

The Bethany News and Prayer Newsletter (2nd Edition)

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"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me".

John 15:5

BCT NEWS

Welcome to The Bethany Children's Trust News & Prayer Letter

During this summer time, we have taken time to pause and reflect on what has been a challenging period for BCT. We are so grateful for the steadfast support from you, our supporters and we are filled with gratitude for God's unwavering faithfulness and provision, which has carried us to this point—July 2025.

This season has been one of significant transition, reshaping BCT and laying a firm foundation for the future. We're excited to welcome new members to the team: [Molly Langston](#) has joined us as Finance Officer, and [Steph Farrant](#) has come on board as our Freelance Grants and Bid Writer.

In April 2025, we were delighted to appoint [Dorcas Rono](#) as Executive Director—a role she has stepped into with boldness, clarity, and a strong sense of God's calling.

After years of faithful service, [Lyn Edwards](#) has officially 'retired,' though we're grateful she continues to support BCT as a volunteer consultant and mentor to the new team.

It's clear that God is doing something new—raising up a passionate, younger generation to lead BCT into a fresh season of growth, purpose, and Kingdom impact.

Would you join us in praying for Dorcas, Molly, and Steph? Let's cover them in prayer as they step into their roles with courage, wisdom, and deep dependence on the Holy Spirit's guidance and anointing.

Meanwhile, our incredible project partners continue to bring the love of Jesus into the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised children. Their work transforms lives, often in extremely challenging circumstances, and we honour them for their dedication, perseverance, and faith.

BCT 2024 Annual Report

Click the image to see how we're changing lives – read our 2024 Annual Trustee Report.



NEW BCT TRUSTEES NEEDED

Play a vital role in protecting vulnerable children and empowering global communities through faith-driven action. The Bethany Children's Trust (BCT) is seeking passionate and committed individuals to join our Board of Trustees. We are a UK-based Christian charity partnering with churches and grassroots organisations to support and protect children at risk across the developing world. As a trustee, you will help steer BCT's mission to transform the lives of vulnerable children by providing oversight, strategic guidance, and prayerful leadership.

The role includes:

- Ensuring legal, ethical, and financial governance in line with charity law and Christian values
- Championing BCT's Christ-centred vision, and helping keep our mission bold, accountable, and effective
- Supporting and advising our leadership team in strategy, risk management, fundraising, and partner relations
- Promoting BCT to new audiences and representing the organisation when needed
- Attending quarterly board meetings and actively contributing between meetings

We're looking for trustees who are:

- Committed Christians with a heart for justice, safeguarding children, and mission
- Passionate about BCT's vision and willing to actively support our growth and witness.
- Strategic thinkers with integrity, wisdom, and team spirit
- Willing to give their time, energy, and expertise generously

Meet our current Trustees by clicking this [link](#)

If you would like to know more please contact Dorcas Rono by email: admin@bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy." – Proverbs 31:8-9

PROJECT UPDATES & PRAYER POINTS



Joyce and Henry

WWN Prayer Requests

Land Title Process

Please join us in praying for the ongoing effort to secure the Title Deed for our land. We ask for God's favor, clarity, and a smooth completion of this important step.

Camp & Anniversary

We're preparing for a special event and ask you to pray for God's provision in every area — from resources and good health to open hearts. May this gathering be a powerful time where many come to know Christ.

Provision for Families

Lift up the families in our community who are facing financial challenges. Pray for God's provision, new opportunities, and renewed hope in their lives.

Healing for Children

Please continue to pray for the healing and restoration of the children we serve. May God's touch bring comfort and strength.

Guidance in New Partnerships

As we begin a new partnership journey with Lifesong, pray for wisdom and discernment. May God guide every step of this collaboration according to His will.

Health for Volunteers and Team

Pray for sustained good health and strength for all our volunteers and team

APRECOM Prayer Requests

Church Closures: Several churches that hosted APRECOM activities have shut down due to unmet government requirements. Please pray for wisdom as we seek alternative strategies. The situation is financially and logistically challenging for our team. Pray that churches will receive the necessary support to meet these regulations.



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Team Changes: One of our staff, Teresa, is transitioning to another department. Pray for more committed volunteers to join and support APRECOM's mission.

Volunteer Unity: Pray for unity among APRECOM volunteers and continued strong relationships with their local pastors, especially during this difficult season.

Health Needs: Please pray for healing for two children with disabilities, Matthew and Joshua (pseudonyms are used for all children's names), who are currently ill.

Project Support: We are trusting God for projects like providing cows to supply milk for children. Each cow costs 800,000 RWF. Pray for financial provision to make this possible.

New Partnerships: We are actively seeking new partners. Please pray that we find the right individuals and organizations to walk with us in this mission.

SCWA Update & Prayer Requests :

Resources Completed: Two resources on deliverance for adults and children are ready for publication after theological review.

Research Collaboration: Partnered with Australian National University to study children's experiences of witchcraft accusations in Nigeria, Kenya, and DRC. A report will be published in journals and online.

New Project: A resource is in development on why children may "confess" to being witches and appropriate responses to mitigate harm.

Children's Resources: Three out of four educational resources to counter harmful beliefs are complete, with testing planned in schools and churches.

Calabar Team: Trained pastors in Bakassi, launched new and existing "Heart of the Matter" clubs, and produced a three-year impact report.

Akwa Ibom Team: Completed training and is preparing to launch the program in the state with a strong, committed team.

Salvation Army Nigeria: Conducted focus group research and its first training; collecting data to support future expansion to other countries.

Organizational Update: SCWA is moving towards registering as a CIO and may change its name due to issues in the UK.

Team Challenges: Work continues under pressure due to personal commitments, but progress remains steady with trust in divine support.

Prayer Requests:

1. Gratitude for the progress made.
2. New Steering Committee members with time and resources.
3. Encouragement for the hardworking field teams.
4. Inspiration for a new name and success in CIO registration.

LVLE Update and Prayer Requests

Progress in Training Activities

The first quarter and early part of the second quarter have been productive, with several training sessions successfully conducted at various LVLE sites, as outlined in our activity plan. Participation has been strong, with attendees—especially street children—actively engaging in the programs at our Listening Centers.



Rev. Jean-Paul and Edwige

Current Needs

One of our most pressing challenges is the lack of agricultural seeds for our experimental fields. Local community members frequently request them, and meeting this need is essential to support both training and food security efforts.

Prayer Points

1. For the LVLE team: Many members are facing serious financial difficulties, which has reduced their availability and hours of work. Pray for renewed strength, provision, and sustained commitment.
2. For street children: Hunger continues to push many into petty theft, often resulting in brutal punishment. Sadly, two children have lost their lives due to violent beatings. Fear of similar consequences prevents some from attending awareness sessions. Please pray for their protection, provision, and hope.
3. For peace and unity in our country, especially in regions still facing unrest.

A Milestone to Celebrate

Amid the challenges, we're excited to share a major breakthrough: Two reintegrated street children have continued their studies and are preparing to sit for their national exams in July 2025. This will mark the first time in LVLE's history that former street children reach this academic milestone—a true testament to the impact of your support and God's grace.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside us.

With gratitude,
The LVLE Team

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Keeping you, our supporters, informed about the work of BCT, our project partners and the impact they have on the lives of the children and young people they support. Join us on this journey of hope, light and love! Our vision is to equip the Christian Church to lead the way in building a local and global society where children at risk are loved, valued, safe, nurtured and free to reach their God-given potential. Click this link to join us <https://tinyurl.com/2xs5bfpz>

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<https://www.bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk/>