



News from Australia

AKT Newsletter #14 November 2021

Two new Trustees



In June this year Suzi (left) and Jeni (right) were appointed AKT Trustees. These two dynamic women, who both have a keen interest in Arusha Kids Trust, have now joined the current Trustees Kathy, Chris and Margo. They have already made a big difference to our work and we thank them for their contributions.



Fundraising - Act for AKT II Kayak Challenge October 2021

With Sydney still in a Covid-19 lockdown the Trustees hit upon a fund-raising idea for 2021. Easy! Kathy and Chris would get hold of two kayaks and paddle 97 Km in October through the waterways of Sydney. The equivalent of paddling from the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's biggest port city. We are very grateful to everyone who supported us as we paddled. You donated a wonderful total of \$6800.



One Generous Sponsor

We are very grateful to a very generous sponsor and their family. In June we received funds from them for the full cost of educating six children to the end of secondary school. The children range in age from 11 to 16 years. We were only asked by SAO to find sponsors for Fred, James and Paulo in 2021. We had part sponsorship for Abdul. It is a great relief to have the two youngest children Issa and Shalom sponsored as we were covering their fees from fundraising



News from Tanzania

Keeping in Touch

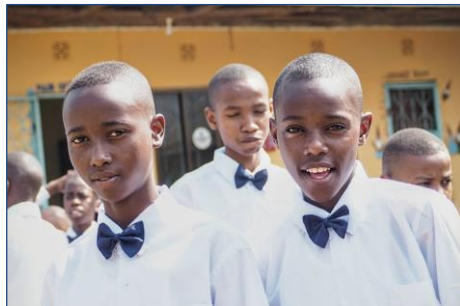
Thank goodness we live in this age of connectivity. We haven't been able to go to Tanzania for almost two years but we are in constant contact with the school principals and the SAO carers through email and WhatsApp. Maintaining good relations with all these people is really important. We are constantly receiving news and updates about what is happening for the children sponsored through AKT. We work hard to pass on relevant information to sponsors about the student they support.

Here are a few highlights of milestones some students have reached.

Haradali Primary School

Graduation – Jackline and Abdul

We are pleased to report that Jackline and Abdul both graduated with a grade A in the national PSLE exams. They each have a place at Haradali Winners Secondary School for 2022.



Blue Sky Primary School

Graduation – Paulo and James

Paulo (l) and James (r) boarded at Blue Sky Primary this year as they prepared for the national PSLE end of primary exams. We are really pleased that they both achieved a grade B and will study at Unambwe Secondary School next year. Here they are on Graduation Day.

Unambwe Secondary School

Elizabeth and Raymond Graduate

Elizabeth is in her 20's. Four years ago she was working at SAO and asked us to sponsor her to secondary school. They don't have their exams results yet but we anticipate she will achieve high marks in the CSEE end of secondary exams. Two years ago Raymond sat the CSEE after attending a Government Secondary School. He failed the exams and asked if we would help him to re-sit. He asked if he could repeat forms 3 and 4. We are so proud of these two who have worked so hard. That's a Graduation Cake by the way.



Haradali Winners Secondary School

Edwin and Augustino Graduate

These two boys also recently graduated after four years of study. We are delighted that Edwin has been able to sit the exams. He was too unwell to sit the preliminary round and had to obtain special dispensation. He has been battling ill health for several years. Such a stoic young man. Here's a photo (left) of Edwin with a big grin on his face feeding cake to his friend with a toothpick. Augustino is feeding cake to Jesca in the second photo. As you do at senior graduations in Tanzania! Both boys have studied hard and we hope they will do well.



Fred gets a Sponsor enabling him to transfer to a more academic school

Fred is one of the six children mentioned earlier who now have a sponsor. We asked for funds so that he could transition to Haradali Winners Secondary. When we started talking to the staff at Winners they suggested that he transfer immediately and not wait until the beginning of the next academic year. Fred went to Winners for the day, sat the entry exam and was shown around by his six SAO friends already studying there. Fred decided he would love to transfer. Here he is with a rather oversized Haradali sweater!



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