

News from Tuwapende Watoto June 2010

- Moving into the new premises in Bunju B (30 km north of Dar es Salaam) took place end of January 2010.
- The new TW nursery school opened in February 2010. At this moment, 7 children from TW attend, as well as 14 children from the surroundings.
- Landscaping work is being done. Plants are set as well as a driveway and a playground.
- Since TW is on the outer edge of Bunju B village, it has not yet been connected to water and electricity network. There are several construction sites in the neighbourhood and connection should occur some day. However, in order to be independent and save money on the long term, the below actions are being undertaken:
 - The water from the borehole turned out to be salty and thus, only of limited benefit. The 8'000 liter water tanks collecting rain water are useful. However, they are quickly full during intense rain and offer only limited autonomy. Therefore, it was decided to build an additional central water tank with a 100'000 liter capacity. Digging has completed and the concrete structure should be ready within few weeks.
 - We were very lucky regarding electric power supply. A company specializing in Photovoltaic equipment (SOLARTEC from Luxembourg) had sent us an offer during summer 2009. Unfortunately, the budget of this high quality installation was far above what we can afford. Few months later the company contacted us again, with a possible financing by the State of Luxembourg. The application process had to be completed within very short notice. It was worth the effort since the project was approved. The container with the complete equipment is about to be shipped via Antwerpen to Dar es Salaam soon. We plan to complete the installation in September 2010. Until then, we are using a generator at night.
 - A compost was installed. Aims are 1) to reduce garbage, 2) produce natural fertilizer and 3) sensitize the children for environmental issues.

