

# TUWAPENDE WATOTO



## Dear Friends and Donors of the Foundation Tuwapende Watoto

The most important event of the school year is undoubtedly the graduation, which takes place annually after the seventh grade national examinations. Every year, the closing ceremony at the Tanzanian schools is a significant event for children and adults and welcome change from the tough everyday life. This year we had the pleasure of welcoming Professor Anna Tibaijuka as our guest of honor, one of the most important women in Tanzania. She is a Tanzanian politician and economist. From 2002 to 2010 she was Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Program. With great interest, she followed the presentations of our students in different school classes as well as the performances which included music and singing. She was enthusiastic about our school and our lessons. She also mentioned that she had never encountered such a school in Tanzania before. Professor Anna thanked us for our important work for the people of Bunju B and the surrounding villages. I would like to pass on her appreciation to you, dear friends, and donors.

## Orphanage

- At the end of June, our family expanded with Khadija and Brighton, the three year old children from the Msimbazi Center in Dar es Salaam. The Baldegger sister Etienne was happy to have found a good place for the two children. We are happy to provide Khadija and Brighton with a loving home, a good education, and a healthy diet. Their new brothers and sisters and the mamas take good care of them. In July they joined our nursery school.
- Our volunteers are an important part of the Tuwapende Watoto family. Their support in helping the children with their homework, playing, and cooking is very much appreciated by the mamas and children. We would like to thank them very much for the great and empathetic care of the children.
- Petro passed the National Examination in September and finished primary school. We are very happy that he passed the entrance examination to the „Baobab“ secondary school. He started the preliminary course for the first secondary school class in October.
- Little Ema and Nasri received their nursery school certificates at the closing ceremony and are excited to start primary school in January 2020.
- On September 28, Didier's closing ceremony took place at the Hope and Joy School. In November, he will complete his fourth secondary school class with the National Examination. We keep our fingers crossed for him and are eagerly awaiting his examination results, which will be decisive for his future school career.



Our children's home with the different buildings, the garden and the soccer field from a bird's eye view.





**Khadija feels very comfortable in our children's home and enjoys playing with her siblings.**



**Brighton likes it very much in his new home.**

- Peter, Christopher and Luqman will take the fourth grade National Examination at the end of November. They were very well prepared by the teachers and received great support at home from their siblings and our volunteers.
- Jackson will begin his business studies at the University of Dar es Salaam at the end of November.
- Nevius writes about his everyday life at the University of Dar es Salaam: *„I am studying finance. I like studying and living at the university. But I have to work a lot for all the subjects. To get a good grade, I have to practice a lot, give good presentations, attend all lectures and work well with the professors. It would not be possible to be successful at the university without a lot of effort. I am very grateful to the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation for allowing me to attend my studies.“*
- The wall around our children's home is now finished. To ensure optimum safety for the children, employees, and visitors, an electric fence is currently being installed on the wall. The fence was financed by the project René Juan and Matthias Spycher.

#### **Nursery school and primary school**

- There is a lot of building going on in the area in and around Bunju B. Our nursery and primary schools are popular and we have been receiving applications for the new school year for weeks now.
- The construction of the new school building with eight classrooms, a teacher's room and an all-purpose room started slowly due to the long rainy season in spring. However, we are now working hard to complete the building so that the classrooms can be ready by the end of the year. We are looking forward to triple the first, second and fifth classes from January 2020.
- The extension of the restroom facilities, which was necessary due to the expansion of the primary school, was put into operation in October.
- René Juan and Matthias Spycher, two friends and patrons of Tuwapende Watoto, decided to contribute a personal and useful contribution on site. With great initiative, they successfully sought sponsors in their private environment to finance their project. René Juan spent an unforgettable week with my husband and me in Bunju B in June 2019. After one week of hard work, with an excellent cooperation with local craftsmen and the electrician apprentices of our vocational school, René was able to hand over an excellent audio system to us. All employees of the school are very proud of our infrastructure and appreciate of the audio system with the excellent loudspeakers and microphones very much. The system is used daily to gather the children before class. The students also enjoy reading rehearsed texts with a microphone that is audible for everyone. In the dining room we use the new system for information for parents and for training events. We are proud of this successful project and thank all those involved from the bottom of our hearts. Special thanks go to René Juan. He spent this week with us in the children's home and was instantly a member of the family. In that evening, he was involved in fixing bicycles and other repairs and enjoyed the family life.
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September the National Examination of the seventh grades took place all over Tanzania. Every year this event is a great challenge, mainly for our headmistress. Many thanks to Mrs. Emmaculate Mleke for the perfect organization and execution. Our students were well prepared by our teachers and the results show that the development of our school is on the right track. We can be proud of the results, our school once again finished as the best school in the district and reached position 446 of the 9929 schools in Tanzania. I am particularly pleased that the weaker pupils of the 40 graduating class children have developed excellently in recent years and can all attend a secondary school. Their teachers did an excellent job!
- At our closing ceremony, which took place on September 15, 18 girls and 22 boys from the seventh grade received their certificate of completion of primary school. Also 33 girls and 30 boys, 11 of them children from families in need of scholarship, received their certificate to transfer from nursery school to first grade. 600 parents attended our school party and enjoyed the performances and the success of the children. A good meal was prepared for more than 1300 people. Many thanks to the employees of the school and the vocational school. They managed to organize a very impressive celebration.







