



# APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER EDEN'S SONG MINISTRY

## TESTIMONY

COMPUTER CENTERS (MANNA ACADEMY/MAURICE ODHIAMO & RUTH OKUDO)

"I never knew anything about computers; now I am the digital girl at my workplace"!!

Before joining Manna Computer School, 26 year old Ruth Okudo, didn't know anything about operating a computer. She had completed form four secondary and was waiting to join college. Due to lack of school fees, she decided to look for employment at a hotel to help her with her bills & raise money for college. During that time, she heard that Manna was providing a computer package and decided to upgrade her digital literacy skills. "Because I was in employment, I requested the Director at Manna to allow me attend half day classes. So I would go for morning classes at Manna then come back to work in the afternoon. I am glad that the Director allowed me to have this schedule so that I balance my work." Okudo appreciates the training she received at Manna saying it has been very instrumental at work.

"Gaining the computer skills from Manna has been of great service to me now. At my current work, I now organize my work well, have digital records & use relevant software such as the excel sheet to make my work easier; this makes me feel so free & confident that I can do the tasks which I wouldn't if I didn't have the digital skills." She happily said.

Okudo adds that the new confidence is noticed by her supervisors. "My supervisors can now freely assign me digital tasks because they know that I am capable. This has given more motivation." With her confidence boosted, Okudo looks more to life and can't wait to save enough to join college for a degree.

The Manna Computer School based at the Manna Vocational Centre has an average of 40 students per class. They are taken through 11 computer packages and complete after 4 months. Most of the students at Manna are from vulnerable backgrounds from deceased parents or single parenthood family. While a few students manage to proceed to college after the training, a good number of students are not able to further their education, making the computer certificate the only higher learning certificate they could have. Thus we ensure that Manna provides the best services possible to these youth who with support can achieve more.

We thank EDEN'S SONG MINISTRY who has been of great support to this academy by providing computers and hardware necessary for the training as well as desks and chairs!



## PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES – FROM YOU HOME OR JOIN A TEAM – EMAIL Deb @ edenssong@gmail.com

### VOLUNTEER

#### JOIN A TEAM

Wow! Do you want to be a part of a fast-growing group of world changers? Join one of our 4 ESM teams to help assemble kits or sew feminine hygiene bags. There is also plenty to do from home such as making Love Notes for our school backpacks, sewing drawstring tote bags or teddy bears for the children, knitting or crocheting booties & hats for the Mid-Wife kits or sewing receiving blankets to wrap the babies in on their first trip home from the clinic.

EVERY THURSDAY @ 11AM  
EVERY FRIDAY @ 3:30PM  
1ST & 3RD THURSDAY @ 5PM  
FOR SEWING INFO EMAIL DEB

### VOLUNTEER

#### WE NEED RECEIVING BLANKETS

Eden's Song provides a Gift bag for mama & her baby in every Mid-Wife kit we provide.



Baby's get a receiving blanket, 2-3 newborn outfits, booties or socks, a little hat as well as a small newborn doll.

If you crochet or sew we need little booties & hats for up to 800 kits. We also need that many light-weight flannel receiving blankets, newborn – 3 month old outfits or onesies & small sock dolls, fabric hearts or another little dolly a newborn can hold on to.

### VOLUNTEER

#### COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Use our [Amazon wishlist](#), visit your local \$\$ stores or donate \$25 per kit!

Each year we partner with missionaries to provide over 1200 age-appropriate School Backpacks to orphans around the world including a year's worth of school supplies, a bag of grooming items, flip flops, Book of Hope, toys & teddy.

#### THAT EQUATES TO A NEED OF:

1200 Flip Flops                      6000 pencils  
800 elementary scissors & glue sticks  
800 6-pack crayons                4000 pens  
1200 rulers, erasers & sharpeners

## Just Some Thoughts – Leslee Farrow

Well after a lot of sweat, hand-sanding & 2 coats of stain I'm always amazed how dull the wood floor still looks. But then that first coat of poly brings out the beautiful variants & gives me hope. Sometimes I feel like we are like wood- ever needing to be sanded, taken care of, cleaned & shined up. I've personally been dull lately. I read that the old hardwoods are thick enough to be sanded completely down & stained 6 or 7 times. That's some depth. All the cuts, bruises, scrapes can literally be sanded out. You should see all the stuff my handiwork erased from this floor. Someone else's stories, struggles, and mistakes are gone now. They covered them with carpet, but I wanted to restore them. It was worth it. For me, life is super busy & I've got some bruised & nicked up spots but I prefer to be shiny with the light & grace of God so that I've got something to give to others. Gods love & Grace covers a multitude of "stuff" in our lives. He doesn't want us to be covered up. He's always willing to restore us. Oh & guess what- He doesn't get mad when you need a cleaning, sanding or shine up.....just saying. He is devoted to us- forever. We don't have 6 or 7 opportunities either. He's for us always.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP:

Your donations allow Eden's Song to continue providing, through our amazing missionaries, for thousands of people in over 65 countries around the world, each year. So how can YOU become an ESM Partner?

### PARTNER THROUGH ONE-TIME DONATION OR MONTHLY GIVING

Every contribution goes toward the purchasing of items for our kits or electronics as well as shipping. None is used toward administration, salaries or travel costs unless specified by you.

### PARTNER THROUGH PRODUCT DONATIONS

Use our [Amazon Wish list](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3SAMCZIU36JXN?&srt=default) to purchase requested items (https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3SAMCZIU36JXN?&srt=default)

OR send a donation by [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) @www.edenssong.org

OR send a check to Eden's Song Ministry @  
1226 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501

### PARTNER THROUGH PRAYER

Your prayers are vital. Please never stop!

## YOUR CHANGING LIVES THROUGH YOUR GIVING

### MATTRESSES – KENYA

Roy & I were so honored to partner with our amazing church, Word of Life, to buy mattresses for their school, The International Pastoral Training Center in Eldoret, Kenya. This year they are hosting over 40 Pastors and needed to upgrade the sleeping quarters. Our church family pitched in to provide mattresses and bedding for all.



### FEMININE HYGIENE PACKS – SARA TUCKER, BOTSWANA

"I gave away 2 & word went around! Now all I had here are passed out. The ladies came to me in groups and are very happy with the love put into these kits." Thanks to Peggy Johnson & team, Sara was able to distribute 20 of our Feminine Hygiene Bags to the young women they met!



### SCHOOL BACKPACKS.

### RICK BADOIS – GHANA

Rick always finds his way home to Ghana where he lives in the village teaching English to the children during the week and Sunday School on Sundays. Each week he shows them a Super Book Video and teaches on the story provided by CBN. Afterwards the kids enjoy a special snack! This past week they received school backpacks and were so excited to open them up!



### COMPUTERS

### CAS & CRYSTAL, PHILIPPINES

Many of our missionaries home-school their children. Though we usually provide desktop stations for the little ones, some are comfortable using Mom's laptop for their homework, like this little tyke!

