

# TUWAPENDE WATOTO



## Dear Friends and Donors,

This year Tuwapende Watoto Foundation opened its first vocational school to reach yet another important milestone. We recognized how important a dual education system is to our mission and we sought to create a place where our young people could develop skills, confidence and the self-reliant principals that are so important to our work throughout the Foundation. Our apprenticeship courses work to ensure a positive future and financial independence for students by teaching trade skills that make them not only employable in the community but offer a wealth of possibilities in their future.

## A visit from The Swiss Ambassador

On April 25, 2017, the Swiss Ambassador, Florence Tinguely Mattli, visited Tuwapende Watoto at Bunju B. It was a great honor for us to introduce our orphanage, nursery school, primary school and vocational school to the Ambassador. Her words to the students were poignant. She reminded them of the importance of education and urged the students to stay involved in their community, as Tanzania needed well-educated young people. We had many rewarding discussions with Mrs. Tinguely Mattli including the importance of the dual education system in Tanzania. She compelled us to continue to improve the Tanzanian curriculum, to be innovative and creative and to prepare our vocational school students as well as possible. She left with high praises for our system and looked forward to continuing the discussion.



It was a great honor to welcome the Swiss Ambassador, Mrs. Florence Tinguely Mattli and to show her our orphanage, our primary school and our vocational school.



Our students welcomed the Swiss Ambassador with our school song. Later they were listening to the encouraging words on Mrs. Florence Tinguely Mattli.

## The Orphanage

- On February 25, we accompanied our student, Nevius, to his graduation party. He is a hardworking and intelligent student and we are looking forward seeing the results of his final exams. He plans to study economics at the university.
- Cecilia and Jackson both passed the national exam of the fourth secondary school class, a major milestone in the Tanzanian school system.
- Cecilia began her study at the Hotel Management College in Bagamoyo in January 2017.
- Jackson succeeded his exam and can now attend fifth secondary school at Baobab secondary school beginning in July.
- Loveness and Petro both passed the fourth-grade national examination.
- Luqman joined us in June 2016 and was behind in many of his studies. His hunger for education enabled him to catch up and was able to join the first grade in January. By midyear, he was so far ahead that the headmaster moved him ahead to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!





Two-and-a-half-year-old Samson and four-year-old Nasry are being cared and loved by the other children and our mamas. They already feel at home.



Confirmation, November 20 2016.

A very special day for Martha, Maria, Nancy Kelvina, Zawadi and Julius.

- Our youngest girl, Gloria, who joined our family in October 2016, is developing well thanks to the healthy food and our caring support.
- At the end of April, two-and-a-half-year-old Samson and four-year-old Nasry from the children's home of the Msimbazi Center in Dar es Salaam joined our family. At present, fifty babies are lovingly looked after. Children older than two years old may move back to their families or to other orphanages with an infrastructure for older children where they have the opportunity to go to a nursery school and a school. The two boys have no relatives who could look after them and so with the help of Sister Etienne, they were welcomed to our care.
- In February, we received the long awaited new solar batteries from Luxembourg. Since February 26, 2017, the solar system has been running, providing energy needed to run the nursery school and the primary school, and makes Tuwapende Watoto independent from the unreliable public electricity network. An air conditioning system was also installed in the solar container to guarantee a low temperature for storage of the batteries.
- The water treatment plant was improved with a three-stage filter system and a powerful 450 liter pressure vessel pumps the filtered water into the boilers on the roofs. There, the water is heated by the sun and sterilized. The kitchens of the orphanage and the school and bathrooms are now again equipped with running water.
- In January 2017, burglars intruded into a building of the orphanage and stole electronic devices and other items. Our employees had not locked the existing grille door and entrance doors according to the regulations. After the incident we increased security of the entire system with a specialized company. In addition we employed a new well-trained night watchman.

### The School

- The Tanzanian Department of Education will soon make changes to their existing curriculum. A new registration system for students was also put into effect. Our principal attended continuing education courses offered by the Department of Education and passed on her knowledge to our teachers during seminars. Attentively, teachers followed the explanatory notes on curriculum changes. Afterwards, they were engaged in a group discussion about the correct structure of the lessons.
- On February 26, we welcomed Jacqueline Webb, founder and owner of the International School of Central Switzerland and Shane Tasted from Sweden. Both are very experienced instructors for teachers (International Baccalaureate Workshop Leaders) and taught new methods of teaching, dealing with children who disturb the lessons, dealing with the many different levels in the classes, targeted use of tools, etc. The course leaders succeeded to provide our teachers with exceptionally valuable advices and to encourage them to think and act independently. The result is visible in all classes. We are proud and grateful to have adult educators like Jacqueline and Shane work for our school free of charge.
- Our primary school enjoys not only a good reputation among the parents of the surrounding villages, but also the Department of Education. They named us „the best example in the region,“ and even sent headmasters from other schools to be instructed by our headmistress.
- Our fourth grade students passed the National Examination, which took place in November 2016.





