



News from Australia

AKT Newsletter #18 May 2024

AKT Trivia Afternoon

This event was held on October 29th at Jeni's home in Lewisham. It was a really enjoyable afternoon and over \$4000 was raised. Thank you Jeni for all your hard work in preparing and running this event.

May 2024 Education Appeal



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal. Sponsors came forward for these four students. Now M will be able to complete her Diploma in Clinical Medicine, H will graduate from Unambwe Secondary School and I and T will finish Primary School. These sponsorships have a monetary value of over \$17,000 spread over the next two to four years. To date, a magnificent \$3625 has been raised in donations.

News from Tanzania

Tanzanian Government announces a change of direction in caring for vulnerable children

At the end of 2019 a revised version of The Law of the Child Act 2009 was gazetted. It emphasized the role of extended family in caring for children who have lost their parents.

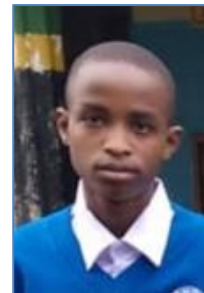
By the time Kathy and Suzi visited Arusha in 2023, the effects of the change in legislation were visible. Instead of being greeted by a sea of new small faces on arrival, there was just one new two year old girl.

We are very pleased to witness this reform. We anticipate that the numbers of children living in residential institutions in Tanzania will diminish over the coming years.

Educational Progress for some of our students



At the end of 2023, six of our AKT sponsored Primary students graduated and are now studying at Unambwe Secondary school. Two of them, Do and De achieved A Grades in the PLSE end of Primary exams. In total, 15 students who live at SAO entered Secondary school this year. Given that many children in Tanzania drop out of education at the end of Primary, we are happy to report this encouraging news.



While we still have a few students going through their Primary education at Blue Sky and Haradali Primary, the majority we sponsor are in Secondary schools and beyond. At Haradali Winners, J and A are in Form 3. Je and R are in their final year, Form 4. At Unambwe Secondary, J and P are in Form 3 and M is in Form 2 and we have six students in Form I. We are very pleased that J and A scored high marks in the end of Form 2 FTNA national exams at the end of 2023.



J(L) and A



At the end of 2023, three students J (L), Jl and W, graduated after four years of Secondary School. They are waiting for possible government scholarships to enter Forms 5 and 6 at Senior Secondary Schools. Other options for secondary graduates are to explore specialist colleges that offer one or two year Certificate courses. J, for example has applied for entry to an accountancy course.

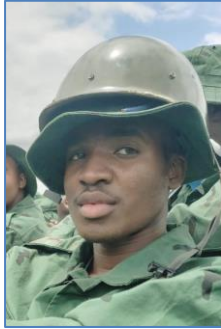


J, Jl and W with Kathy in August 2023

Rain gear requested



The main rainy season in Arusha runs from mid March through to May. This year it was very intense. We received an urgent request for rainboots and raincoats for those children walking to school. That's young M with the pink boots!



G
Our first AKT tertiary student is now studying Law at the University of Dar es Salaam. His Australian sponsors have generously guaranteed funding for him over the next four years.

This is a photo of G during three months of compulsory military service prior to starting university.

Basic Food supply now more secure at SAO

It is a great relief to receive photographs from the Director of SAO of more harvesting of rice, maize and beans, some from the land owned by SAO in Lakitatu, some from rented land. As part of our program of supporting the welfare of the children, AKT has paid for transport of the harvest. Here some of the older boys are helping to load the corn onto the truck. The corn is first sorted (2nd photo) then an ancient machine is used to strip the corn from the husks (3rd photo).



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