



The new home kitchen should be terminated and operational by end of December 2013.



Nursery pupils are proudly showing their new Montessorri learning aids which were bought for the new nursery class.



All Montessorri nursery aids are made in Tanzania by the International Montessori Child Care Collage.



Our big plot is now surrounded by a fence. Soon, a guard house will be built and we will start to plant vegetables and fruit trees.



In July 2013 our third school bus was put into operation and a new school bus driver was employed.



Since September 2013, music lessons are part of the regular timetable at Tuwapende Watoto nursery and primary school.

TUWAPENDE WATOTO

Foundation Board

- Monica Brunner, the founder of Tuwapende Watoto, has decided to step back and hand over her Foundation Board responsibilities as of July 31, 2013, due to health reasons.
- Since 2003 Monica has devoted most of her time to the set-up and management of the Tuwapende Watoto Organization. She has defined the purpose and objectives of Tuwapende Watoto, obtained all necessary permits and registrations, and secured institutional and private financial support.
- Over the past 2 years, some of the executive responsibilities have gradually been shifted to the Board Members Ruth Buetikofer and Philippe Linscheid as well as other ambassadors of the organization. Monica remains a part of Tuwapende Watoto and will continue to provide support at all levels.
- We are pleased to announce that Mr. Stefan Kirchhofer has accepted to join the Board. As an attorney he will bring valuable legal experience. Please join us in welcoming Stefan to the Tuwapende Watoto team.

Home

- The expansion and renovation of the kitchen is in progress and should be completed before the end of 2013.
- Tuwapende Watoto is now connected to the official state water network. We therefore no longer need to have water delivered by trucks.
- A Tinga Tinga exhibition is held in the gallery of the hospital in Thun from 29th November 2013 to 10th of January 2014.

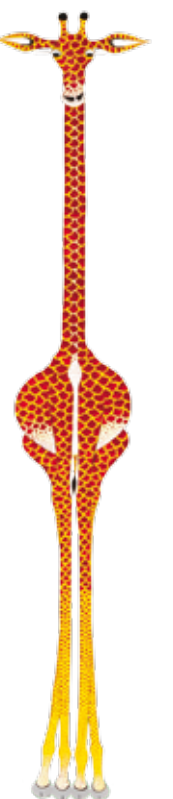
School

- We purchased the plot adjacent to the school in May 2013. The construction of an additional 3-classroom block is planned to start in 2014. In the long term an additional 8 classrooms could be built.
- At the end of the school year 2013, we have 204 registered pupils.
- We are currently processing the registrations for the 2014 school year.

On behalf of the children and the Foundation Board we thank you for the generous support and wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014!

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www.tuwapende-watoto.org





Early days of Tuwapende Watoto, Monica and Fabian (February 2005).



Monica and Mama Bea with the twin sisters Martha and Maria (May 2006)



Gloria and Kelvina preparing dinner. In the background, the construction of the new kitchen at the children's home.



Bonnie Ewans and Mirja Sachs, important sponsors of Tuwapende Watoto. They visited our organization in November 2013.



Monica and Fabian at the children's home (October 2013).



Martha and Maria (front) playing cards with Bahati and Zawadi (November 2013)



The new school bell system was kindly donated by Kretschmer Informationselektronik GmbH.



Baba Ema with our new guard dog Chitu Patel on the school compound.



The pupils of grades 2 and 3 in front of the classrooms sponsored by the Lions Club Willisau.



The neighbouring plot was purchased in May 2013. In the next years, it may accommodate up to eight additional classrooms.



Employees of Tuwapende Watoto attend English classes after work.



110 parents actively participated in the four hour parent's meeting in July 2013.