



Arusha Kids Trust: Action for Growth and Education

Arusha Kids Trust Newsletter May 2017

Our Focus Now - Funding Education for the children

The positive news is that we have managed to pay all the 2017 school fees for the fifteen students whose education we have undertaken to support. The not quite so good news is that we only managed this thanks to the help of a very small group of generous people. The truth is we need to find more people willing to support a child through their education. We have set up a scheme where you can make a monthly EFT donation of \$10 or more to support a named child. Please consider this. The details are in the document **Become an Education Sponsor** attached to our email.

News from Tanzania

The Rains It's raining now in Arusha but the children of the Save Africa Orphanage are snug and dry. Thanks to a lot of generous supporters from Australia and Canada we had the roof and ceilings of the orphanage repaired before the first drops arrived in November. A huge "thank you" to those who responded to the GoFundMe campaign. A total of \$1765 was raised.



Visitors to Arusha Two of Chris's relatives were in Arusha in September. The day after they successfully completed the climb of Mt Kilimanjaro they made a quick visit to the Orphanage. Francis proudly showed them around, pointing out the repaired roof and ceilings and the extra, rather crowded bunk room we furnished last year.

Our Next Visit Two of the trustees, Kathy and Chris will be visiting Arusha in August. Last year we spent \$A3420 of Trust funds whilst in Arusha. Major items were:

3 sets of bunk beds \$A720
50 pairs of shoes \$A430,
Blankets and sheets \$A306
Clothing \$A142

14 mattresses \$A615
Electrical, plumbing & ceiling repairs \$A403
Bicycle \$A170
Books \$A100

Naila Francis lives in the US and has spent time volunteering at the Save Africa Orphanage. Naila contacted us while we were in Arusha in 2016 and undertook to sponsor Dorcas to go to school. She also persuaded her friend Diane to sponsor another of our children. We

recently heard from Naila that she will be in Arusha for a week in August whilst we are there. We look forward to meeting Naila and working with her.

School Results for 11 Students Attending Haradali Primary School in 2016 All our students are trying hard and making progress. In the 2016 year-end exams two students received a Grade C result, four a Grade B and five achieved the top Grade A.

Godlisten does not live at the Save Africa Orphanage. He lives nearby with his mother Rose. He is sponsored by a group of our supporters. In Tanzania every Standard 7 primary student sits exams set by the National Examinations Council of Tanzania. At the end of 2016 Godlisten obtained a B grade in these exams. He also successfully sat an entrance test for Haradali Winners Secondary School where he now boards.



Kathy with Godlisten at Haradali Winners Secondary School



Baraka in his new Haradali Uniform

Baraka In the last Newsletter we noted that we were in need of a school sponsor for Bariki whom we thought was a girl. Well it turns out **his** name is **Baraka**! We decided to enroll him at the Haradali School in January 2017, the beginning of the school year. This despite having no sponsor. A generous donor came to our rescue and provided the funds for his first year of school.

Supplementary Food Program Many thanks to the 38 people who regularly support this program. We are well into the third year of providing weekly deliveries of nutritious food to the Save Africa Orphanage. In August we will review the program with the staff of the Orphanage and with Jodie and her organization Malaika Mdogo. It is Malaika Mdogo who buy the food at the markets and deliver it to the Orphanage. We are hoping that the two plots of land tended by Isa the gardener will be productive by now and may lead to adjustments in the list of food needed.

New Dining Room We have received news from Francis at the Orphanage that he is busy building a dining room onto the orphanage building. This is achieved by making mud bricks on site. We will be interested to learn more about it when we are there.



New Dining Room (left)

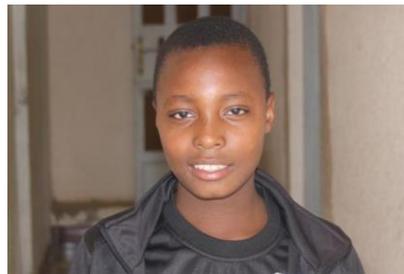
Francis with Banana Palms on the rented land



News from Australia

Xmas TryBooking Appeal This was another fund raising idea. We offered certificates for the purchase of various items including school fees, books, shoes and school uniform. We raised \$728.28 after deduction of the fees levied by TryBooking. We would like the generous anonymous donor who purchased a \$300 gift of education to know that their gift was used to pay the school fees of Abdul for 2017. We put him into school in July last year and in the end of year exams in December he achieved an overall Grade B. Well done Abdul!

Abdul



Authority to Fundraise in NSW We were granted a two year authority from NSW Fair Trading in October 2016.

What it Means to be a Registered Trust with an Authority to Fundraise The Public Officer (Kathy Green) is required to submit annual financial reports to both the ACNC (Federal) and NSW Fair Trading (State). Before that can happen we are required to undergo an annual financial audit. Our first reporting period is for the year ending June 2017. With that in mind we arranged a meeting with our accountant Greg Muirehead of Muirehead and Associates. Greg gave us advice and confirmed that our account keeping is sufficient for audit purposes (phew!). Greg has agreed to provide accounting services to AKT pro bono and we are very grateful for this. He has also undertaken to locate an Auditor willing to work for us at no cost.

Receiving Financial Donations from Overseas AKT can accept cash donations from friends overseas. This can either be directly into our bank account or via Paypal or any other fund raising site we set up. We were uncertain about this until our meeting with Accountant Greg Muirehead.

Fund Raising Ideas If you have a great idea for fund raising then we would be delighted to hear from you.

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