

# THE BETHANY

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## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER *Staying connected with you*

While financial limitations mean we can no longer produce the *Bethany News and Prayer Magazine*, our commitment to keeping you informed and inspired about the work of BCT and it's partners has not wavered. Here's how we'll continue sharing updates about BCT our projects and the children and young people they serve:

### [BCT WhatsApp Community Group:](#)

Get quick updates, stories, prayer requests, and videos

### [BCT News and Prayer:](#)

A short focused three-times-a-year newsletter with updates and the prayer needs of our partners.

[BCT Website:](#) Discover stories, news, and ways to stay involved.

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Thank you for being part of this journey with us. Together, we'll keep celebrating the impact of your support and prayers!

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## A NEW SEASON FOR BCT

*"Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things."*  
— Psalm 98:1

BCT has recently navigated a season of challenge and change, including a significant restructure. While the journey has been difficult, we have been sustained by God's unfailing loving kindness every step of the way. The vine has been pruned, cut back to make it stronger and indeed more fruitful. Today, we emerge as a smaller yet determined team, helped and guided by the unwavering support of our dedicated Trustees: Gill, Hazel, and Rose.

### SAME VISION, RENEWED FOCUS

BCT remains unwavering in its mission:

"To equip the Christian Church to lead the way in building both local and global communities where children at risk are loved, valued, safe, nurtured, included, and free to reach their God-given potential."

Over the years, we have witnessed profound transformations in the lives of children, churches, and communities as leaders apply the insights from BCT's training materials. These stories inspire us, whether it's children with disabilities being warmly embraced by church communities or broader cultural shifts that reflect greater inclusivity and care, the impact has been both lasting and life-changing.

As we move forward, we are attuned to God's voice and refining our focus to grow this transformation through three core priorities:

#### 1. **INFLUENCING CHANGE THROUGH BCT'S TRANSFORMATION RESOURCES**

We are dedicated to expanding the accessibility of BCT's resources and training materials. Through our website and in partnership with other Christian organizations sharing our vision, we aim to protect children at risk and promote meaningful change.

#### 2. **EQUIPPING AND ENCOURAGING THROUGH TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES**

By providing grants to support training initiatives and local activities inspired by BCT's resources, we empower leaders and projects to create a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children and their communities.

#### 3. **TRANSFORMING CHILDRENS LIVES BY PARTNERING WITH GRASSROOTS PROJECTS**

We are committed to walking alongside our project partners, offering ongoing support, guidance, prayer, and encouragement as they pursue their goals and steward their resources effectively.

# PLEASE PRAY WITH US

We invite our partners to share their prayer requests with us. The prayer points below are based on their submissions and represent their needs, though not quoted directly

## Ephesians 6:17–18

*[17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (ESV)*

## PRAYERS FOR Laissez Vivre Les Enfants (LVLE) - GOMA DRC

Dear BCT, greetings and peace from Christ. The war situation in the east of the country is still the most complex issue and requires much prayer.

Please pray for peace in this part of our country. At the moment, apart from the fighting and the sounds of war, there are people who are very destabilised and children who are losing their lives as they flee or are displaced. I think this is the most worrying request. Pray also for all the members of LVLE and the synergies who have been located and returned to areas of war turmoil. Pray also that LVLE will continue its work, for it is there that the work will intensify more and more. Thank you so much for this burden, my sister, and may God watch over you.

*Rev. Jean -Paul*

## PRAYERS FOR Wukwashi wa Nzambi (WWN) - Zambia

### Land Title Deed Issue

Pray for God's intervention regarding the WWN land issue. The Title Deed is still pending, and we need resolution.

### Partnership with Lifesong

Pray for God's revelation and guidance as we consider partnering with Lifesong. They have called for another meeting on Wednesday, but the Board remains uncertain. We are seeking God's wisdom in this matter.

### Health and Well-being

Pray for good health for the children we are serving, as well as for the volunteers and parents. Illnesses negatively impact our work.

### Traveling Safety

Pray for God's protection over the children and volunteers as they travel daily. Henry and other volunteers have to travel to Mambilima School, a journey of about 9 hours through poor roads in DR Congo.

**Annie's University Transition** Pray for our daughter Annie to settle well at the university where she was admitted two weeks ago. We also seek God's provision for her education.

*Joyce and Henry Mutembu*

## PRAYERS FOR Stop Child Witch Accusations (SCWA) - UK

Give thanks for God's blessings, the expanding work of SCWA, open doors, and dedicated collaborators.

- **Goma, DR Congo:** Protection for the team and vulnerable people, especially children. May God's angel armies surround them.
- **Calabar, Nigeria:** The Planning Committee extending Heart of the Matter training to Bakassi. Pray for Ese and the team's persistence in mobilizing the Church to end child witch accusations.
- **Akwa Ibom, Nigeria:** Preparation for training a new team in March and the five-day workshop in June. Pray for Patrick and the team as they select participants.
- **Salvation Army Pilot:** Pray for Caroline and Ellen leading this pilot in Niger Province.
- **Children's Resources:** Holy Spirit guidance as SCWA develops impactful resources to inspire and protect children.
- **Malawi:** A new opportunity to work with four Presbyterian Universities to develop curricula and grassroots interventions against witchcraft accusations.
- **New Members:** Pray for more people to join SCWA, especially on the Steering Committee, to help carry out this vital mission.

*Carolyn Gent*

## Prayers for Aprecom — Rwanda

- **Aprecom Team & Volunteers:** Pray for strength, wisdom, and protection as they support children with disabilities.
- **Newly reached children:** Ask for God's provision and care for the five new children in the program.
- **Rejected children:** Pray for comfort and acceptance for children facing rejection and mockery.
- **Community transformation:** Ask God to change hearts and make communities more inclusive.
- **Asha's restoration:** Pray for reconciliation between Asha and her family following the birth of her child. As a young mother pray for strength, provision, and wisdom as she raises her child on her own.
- **Aprecom's support for Asha:** Pray for success in her small business and financial stability and the support from the Queens Groups she attends.
- **Others facing similar challenges:** Lift up Asha and others struggling with teenage pregnancy and hardship.

*Odeth Abakunda*