

TUWAPENDE WATOTO

Our orphanage and school is located in Bunju B, between Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo.

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Children's home

- During her two-month stay, our ambassador Margrith Brüngger took on the project of teaching the children how to crochet. Her well-prepared and focused lessons were held regularly and were very special times to the girls. On behalf of the Board and children, we would like to thank Mama Maggie for showing us a new craft.
- We are pleased that Francis and Emmanuel passed the national examination and the seventh grade entrance exams for the secondary school, Hope and Joy. They can now attend the school, which is also the school Jackson attends.
- Kelvina, Nancy, Zavadi, Julius and the twins, Martha and Maria have also successfully completed the National exam in November. Now they are proud fifth graders.
- Cecilia and Jackson now attend the third grade at secondary school and have successfully passed the National exam last November. Cecilia was highly praised by her principal and he mentioned how great her previous education was. Jackson wrote the best geography exam and was awarded a prize.
- Nevius also successfully passed National exam in November with excellent results as well as the entrance examination in early March at the Baobab Secondary School. In January and February, he helped very diligently in the orphanage and Tuwapende Watoto primary school.
- On April 18th Prisca completed her studies with a celebration. She will next attend the mandatory two-month military service and then go to university.
- Baby Ema is no longer a baby! He has begun to speak and feels at home in the care of the TW family.
- In the winter months, we enjoy the active support of our volunteers. Whether it is in the children's home, in kindergarten or in the classroom, our volunteers are very appreciated by the Mamas, teachers and the children.
- From December 16–18 last year, we organized an advanced education course for the Tuwapende Watoto orphanage children. Cecilia, a teacher at our school, was the instructor and is also trained as a social worker. During the three days she worked with the children on subjects such as discipline, obedience, cleanliness, defense, danger, puberty, children's rights and responsibilities. There was much discussion and during some parts, the Mamas and Babas were invited as well.
- Our new chicken house was completed in January and now houses chickens of all different ages. We are happy about this building and we would like to thank once again the sponsors, Ariane and Hans Wirz. Our children take very good care of the chickens. They actively help in feeding, cleaning and collecting eggs.
- The update of the solar panel system was initially planned for November 2014 but postponed by the Solartec Company to January 2015. The Board of Trustees would like to thank our Ambassador Beat Bütkofer, who was present during this intervention. We have fixed the automatic setting from solar to the national network and the switch to the diesel generator. At the same time the expert technicians from Luxembourg have trained our local employees on the use of this system.
- The water treatment system has been tested and revised. Two important valves have been replaced, a compressor for the pressure build-up of the air chamber was put in to operation and various leaks in the water pipes have been repaired. We would like to thank the family and friends of our volunteer Jo Zahner, who supported us generously for this system repair.
- Both the solar panel system and water treatment system will be updated within the next 6 months. We will replace the batteries of the solar panel system and install a stronger air conditioning system in the Solar Container as the high temperatures have damaged the batteries. For water treatment we are building a multistage filter system to obtain germ-free water.
- We are planning to cover the underground water tank with a special paint in order to ensure the tank will be sealed and cleaning fully functional.
- With the installation of water meters throughout the network, we will be able to monitor the consumption and detect leaks in the pipe system at an early stage.



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Baby Ema feels comfortable staying with the Tuwapende Watoto family. Here he is with Bahati.



The students of grade five, six and seven enjoy their big, bright class rooms.



Our ambassador Margrith Brüngger taught the pupils to crochet.



Aisha and Melissa, our volunteer from England.



Olivia (front), our volunteer from England.



The new chicken house was completed in January.



Julius, Nancy, Zawadi, Kelvina, Martha and Maria on the way to the national examination at our school.



In January, we transitioned the new classroom block with three class rooms to the school operation.

School

- Our school concept is very popular among the population of the surrounding villages and there remains a huge demand by the families for their children to attend. At start of the January 2015 school year we were able to register 97 new children in our school. We now have a total of 401 school children that attend our school.
- We are delighted that all of our pupils of the fourth and the seventh class have passed the national exams in November. The headmistress and the teachers are proud that our school achieved the best results in the district.
- Many parents are very interested in the development of their children. At the last parents meeting, 347 people were present. They were impressed by the presentation of a sister from Msimbazi Centre in Dar es Salaam, who spoke about the behavior of children and educating without physical punishment.
- On December 6th, the end of school year ceremony took place. The parents were given an insight into the teaching and enjoyed dance performances presented by their children. After the speeches of the representatives of the Education Department, the future first-graders received their diplomas. The impressive ceremony ended with a wonderful meal. Thanks to a great team effort, the school year had a worthy conclusion.
- The new three-classroom building was handed over to the school in time for the beginning of the school year in 2015. We once again thank our sponsors Addax & Oryx Foundation, the Tibetania Foundation, the Children's Aid Foundation of Swissair staff and the Kiwanis Club Interlaken for their precious support.
- The fifth, sixth and seventh grade moved into their new classrooms and we were able to find room for a fourth nursery class and for two first and two second grade classes.
- As of January 2015 we offer new French classes for students third grade and up. The French teacher Paul Kibiswa Mbale adds great value and a new subject to our teaching staff.
- In January we launched the construction of the new school building. To make optimal use of the space on the property, we are building a two-story building with six classrooms. At the same time we create an additional toilet facility.
- Newly constructed water channels should help to dissipate the large amount of water during the rainy season from the compound including the construction site.
- The new sports field went into operation in February. It is located on the premises provided by the municipality. Our nursery aged and older children both enjoy the physical education in this new field.
- In March a new school bus went into operation. We imported it directly from Japan and could thereby obtain it for a good price.
- In Tanzania teachers rarely remain at the same school for several years. Despite our attractive job conditions, there can be a fair amount of turnover. In February a kindergarten teacher and two teachers left on short-notice but we were able to appoint new kindergarten teacher Masilisa Anderson and the teacher Daniel Richard Lwendo.

New land

- The guardhouse was handed over in January to our watchman Edmund. He moved with his wife and two girls to the house and all enjoy their new comfortable home.
- Connection to the public power system was delayed and unfortunately, we could not yet operate the water pump. Planting the fruit trees and vegetables unfortunately had to be postponed to the rainy season.
- On March 16th, the first rain fell. As planned, we planted mango and orange trees, pineapples and various kinds of vegetables.

On behalf of the children and the Foundation Board we thank you for your generous support.





Whenever Gloria has time, she assists with the nursery classes, here with Christopher.



In January, we started to build a new two-story classroom block with six classrooms.



Our new watchman occupied the watchman house on the big plot in January.



Gloria during her graduation at the Montessori nursery seminar.



Our students enjoy playing on the new sport ground.



The hens have settled into the new chicken house.



We built a three-meter high fence around the sport ground at the children's home. Finally, no more lost balls!



Graduation at Tuwapnde Watoto nursery and primary school. Students from nursery classes line up to get their diploma.