

TUWAPENDE WATOTO

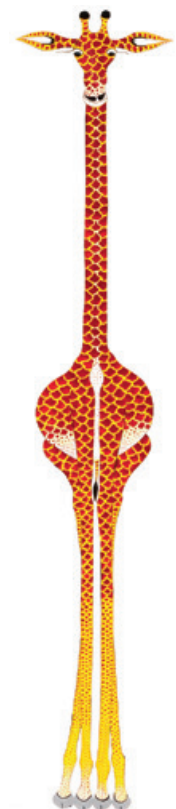
Our orphanage and our school is situated in Bunju B, between Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo.
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Orphanage

- Together with 106 other students, Prisca graduated from the College at the Baobab Secondary School in April. The school's closing ceremony was very impressive. We are all very proud of Prisca's achievements and were delighted when she took a prize as the best student for history studies. Thanks to her extraordinary results, Prisca will start her studies in economics at the University of Dar es Salaam in November. The University of Dar es Salaam is one of the best universities in Africa. We wish her all the best for her future!
- In September, Didier passed the State as well as the admission exam for the Hope and Joy Secondary School. At this school, he is currently attending a preparatory course for the first secondary year. Now he can travel to school with his older brothers Jackson, Francis and Emmanuel by one of our school buses.
- Peter and Christopher are finishing preschool and will start first grade in January. The two boys have developed well in the past few years and are looking forward to their first days at school.
- As of March our children are covered by the NHIF (National Health Insurance Fund). This allows us to use private hospitals and government institutions.
- We have been monitoring Gabriel, one of our boys of the Tuwapende Watoto family. We have noticed his behavior, his reactions, his questions, and especially his way of speaking reminded us of a former hearing-impaired student in Switzerland. Mama Bea, Baba Ema as a driver and Gabriel visited various hospitals and ear specialists. A reliable diagnosis revealed that the hearing ability of Gabriel is 40% respectively 50%. Gabriel now wears hearing aids in both ears. We would like to thank the donor of these hearing aids, which will give a whole new life to Gabriel. He now needs speech therapy in order to learn sounds which he is not able to pronounce because he could not hear them. Our volunteer Alison will carry out a daily practice with Gabriel. She will also help him with homework and improving his reading skills.
- Our new chicken house did not just bring us lots of eggs in the past few month but also lots of small chicks. The children like looking after the chicken and they do this task responsibly.
- In August, the Tanzania Chess Foundation organized the first Youth Chess Festival with 130 participants, including seven kids of Tuwapende Watoto which were introduced to the game of chess by our former volunteers Jo Zahner. Jackson, Francis, Emmanuel, Didier, and Fabian from the orphanage and Eugene and Mainda from the school made their first experiences at a chess tournament. New acquaintances, contacts with other schools, and of course the award will assure they always remember this great event.
- The evaluation of new batteries for the solar system took longer than planned. Since we want to keep the costs for the flights of the employees of Solartec as low as possible the installation for the water treatment, the sealing of the underground water tank and of the water meters will be carried out in 2016.

School

- Our pupils in the seventh grade of elementary school completed the National exams on the 9th and 10th of September. They were very well prepared by our team of teachers and our school principal. The staff of the Ministry of Education, including police supervised the students during the two days of the exam. In the evening, the written tests were collected by a „collector“ and were taken to the ministry. We now eagerly await the results.
- On the 25th and 26th of November, the National exam of the fourth grade will take place.
- On the 17th of October the Tuwapende Watoto Nursery and Primary School end of school celebrations took place. The teaching team left nothing to chance and practiced the dance performances with their classes beforehand with a lots dedication. The numerous parents enjoyed the performances of their children. After the speeches of the representatives of the Education Department, the graduates and the future first-graders received their diplomas. The impressive ceremony came to an end with a wonderful meal.
- Our school concept is very popular among the population of the surrounding villages and there is still a great demand. Even during the summer months parents came to school in order to register their children





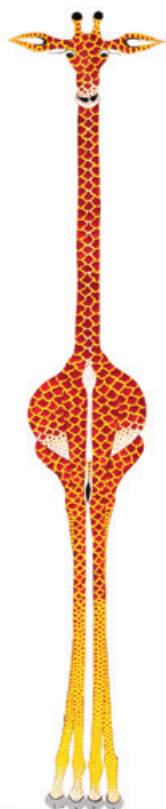
Prisca with Mama Selina and Mama Bea during her Graduation ceremony.



