

# TUWAPENDE WATOTO



## Dear Friends and Donors,

We work hard to offer transparent communication of our activities in Tanzania. We would like to thank our ambassadors Jo Zahner and Beat Bütikofer for creating a new website (same URL).

In November 2017 Aurelio Perret from Free Sky Video Production, an old friend of our foundation, visited us and made a film about the orphanage, the school and the vocational program. We are very happy to present this video on our new and improved website. Like everyone else, Aurelio worked on a voluntary basis. On behalf of the board of trustees and the Tuwapende Watoto Family, I would like to say thank you for this important support.



## Orphanage

- It is always interesting to watch our children start their day. Before breakfast, they do their duties including cleaning the paths between houses, feeding the dogs or the chickens, scrubbing the patio or preparing breakfast. Shortly before 8am, everyone is ready for school and the older kids help the younger ones get dressed before they walk to school in small groups.
- During the Easter holiday, I met some of the older children who go to boarding schools. They told me interesting stories about their life away from home.
- Ema proudly told me about his success in his Civics class. He wrote the best exam of all students in Dar es Salaam and the surrounding area. We are extremely proud of him.
- We are very pleased that the twins, Martha and Maria, have developed well in the past few years. They are comfortable at the Ghome Secondary School and Nancy, Mama Joyce's daughter, who attends Baobab Secondary School. For the three of them it is their first year in a boarding school.
- Gloria and Samson, our youngest family members, visit our day care center everyday and are alive and kicking.





The older children help the younger ones putting on their socks and shoes.



Our school received an award from the ministry of education thanks to the very good performance of our pupils during the National Examination.

- The constructions of an additional house with separate rooms and toilet facilities for the older girls and boys started in April 2018. The older children are looking forward to having the opportunity to come home and sleep in their own bed. Tuwapende Watoto is their home and they, as well as we, are very grateful for your donations. We will fund the new building with the money from the last two Tuwapende Watoto Charity Golf Trophies.
- Earlier than expected, Gloria gave birth to her first baby. We were very anxious because premature births involve a high risk in Tanzania. Since Gloria works as a kindergarten teacher for Tuwapende Watoto the expenses were covered by the health insurance, which every employee of Tuwapende Watoto has for themselves and their family members. The employees at the University hospital took good care of Gloria and her daughter Latifa and they are both doing fine.

## School

- All students of the two grade four classes passed the national exam in November 2017. These results confirm that the students are prepared very well by our teachers and our head teacher.
- At the end of November 2017, the department of education honored our school for the good results of our students.
- We started the new school term successfully. Again, we received lots of applications by families who would like their children to visit our school. Since January 2018 we teach 580 children. Our work is well appreciated by the people of the surrounding villages.
- We could include 16 new children from families who would not be able to afford school fees.
- In February 2018, our head teacher, Emmaculate, gave birth to her forth child, Angela. Until the last day before she gave birth, she prepared her absence conscientiously. Since she lives near school she was always accessible. We are very grateful for her support and her loyalty and we wish her all the best for herself and her family.
- In April we received a new school bus, again a used one from Japan. We also recruited a new bus driver.
- The students are looking forward to joining the football tournament organized by the foundation help2kids in July. This year our teams will be better equipped. Thanks to loyal donors from Switzerland and England we will receive football shirts. We also received football shoes and gloves for the goalkeepers.

## Vocational School

- The first order for baked goods made by our baker apprentices went to the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam. It was a great honor for our Vocational School to deliver Christmas pastry for a reception at the Embassy on the 6th of December 2017. Thanks to Fritz Ryser, a professional confectioner and baker from Switzerland, who taught our apprentices the skills and recipes, they were able to produce superb pastries. They also had great support by our volunteers and they received a great deal of praise by the guests and the Ambassador couple.
- In December 2017, our first gardening and tailoring apprentices completed their two-year course with the final apprenticeship exam. The practical exam took place in our school while the theoretical skills as well as the skills of the general subjects were tested





Ema received an award in «Civics».



The family is looking forward to the additional building with separate accommodation for girls and boys.



Our head teacher with her daughter Angela.



Our apprentices are highly motivated to produce Christmas cookies for the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam.



We were complimented by the Ambassador and her husband and by all the guests.





The first practical final examination for our tailoring and horticulture apprentices took place in our vocational and education training center in December 2017.

down town. Two young women who passed the tailoring exam started their own tailor's workshop and we wish them all the best for their own company.

- We gained important experiences during the final apprenticeship exams. We had to learn that the required average mark in order to reach the state certificate is extremely hard to reach for apprentices with a lower educational background. But it is important to us that these apprentices too have a chance for a good education and we want to support them improving their practical skills. Therefore, we will establish our own certificate with internal exams for the weaker apprentices.
- At the end of January 2018, the third building of our vocational school was finished and the workshops for the electricians, the electronics engineers and the painters are appropriately equipped and everything is according to the regulations. For these courses, we did not receive as many applications as we had expected. By means of targeted advertising we are trying to raise the level of awareness for our school. At the end of April, we organized an event with the Tanzanian TV station. All courses demonstrated their practical skills, showed their workshops and talked about their educational objectives. In October, before the secondary school students will leave the school, our head teacher and some current apprentices will visit the secondary schools in our area in order to inform them about our offer.
- In order to make use of our bakery we also offer three-month courses for adults.
- We extended our plantations and we are proud that we can now grow vegetables and spices for our orphanage, our school and for the Hotel White Sands.
- During two days of advanced training for our tailoring teachers we focused on accuracy, diligence and creativity in the courses. They produced bags from different fabrics.
- We also support young people who grow up without parents. They do some small jobs in the bakery and help cleaning the classrooms.

### Golf tournament 2018

Thanks to the great support by Stéphane Rapin, we could enjoy a perfectly neat golf course in Payerne for the ninth time to perform our Tuwapende Watoto Charity Golf Trophy. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Stéphane Rapin and his team and to all the loyal friends of the Tuwapende Watoto family who shared this special day with us.

### Registered Association Tuwapende Watoto Deutschland (Germany)

On the 28th of December 2017, twelve committed people joined together to incorporate the „Förderverein (e.V) Tuwapende Watoto Deutschland“ (registered association Tuwapende Watoto Germany) with its main office in Trittau, Germany. It is our vision to raise the German population's awareness for good and sustainable education in Tanzania. We would like to collect donations in Germany to support our foundation.







The third building was handed over to the vocational and education training center at the end of January 2018.



The workshop for electricians is adequately equipped and everything is according to regulations.



Our electrician class is composed of five young women and three young men.



Our horticulture apprentices provide our children's home, our school and „White Sands Hotel“ with vegetable.

### Many thanks

Our deepest gratitude goes to our numerous private donors, the Foundation Addax & Oryx, the Swissair Staff Foundation, the Tibe-tania Foundation, the Dr. Rau Foundation, the Wyler-Anderson-Foundation and to the Tarom Foundation. Thanks to your generous support we are able to provide a good education to children and young adults in Tanzania, from nursery school to University. 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. We guarantee to use the donations reasonably and purposefully. We are looking forward to working with you on the next project.

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