For the grade seven pupils, the closing ceremony is their last day at Tuwapende Watoto Primary School. They proudly present their performances in the arena.



A big day for the girls and boys of the pre unit classes! They are looking forward to receiving their certificate at the closing ceremony and to progressing to the first grade in January 2020.



Closing Ceremony: The girls of the future first grades enjoy the attention of the guests of honour and the numerous parents who attended.



Closing ceremony: Guest of Honour Professor Anna Tibaijuka (far left) is enthusiastic about the performances of the students in their classrooms.

- Also this year, eight children who have been supported by our foundation since nursery school, finished primary school. We will continue to accompany these children by supporting them during their attendance at secondary school and cover the costs for school materials, transport and meals.
- We are still in contact with the supported secondary school students. They proudly bring their testimonies to our headmistress, who observes their school performance and gives the young people her advice. It is a great satisfaction for all of us to see how these young people develop well, identify strongly with our foundation and are proud to be part of the big family.
- UMATI is an independent, non-profit national NGO that provides information, education and services in the field of family planning, sexual and reproductive health in Tanzania. We organized a family planning course for all employees. All participants were informed about the large number of children in Tanzania (in 2015, 45% of the population was under 15 years of age), the high unemployment of adolescents and young adults, etc. The course instructors were able to inspire our employees with their extensive specialist knowledge, who enjoyed the opportunity to receive competent answers to their numerous questions.
- In October, UMATI held courses at our vocational school. All our apprentices attended a course on sexual and reproductive health. During the Christmas holidays we will organize another course for our children in the orphanage.

### Vocational school

- For the celebration of the Swiss national holiday on the 1st of August, we were again allowed to supply the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam with the popular rolls and the 'Spitzbuebe'. We will also deliver the Christmas biscuits when the Swiss Embassy will invite the Swiss residents of Dar es Salaam on December 6, 2019.
- After a three-month internship, all apprentices of the second year came back to school in September with enthusiasm and a lot of experience. Until December, all apprentices are busy preparing for their final exams. We are proud of the many positive reports from the internship supervisors and are confident that the apprentices of our graduating classes will be able to find a job.
- Internship report by electrician apprentice Athumai Ally Kassim: „I am currently attending an apprenticeship as an electrician at the vocational





Several times a year, the teachers demonstrate the children the correct dental care.



Our Mamas are happy to celebrate with the graduate Petro and the future first graders Ema and Nasri.

*school Tuwapende Watoto. I spent my internship at the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam. During the training I learned a lot of things about home electrics, where I was able to familiarize myself with the installation of incandescent lamps, halogen lamps, fluorescent lamps, light emitting diodes, switch sockets, cookers, washing machines and dishwashers. Together with the facility manager, I was allowed to start the emergency power generator, check the voltage, change the oil and filter of the diesel generator. All these activities are recorded in a maintenance book. In addition, the emergency scenarios were explained to me and I was allowed to get to know the water pump system, check it, repair it and install new pumps where necessary. In the office, I learned how to install UPS (uninterruptible power supply), how to change UPS batteries, how to install and assemble computers, and how to maintain and repair air conditioning systems. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire management of Tuwapende Watoto Vocational School for their hard work. They made sure that I was able to do my internship in an environment where I profited a lot and improved my skills. I am very grateful for the support they provided. Thanks to the well equipped workshop with the modern machines and tools, I was able to prepare very well for my future career as an electrician."*

