

TUWAPENDE WATOTO



Dear Friends and Donors,

We finish the school year at the beginning of December 2017. Together with our 60 local employees and our team in Switzerland, we were able to achieve a great deal last year. Tuwapende Watoto is well established in the region. We have become an important part of the community and the biggest employer in the area.

Orphanage

- Nevius began his studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. He will pursue a program in the Institute of Finance and Management. The Tuwapende Watoto family will miss him. After graduating from high school last summer he was a great help at home and he often helped the smaller children with their homework.
- Jackson now attends the fifth grade at Baobab Secondary School.
- Prisca left the orphanage with her brothers in December 2015 (as we reported). Since she no longer receives any support from the previous donors, we decided to grant her an interest-free loan. It is very important to us that Prisca can finish her last year at university. She has always been a diligent student and we are sure that she will also graduate successfully.
- Nasry and Samsun, who joined us in April, are developing and feel well and safe within the Tuwapende Watoto family. Nasry attends the nursery school and Samsun enjoys the everyday life in the children's home together with little Gloria.
- The safety of our children, employees and visitors is very important to us. We installed additional lamps at the entrance gate and at various places around the children's home.
- The older orphans are rapidly becoming young adults and we soon will have to adapt our living facilities. We are planning to build an additional house on our premises with separate rooms and toilets for the older girls and boys. For the Tuwapende Watoto children, the orphanage is their home. The purpose of the foundation is to provide all children with sufficient space to spend their holidays at home. Later, they will also have the opportunity to visit their family.



Graduation: 61 nursery students receive their certificate and will start grade one in January.



Football tournament: The girls and boys from our school were excited to take part in the football tournament in Mbezi Beach and had a big fan club.

School

- In July, our school was allowed to participate with two teams in a football tournament in Mbezi Beach. The organization „Help2kids“ organized a celebration for children in the area and also invited teams from different schools. The anticipation was great and our kids trained hard during the sports lessons. Our girls and boys fought bravely and earned third and fourth place.
- In the beginning of November, the national exam took place for the seventh grade students. We are all very proud of them since the results are gratifying. Our head teacher and our teachers support the students with a lot of energy and dedication. Our young school is ranked on the 436 place out of 6830 schools in Tanzania.
- We are especially pleased with the exams of our twins Martha and Maria as well as Nancy, Mama Joyce's daughter. Martha and Maria are now attending the preparatory course for the first secondary school at Ghome Secondary School and Nancy at Baobab Secondary School. We are fortunate that there are some good, well-established secondary schools in our area.
- Also very exciting were the final exams of the five children who have been supported by our foundation since the lower grades. All five finished with a grade B. We will now discuss with the parents of these children how we can continue to support their children. It is very important to us that everyone can attend a secondary school and later have the opportunity to complete a vocational training course, college or university.
- On September 10, 2017, we hosted a graduation. 61 nursery school children received their certificate. They will start first grade in January 2018. 30 7th grade students celebrated their graduation. It was their last day at Tuwapende Watoto primary school. It was emotional to say goodbye to these young people as they were part of the very first class when we started our primary school in 2011. While handing over the certificates, some students were not able to hide their tears.
- The school graduation is an annual big festival. Parents, relatives, siblings come and gather in our school. The employees of the school organized an amazing celebration. In the morning, all the children were involved with their presentations in the classrooms. Later, each class was allowed to perform a dance. An absolute climax for the spectators was the dance of the nursery school children. The celebration ended with a rich and tasty meal for all the children and visitors.
- We were delighted to welcome Ms Romana Tedeschi from the DEZA (Swiss Agency for Development und Cooperation) and Mr. Said Mwinyi from the Kinondoni local authority as guests of honor as well as the Tuwapende Watoto ambassador from Germany, the former Foundation Council member Albi Bargetzi, baker and pastry chef Friz Ryser and our volunteers Tiziana and Jazhara Schreiber.
- The students of the fourth grade were eagerly preparing for the National Exam, which took place on November 22. Everyone was highly motivated by the good performance of the grade seven students. We are waiting for the results.



Our Tuwapende Watoto children enjoy the leisure time in the garden.



Many children from underprivileged families attend our school with parents contributing a portion to school fees.



Graduation: 30 students finished primary school with grade seven. Among these students, eight children were supported by Tuwapende Watoto since grade one.



Graduation: Our Mamas were happy to see our twins Martha and Maria as well as Nancy, the daughter of Mama Joyce complete primary school.



Graduation: Our youngest nursery students were happy to show their drawings to the visitors.