Didier (centre) starts secondary school in January 2016. Peter and Christopher start primary school grade one.

for the school year 2016. We are expecting about 80 new children for the start of the new school year. We will open additional classes to reduce the number of pupils in each class.

- The two-story building with six classrooms and an additional toilet facility will be finished by the end of November. There will be enough time to set up the classroom for the start of the new school year. We would like to thank the Tibetania Foundation, the Foundation for Children Help of the Swissair staff, the municipality Zumikon, the Foundation „Kriens hilft Kindern in Not“, the Tropical Institute Basel, CA Technologies and many private donors for their very generous support.
- In June 2015, the teachers have been trained to work with laptops, Excel and Word. Now they know the basic functions of the most important applications. Instead of tedious manual work they can now create class and grade lists more efficiently.
- The older teenagers from the orphanage have improved their ICT skills at the course as well and will be able to make use of their skills at college and university.
- The game of chess at school and at home is still promoted. The Tanzania Chess Foundation (with support from the Kasparov Chess Foundation Africa) has incorporated our school in a program and performs weekly chess courses. At the moment around 20 children can benefit from this commitment.
- We want to conclude our employees in the NHIF (National Health Insurance Fund) insurance later this year. All employees can use their insurance card to insure five other family members. The insurance premium is based on income. The NGO Tuwapende Watoto has decided to pay half of this amount.



New premises

- The new premises are connected to the public electricity grid since summer.
- A delegation of the Lions Club Erlinsburg visited us on 24th of October to a small opening ceremony. Together we were celebrating the joint project – the well on our large property. The precious water can now be pumped from 90 meters depth. This is an important step in order to plant vegetables and fruit trees and to use the water for the classroom and toilet facilities for our vocational school. We would like to thank the Lions Club Erlinsburg for the very generous support and for the great cooperation.

Day care centre

- In January 2016 we will open a daycare center. Many Tanzanian mothers are responsible for the family income and have trouble finding reliable care for their infants. We are looking forward to hosting care for even younger children and to giving them an orderly daily structure, loving care, age-appropriate activities and balanced meals.



Itobo: Every day one of the cooks hands porridge out to 1000 children.



Itobe: Many children travel a great distance to attend school.

Vocational and education training centre

- With the current project, the Foundation Tuwapende Watoto would like to make an important contribution to the positive development of young adults in the field of vocational training. We want to help students who cannot attend secondary school for financial reasons or because of insufficient school performance. We want to promote their craft skills and their technical understanding. In addition, the students shall also enhance their general knowledge such as computer skills, accounting, English and marketing. In 2016 we will open a vocational school class for future dressmakers and tailors and a class for gardeners.

Itobo

- Itobo is a small, remote village, about 16 hours by bus away from Dar es Salaam. It is situated near Lake Victoria and close to Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and the Congolese border. For years, our foundation has supported the smallest 100 nursery kids with a meal every day. During her last visit, Maggie Brüngger was able to organize a cup of porridge a day for the remaining 900 pupils. She calculated the expenses for the meals, such as wood, water, corn flour, an extra cook etc. and we decided that our foundation can afford supporting these students. For many of these children the porridge at school is the only warm meal of the day. We are very pleased that these children can be supported in this most remote village.

On behalf of the children and of the foundation board, we thank you very much for your generous support.

We wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ruth Bütikofer, President of the Board

Please visit our website on

www.tuwapende-watoto.org.





Lisa Langwieser with children from Tuwapende Watoto.



Gabriel and our volunteer Allison during her daily speech training.



At the end of the year, the new school building with 6 classrooms will officially open.



Our older boys and two children from the neighborhood with Medy Miawa, one of the best chess players in Tanzania.



Students graduating grad seven reading their thank you letters for the parents, the teachers and the school management.



We thank Jo Zahner, our former volunteer, for his expert instruction.



We thank the representatives from Lions Club Erlinsburg. Their presence during the opening of the water borehole was a great honor to us.



Headmistress Emmaculate Mleke and our chess teacher Nurdin Hassaji. We are proud our school was asked to take part in the project of the Tanzania Chess Foundation.