- With delay, we put our fourth building with four classrooms into operation in October. The workrooms for the hairdressers, the plumbers and the classrooms for the theoretical subjects have now been equipped. Both the apprentices and the teachers are enthusiastic about their new workspaces.
- The kiosk was operational in October. We started selling baked goods and vegetables and will find out in the next few months which products are appreciated by the local inhabitants. Gradually we will expand and adapt our offer.
- Again this year, our coordinator of the vocational school visited the secondary schools of the surrounding villages in order to make the offer of our apprenticeships known.
- We now offer the following eight two-year apprenticeships with a theoretical part (30%) and a practical part (70%): Tailors, gardeners, bakers, painters, computer scientists, electronic technicians, electricians, plumbers and hairdressers.

#### **Tinga Tinga exhibition from 6 January to 30 April 2020 in the library of Steffisburg**

The library exhibits and we sell pictures of the Tinga Tinga Art Cooperative Society in Dar es Salaam as well as postcards. The proceeds will go to our foundation and to the Tanzanian artists.

#### **Golf tournament 2020**

On 4 May 2020, we will be holding our eleventh Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy on the Payerne golf course. We are very grateful to Stéphane Rapin for his hospitality and generous support. We are looking forward to many participants.

#### **Förderverein e.V. Tuwapende Watoto Germany**

On 12 October 2019 we received the registration as an association at the district court in Lübeck, reached the non-profit status and are therefore entitled to issue donation receipts.

Responsible for the association are Ann-Kristin Schulz as president, Johannes Schulz as deputy president, Hendrik Pohl as treasurer and Louise Schmidt as assessor.







Our fourth building of the vocational school with four workshops is finished and ready for occupancy. At present, the environmental work is being carried out with water channels, footpaths and planting.



The employees and apprentices of the vocational school are proud of the new kiosk. We sell bakery products, vegetables, fruit and sewing workshop items.



René Juan assembles the amplification system.



The bakers/food production apprentices also bake bread for our children's home.



The loudspeakers are mounted on the grade one building. Both young and old appreciate the excellent infrastructure for meetings and lectures.



The owner and employee of the Haemeda Heart Clinic visit our children's home on their anniversary and bring shoes, food, school supplies, etc. to the children's home. It is gratifying that we are generously supported by a Tanzanian institution.







We would like to thank the volunteers for their appreciated support.



We are proud of Petro's development and achievements at the National Examination.

Now we are working hard to support the foundation and all areas of Tuwapende Watoto and are looking forward to donations to our new association account:

Account holder: Tuwapende Watoto Deutschland Förderverein e.V.

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On behalf of all our members, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the trust placed in us by our mother foundation and role model, the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation in Switzerland. We are very pleased to be part of these joint projects and look forward to new, exciting tasks and projects.

*Ann-Kristin Schulz, President of the Association*

### Many thanks

The aim of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation was to provide the children in the children's home with a good education and a safe home, to support children from families in need of support and to help young adults at our vocational school and to accompany them on their way to independence. This is possible thanks to the long-standing and highly appreciated support of our numerous private donors, the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation, the Dr. Rau Foundation, the Wyler-Anderson Foundation, the Gertrude Hirzel Foundation, the Rotary Clubs Zürich-Flughafen and Biel-Büttenberg, the Lions Club Steffisburg, IMS Sport AG and netpulse ag. Thank you very much for your great help with inestimable value.

The Foundation Council is also very grateful for the great support of the Tuwapende Watoto ambassadors. They spend many hours of volunteer work in Switzerland and Tanzania to help our foundation every year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Ambassadors, the children and the staff in Tanzania, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the trust you have placed in us. Your donations will be used economically, rationally and purposefully.



We wish you and your families all the best for the upcoming Christmas holidays and the coming year.

With kind regards,

*Ruth Bütikofer*

*Ruth Bütikofer, president of the board of trustees*

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