sugar in it. By the time the baby arrived at El Shaddai it was near death. It so happened that a pediatric nurse was visiting with Heart for Africa and was able to save the baby's life. The other little girl whose name means "Beautiful" just arrived a few weeks ago. She is eight months old. Her mother died, her father is very ill and sadly, her grandmother does not want to take on the responsibility.

- **Babies house completed by Canadian Team led by Ron Puiras (June)**



The babies of El Shaddai have a beautiful new house they can call their home. Thanks to a Team from Toronto, Canada. The house was furnished by the generous people of California.

- **Children's Home kitchen completed (July)**

The kitchen New Covenant (Michigan) funded at ESM is finished and looks beautiful. Jabu the head mother and cook for the children could hardly believe her eyes. She had to ask Charmain if that was really her kitchen.



- **Heart for Africa Team visits ESM and Ekufikeni Village;** decorates children's kitchen and dining area and furnishes kitchen cupboards and supplies. A team from Heart for Africa finished off the kitchen by painting it, providing supplies and putting on the finishing touches. HFA mobile clinic provided dental care for the community.



- **Vegetable gardens and irrigation provides community food relief**

The Future Is Now

- **New kitchen and bathroom facilities under construction at ESM School** The kitchen at the primary school is built up to the roof and the bathroom has had its foundation poured and is ready to go up.
- **ESM Children's Home (Phase 2) begins breaking ground soon** The Chief and tribal leaders of the Ekufikeni Village are scheduled to formally present El Shaddai with a new piece of property next week. The property will be home to an additional 50 needy children. The property is located near an elementary school and high school. It is a short walking distance from the main road and is not far from the Maguga Dam back waters.
- **El Shaddai South Africa Children's Home to be purchased soon.** The board of El Shaddai has made the decision to purchase a home in South Africa. They felt it was necessary for the gifted children living at ESM to attend SA schools. If they were to remain in Swazi schools, their chances of attending SA colleges would be impossible.
- **Arts off Broadway Team (California) to arrive at ESM to complete Volunteer Hut Project**

To explore ways that you, your family, school, church, Sunday School class, youth group, small group, company, or other organization can partner with CLF or to request a CLF presentation,

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PRAYER

Prayer Requests:

- That God's people would be obedient to the call to help orphans
- That the cost of living would not continue to rise but decrease
- That parents becoming ill would get HIV testing and treatment
- Comfort and peace for the Coertzen Family after the loss of Kallie's mother Rena
- Comfort and peace for ESM and Noxolo's family after her death on March 30th
- Strength and wisdom for the full-time Staff and Directors of ESM
- Unity for the Manzini church leaders and congregation
- Safe travel and wisdom for the CLF Team traveling to Swaziland Aug./Sept. 2008

Answered Prayer:

- Praise God for providing the property to begin ESM Children's Home (Phase 2)
- Praise God for full-time and short term volunteers from USA
- Praise God for a good maize harvest

Partnership With El Shaddai Children's Home and School

Compassionate Life Foundation partners with the El Shaddai Children's Home and School in Swaziland.

At the El Shaddai Children's Home, **over 50 orphaned and vulnerable children** (OVCs) find a safe, stable, and a caring place to live.

Recognized by the Swazi government as one of the kingdom's most effective children's homes, El Shaddai is frequently asked to take in additional children, but their capacity has been reached. Currently, El Shaddai is looking at developing a second location to meet the kingdom's growing need.

El Shaddai also operates what we believe is Swaziland's **only free** primary school (pre K-7). Over 240 children receive a free education. For most, this is the **only** way

they will get an education; for many, the meals they get at the school are the only meals they get each day. Many walk miles to attend. While the government has recently agreed to provide teachers for the school, El Shaddai is required to build 5 teacher housing units (approximately \$40,000 total)

The needs are great. Teacher housing, classrooms, ongoing operational costs for the school and children's home, an increase in food costs, and additional locations all require funding.



Manzini News:

- **Jennifer Wilson from Malawi travels to Manzini for a two day visit to train tutors for after school program**



- **After school study program is helping children to excel in school** The children attending the after school program continue to make progress. Framino and Francisco (the tutors) are happy with how things are going. The children will receive their first reports from school by August.
- **Pastor Antonio includes Bible study in after school study program**



- **Pastor Antonio and family find a house and make it their home**



- **Young adults of the church plant vegetable garden to raise funds**
- **CLF Medical Fund useful for providing funds for child's dental work** One of our high school age students supported by one of our CLF sponsors has had medical issues these past few months. She has since gone to the dentist to get some much need dental work. She had such bad dental problems for such a long time that she was fainting regularly. They cleaned her teeth and did some fillings and she is doing great.

Future News:

- **Manzini nurse scheduled to visit church to provide Health Education** Educating the children mind body and soul is the key to giving them hope and a future. Teaching them good health habits is the next step towards teaching them good stewardship of their own bodies.

Special Thanks to:

- Kallie, Charmain and ESM Staff
- Swaziland Ekufikeni / Hhohho Regional Leaders
- ESM School Partners and Child Sponsors (USA)
- All4Jesus - Jared and Cindy Martin and supporters (Atlanta)
- New Covenant Ministries (Clio, MI)
- Ron Puiras & Team (Ont., Canada)
- Carter Middle School (Clio, MI)
- El Shaddai Volunteers (USA)
- Heart For Africa Teams (USA)
- Arts off Broadway Team (CA)

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