New batteries were installed and since February our solar system provides the electricity for the orphanage and our school.



Gloria is happy and developing well.



Our teachers learned to visualize the progress of their students. We would like to thank to our ambassador Mr. Jo Zahner for his excellent ICT-training in March 2017 and for his support in general.



The computers, which were sponsored by Swisscom, are being used every day. The teachers and the students are very grateful.



At present 525 pupils (nursery school to 7th grade) are taught in our primary school. More and more pupils benefit from reduced school fees and the free transportation.



Teacher training: Jaqueline Webb and Shane Tasted (International Baccalaureate Workshop Leaders) taught our teachers during an excellent workshop on methodology and the principles of teaching. We would like to thank them for this very precious training.





In January 2017 we relocated to the new classrooms of the vocational school.



The classrooms are now very well equipped.

- Since January 2017, we have been teaching 525 pupils from nursery school to seventh grade. More and more children benefit from a free or reduced school fee and free transportation with our school buses. Each year, more children from poor families join our school.
- Based on the previous computer courses, conducted by our ambassador Jo Zahner, the teachers were able to deepen their knowledge in a further training module. The subject was „How do I represent the progress of a student in the individual subjects over the school year“. Teachers were amazed at how easy it is to create a chart in Excel, but how complex it is to provide the data. This graphical representation of the marks is a helpful tool during the parent conferences.

### The vocational education and training center

- With this project, we are making an important contribution to the positive development of young adults in the field of vocational training. We want to help students who cannot attend secondary school for financial reasons or insufficient schooling, as well as secondary school dropouts without the opportunity to study. We promote their craft skills, train their technical understanding and also teach general knowledge such as computer science, accounting, English, mathematics, marketing, etc.
- On January 27 2017 the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation received registration for the vocational school. Our future vocational school graduates will now expand their training with a certificate acknowledged by the Tanzania state.
- In January 2017, six new classrooms of our vocational school were finished. All trainees and teachers participated in the relocation and were happy to set up their new classrooms.
- The classrooms are appropriately equipped. During numerous visits I supervised the construction phases and succeeded in training our local employees to look for good construction quality. The list of deficiencies was quite long at the beginning of the year but has mostly been reconciled.
- By introducing our vocational school in churches and secondary schools in the surrounding villages the community is gaining interest. At the beginning of the year we were able to take on new vocational trainees and we opened a new class for tailors. We now teach seventeen female trainees and one male trainee and in the second year nine trainees in total.
- Eleven young women registered for the baker's apprenticeship. Beside the theoretical instruction, they produce baked goods for our orphanage and for the school. Our inventory for the bakery reached the port of Dar es Salaam in January 2017. At the beginning of April the material was finally released by the customs.
- Our teacher and baker's apprentices look forward to a purposeful, clean and bright room with good devices and a powerful oven to bake fresh bread for our schoolchildren. They will also produce pastries and cakes of all kinds.
- We were able to buy the equipment for the bakery with the proceeds from last year's Tuwapende Golf Charity Trophy. We would also like to thank the baker and confectioner Fritz Ryser, for his expert advice on the evaluation of the appliances and furnishing. He will visit us in September and offer our teachers and apprentices a





We can use the water from our borehole for the bakery.  
The water is of a very good quality especially for baking!



The well-equipped bakery delights the eleven future bakers.

course of further education on the production of Swiss Christmas biscuits. We were offered to produce Swiss Christmas biscuits for the Swiss Ambassador's guests at the Embassy.

- There is a great demand for weekend courses and we will offer these during the year and gather experience.
- At the end of May 2017, we will start building three more classrooms. We are preparing our vocational school for an apprenticeship for electricians and painters, which we will launch in 2018. We are also negotiating with the One Dollar Glasses project of the Lions Clubs Zurich.

## Many thanks

The creation of the two buildings with three classrooms, the gatehouse and the toilet blocks for our vocational education and training center was possible thanks to numerous generous private donors, the Addax & Oryx Foundation, the Swissair Staff Foundation, the community of Zumikon, the Mirja-Sachs-Foundation, the Wyler-Anderson Foundation and CA Technologies. Thank you very much for the long-standing and very appreciated support.

## The Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy

On May 8 2017, we welcomed guests to the Payerne golf course to play our Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy. We were delighted to welcome over 100 friends and donors of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation and we would like to thank the Rapin family for their long-term hospitality and their generous support.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the ambassadors, the children and the employees I would like to thank you for your trust in us and for your interest in our work. With your support you enable us to well accommodate and educate our children and to develop the vocational education and training center. We guarantee you to use the donations reasonably and purposefully. We are looking forward to working with you on the next project.

*Ruth Bütikofer, president of the board of trustees*

