



Arusha Kids Trust: Action for Growth and Education in Arusha, Tanzania

## Arusha Kids Trust (AKT) Newsletter May 2019

### News from Australia

#### Fundraising in Sydney: Jazz in the Afternoon 16 June 2019

Our first fundraiser for 2019 is about to happen! By popular demand, the *Inside Out Quartet* is returning to Marrickville after their successful jazz event for AKT last year. Known today as the *Inside Out Quintet*, this exceptional band has now brought in a talented saxophonist, Tessie Overmyer. With leader Eric Dunan on trumpet, together with Marley on keyboards, Zac on double bass and Toby on drums, you are in for a treat.

The jazz afternoon, will take place on Sunday 16 June at the Red Rattler Theatre, Marrickville, from 2.00pm to 5.00 pm. The 1920s atmosphere at the Red Rattler is just perfect for quiet jazz, with nibbles and drinks available. We will be running a raffle with lots of prizes. If you wish to buy raffle tickets or donate to AKT because you cannot attend the jazz, please contact us through [arushakidstrust@gmail.com](mailto:arushakidstrust@gmail.com).

Tickets are available from Kathy, Margo and Chris. Tickets can also be bought through Trybooking (use the word Arusha, to find our event), or at the door.

#### Payment of school fees for 2019

We were very busy in January and February sending school fees to Haradali Primary School and to two secondary schools Haradali Winners and Unambwe. We are very grateful to all our school sponsors who come from Australia, USA, Denmark and the UK. Twenty one children are now sponsored to attend school through AKT scholarships. Other children living at SAO are sponsored directly by volunteers who have visited SAO over the years. We are truly a growing community of people acting to help grow *education in Arusha*.

#### Purchase of boots for the wet season in Arusha

Children grow so fast. Even though we purchased rain boots for many of the children last year, there were still another 34 pairs needed for the rains of March-May 2019. We sent the money to SAO so that all the children had waterproof boots that fit. Arusha was badly hit by a huge storm and flooding in the aftermath of Cyclone Kenneth so it was lucky that everyone was prepared.



## News from Arusha, Tanzania

### A terrible accident

We had sad news in April that one of the boys fell from a roof while retrieving a football at SAO. He was taken to hospital but he died later that evening. Joseph was just 11. He was one of the boys sponsored by our friends in Denmark, Soren and Simone to attend Kilimani government primary school. The funeral was held near the Orphanage then the coffin was taken on a long journey by 4WD to Joseph's village for burial. Five of Joseph's closest friends from SAO accompanied the coffin to the village. Kathy and Chris sent a personal donation to cover the costs of the funeral and transport.



### News of the young people in school

We are preparing for our annual visit to Arusha in July. In the last six months, our news has come from the SAO carers themselves, from the head teachers of the schools, or from volunteers who have visited Arusha recently, especially Tomer Opat in Melbourne. In this way, we hear of any changes, sometimes about children who need hospital visits, or about children who are doing particularly well. Kathy also receives news regularly from Patrick, the young man who is now in his second year of College studies to become a qualified car mechanic.

You will be pleased to hear that Enjo, the little five-year-old girl who attended school for the first time last year in July, has done very well fitting in and doing all her school work with alacrity. Her teacher said she had done really well in her end of year report!

Elizabeth, the mature-age student has now progressed to Form 2 at Unambwe Secondary School and is excelling in her studies. It is so heartening to see a young woman, who has not been in school for some years, is now one of the top students in her class.

Stephano (pictured here) is now in his final year of secondary school. We all agreed that he would spend this last year boarding at Unambwe Secondary School to allow him to concentrate on his studies.



### Laki Tatu Government Secondary School

We are in contact with Juma Msangi who is the Headmaster of this school. He has been extremely helpful and we are planning to visit the school in July.

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