

Eric's House Success Story: Meet Glad

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When You Support, You Change Lives:

Glad's Story



A Heartfelt Message of Appreciation to The Haven - Eric's House.

There are moments in life when words can hardly express the depth of gratitude in one's heart—and for me, this is one of those moments.

My journey began when I was just a young boy, uncertain of what the future held. After the passing of our parents, I had no one to look up to, and life felt empty and confusing. It was then that my brother reached out to Mom and Papa—Mr. and Mrs. Kathi Merritt—and asked if I could come and stay with them at E House. They welcomed me into their home with open arms and loving hearts.

That single act of love changed my life forever.

From that day, I found not only a home but a family. Mom and Papa gave me the warmth, support, and sense of belonging I desperately needed. I was sponsored from Grade 7, and later completed Grades 10 to 12 at Namwianga Secondary School. Through their unwavering support, I started to believe in myself again. I began to dream.

In 2013, I was blessed to receive even more love when Mr. and Mrs. Kumalo became our house parents. From then on, they played a vital role in my journey. They guided me with wisdom and cared for me as their own. Their presence made E House not just a place to stay, but a true home where love and purpose grew.

After completing secondary school, I was accepted into Rusangu University, where I studied and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Finding a job after graduation wasn't easy, but I didn't give up. I began serving as an evangelist at Magaleli Church of Christ inimba, while also volunteering as a male nurse at imba Mission Hospital.

On Saturdays, I would go door-to-door doing evangelism through Horbes Christian Foundation. On Sundays, I preached. When I started, there was just one family in the church. By the time I was leaving, the church had grown, and so had I—as a leader, a servant, and a man of faith.

Later, I found an opportunity to work as a tutor. I also got married and started a new chapter of life. Along the way, I pursued further studies and recently completed a Master's Degree in Public Health from Texila American University. That season of my life brought growth, deeper understanding, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Today, as I reflect on where I came from and where I am now, I see nothing but God's grace—and the loving arms of E House that have carried me.

To Mom and Papa (Mr. and Mrs. Kathi Merritt) and to Mom and Dad Kumalo, thank you. You have been more than house parents. You have been my family, my encouragers, and the reason I never gave up. From 2013 until now, you've stood beside me. I am who I am because of your love and prayers.

As I look ahead, I carry a dream in my heart—to pursue a PhD in Public Health, if I'm blessed with sponsorship not just for my own achievement, but to serve and make a lasting impact, just as E House has done for me.

Thank you, E House, for believing in me, raising me, and shaping the man I am today. You are a blessing I will never forget. May God richly bless you always.



Glad and his wife, Anita

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