Working with parents is very important to us. In June we organized a parent meeting about "corporal punishment" with our guest speaker Dr. G.N. Kweke. The parents were enthusiastic about the seminar.



Bakery Workshop: The apprentices attentively observe Fritz Ryser, a Swiss baker and confectioner, preparing cake dough.

- We consider the integration of parents in our school to be very important. They attend the parent's meetings with great interest. In early June, we organized an event regarding physical punishment. Unfortunately this is still part of the everyday life in families and in most schools in Tanzania. Our guest, pediatrician Garvin Nathaniel Kweke and I informed the parents about the possible effects of physical violence to body and soul. We succeeded in convincing the parents with our lectures. The parents showed their gratitude for the continuing education with a long-lasting applause, with many positive comments and with the request, to invite Dr. med. Kewke again soon so that he can share his valuable experience.

Vocational School

- A highlight this year was undoubtedly the visit from Fritz Ryser, master baker and pastry chef. During a week, Fritz instructed the baker apprentices and the teacher. They learned how to make different breads, sweet pastries, fruitcakes, cakes, biscuits, etc. Fritz made sure that the apprentices and the responsible person knew how to use the machines and the oven. He demonstrated how to organize the production of bread rolls for the school. Everyone involved was enthusiastic about the quality of his baked goods. Fritz left nothing to chance. Even the white and dark Tanzanian flour was previously examined in the laboratory of the training center of the Swiss bakery and confectionery master association in Lucerne. He made sure that the students could adopt his recipes.
- Our first major order for baked goods will go to the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam. It is a great honor for our vocational school to deliver Christmas cookies and pastries for a reception at the Embassy on December 6th.
- We started with the informatics courses for adults in October 2017. Our new colleague Abdullah Mbarouk, who completed his ICT studies at Mzumbe University in Morogoro, is looking forward to his new role. Together with our VET coordinator, Emmanuel Shao, he developed an ICT course.
- Our fruit and vegetables are not just popular with our school and our orphanage but also with families and marketers from our neighborhood. We are now expanding our plantation and we are pleased to see that we are successful and that we can generate a small income and thus reduce costs.





Bakery Workshop: The apprentices enjoyed baking "Sankt Nicolas" bread.



In October we started an ICT course for young adults and adults.



In the beginning of September, we started the construction of our next building with three class rooms. In 2018 we will add courses for electricians, painters and electronics.



We are very grateful for the computers from the school in Brütten, Switzerland. We were very happy to install them in our vocational school.



Our apprentices proudly sold their products at the market and distributed flyers with our new choice of courses for 2018.



We are very grateful for the help of our volunteers at the orphanage, the school and the vocational school. Their assistance was very much appreciated by the children, the teachers and the Board members.



Bakery Workshop: The bakery apprentices and teacher proudly presented the products which they baked during the course.

- At the beginning of December, our tailor and gardener apprentices will complete their final exams after completing their two-year dual training. It is important to us that these young people are able to find an employment or that they can start their own business. In order to do so, we offer them a small loan. The graduates apply in writing and undergo selection. We want to make sure that they deal carefully and transparently with the money.
- Unfortunately we did not receive the building permit for our next building with three classrooms until the beginning of September. This delayed the start of construction, which was scheduled for the end of May. Our architect and the construction company are now doing their utmost to complete the building by the end of the year. The facilities for the rooms for electricians and painters are in preparation and will probably be installed in January.
- We would like to thank the primary school of Brütten for the computers and Swisscom for the laptops, which we were very grateful to receive. These devices allowed us to set up a theory room for computer science lessons also in the vocational school. Now the vocational students have more access to practice. Handling media, researching and finding one's way around the digital world is becoming more and more of a key function in Tanzania for adolescents and young adults.

Golf Tournament 2018

Thanks to the generous support of Stéphane Rapin, on April 30, 2018, we will once again play our Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy in Payerne. We are looking forward to welcoming many friends of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation.

Many thanks!

We would like to thank our numerous private donors, the Addax & Oryx Foundation, the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation and the Tarom Foundation. They make it possible to realize our projects and to finance the necessary infrastructure. Thank you very much for the long-standing, much appreciated support.

On behalf of the board of trustees, the ambassadors, the children and the staff in Tanzania, I would like to sincerely thank you for your confidence in us and for your interest in our work. With your support, you enable us to shelter and educate our orphaned children well and to further develop the vocational school. We guarantee to use donations sparingly, rationally and purposefully. We look forward to working with you during our next project.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ruth Bütikofer, President of the Foundation

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