

TUWAPENDE WATOTO



Dear Friends and Donors,

Our work in the last five years in Bunju B has led to positive development in the entire region. Thanks to our school many young families with children have relocated to the area. In addition, many new houses were built and many small shops were opened. Next to our orphanage, a hospital is in the process of being built and a secondary school was opened. We are proud to have led the charge for this development and with these projects initiated, are confident that the expansion of our vocational and education training center will contribute to further progress.

Orphanage News

- On October 15, 2016, Cecilia celebrated completing the fourth secondary level at the Dar Prime High School.
- Jackson, son of Mama Bea who runs the children's home, took part in the school closing at the Hope and Joy School.
- Both Cecilia and Jackson finished the fourth secondary school level by taking the National Exam. We are eagerly awaiting their results and can't wait to see what they plan for the next steps in their education.
- Bahati, who has resided at Tuwapende since 2006, has overcome some of her previous academic difficulties from her early education years. The Tuwapende teachers have been especially supportive and last September, she graduated from the National Exams and passed all admission exams for several secondary schools. She's decided to join the School Hope and Joy, where she is currently completing a preliminary course for the first secondary school. Bahati will start the four-year secondary school in 2017.
- Baraka is currently the third youngest child in our children's home and has been looking forward to making the step from kindergarten to elementary school. In October, he shared his excitement when he took part in the closing ceremony at the Tuwapende Watoto Nursery and Primary School and is looking forward to what comes next!
- Last June, Luqman, an eight-year-old boy, was brought to our children's home. His parents were killed in a traffic accident. Luqman is a nice boy and was warmly received by the children and Mamas. Having never previously attended school, he is first being tutored by our volunteer Tina who helped him to learn numbers and letters. Since July, he has been attending the nursery school with special help from teachers and at home Gloria helps him continue his studies. He is very inquisitive and his progress is wonderful. In a short time, he has learned to read and write and has also learned both addition and subtraction with numbers from 1 to 20.
- Overall, our children are also developing at a remarkable pace and are healthy and cheerful.
- At the end of October, an eight-month-old girl was brought to the Tuwapende Watoto children's home. She was abandoned in a village outside Dar es Salaam. With lots of love and affection the Mamas and the other children care for her.



Mama Bea and her son, Jackson during the graduation ceremony from the secondary school form four.



Our newest family member as of October 2016: everybody helps take care of baby Bahati.



Bahati completed primary school grade seven. Mama Bea, Mama Joyce and the whole Tuwapende Watoto family were excited about this important step.



Baraka was very proud of his certificate. The Mamas and family celebrated with him as he moved to grade one.

The School

- Since 2015 our school has been self-supporting, a goal we have pursued from the inception of the school. Our school has now been rated the best primary school in the district for four consecutive years. Thanks to this distinction, many young families have registered their children at our school. We teach 467 pupils from nursery school to seventh grade. 85 children benefit from a free or greatly reduced school fee. Each year, more children from families in need are included.
- All pupils from the seventh grade passed the National Examinations in September 2016 with encouraging results and were admitted to good secondary schools of the surrounding area.
- At the end of November 2016, all pupils in the fourth grade will take the National exam.
- According to the new curriculum 2016, the pupils of the second grade will also have to take the National Examination.
- We invited parents of children receiving scholarship to a parent's morning hosted at the school. This offered a chance for many parents to ask questions clarified other details.. It was also important for us to show parents how they can support their children without having any education in reading and writing and with little or no English skills.
- In June 2016, teachers were able to deepen their computer knowledge and skills in standard applications such as Word and Excel. The aim of the training was to support work processes in our school and to enable the teachers to create documents such as class and score lists and test sheets. We would like to thank our Ambassador Jo Zahner for this very valuable course.

Graduation

- On October 14, the graduation party, which has become a wonderful tradition, took place in our school. Again, this event was prepared with much dedication and joy by our school team. Numerous visitors enjoyed the performances of the pupils – from the youngest children to pupils graduating.
- All 56 nursery school children who attend the first grade in January 2017, received a diploma.
- Our 21 seventh-graders also received a certificate. During this part of the celebration the parents adorn their children with colored garlands and give them presents. With a beautifully laid table in the library for the dignitaries and with delightful food for all visitors, the festival found a worthy conclusion.

Day care center

- Currently, 14 toddlers are under the care of our nursery school teacher Gloria in the children's day care center. Gloria is assisted by Catherine. The expansion of the nursery school was successful and well-received by the nursery school teachers support.



Luqman is safe, secure and is happy living in the Tuwapende Watoto orphanage. He loves visiting our school.



Our head mistress and I were very glad to welcome so many parents from supported pupils.



We thank Jo Zahner, our ambassador, he offered an ICT course to our teachers.



Our 21 pupils graduating grad seven got their diploma.



All Graduation visitors were very happy about the dance performance of our 56 nursery pupils who will pass over to grade one in January 2017.



During the graduation ceremony students showed parents and visitors what they learned during the school year.



Nursery teacher Gloria, our oldest Tuwapende Watoto daughter, takes care of the girls and boys in «day care» with a varied program.



Our vocational and education students sewed their uniform skirt themselves. They also proudly wear the t-shirt with the Tuwapende Watoto logo from the vocational and education-training center.

Vocational and Education Center

- The tailoring apprentices will complete their first year of apprenticeship with an examination and will then start the second year in January. Their progress in sewing, English, computer science and mathematics skills has been substantial as well.
- We hired Matiku Makamba to teach sever general subjects such as technical drawing, mathematics and accounting. He graduated from the Vocational and Education Teachers College in Morongoro.
- We're very proud of the teachers in our gardening program who are doing great work. During their practical work (70% of school time) the gardening apprentices study seeds, the quality of the soil, etc. A large plot of land was prepared for sowing and a watering system was installed with the help of experts. In July, the apprentices could hand over the first harvest, spinach and cucumbers, to the school kitchen. We were all proud of this small but significant success.
- At the beginning of 2017, the vocational and education training classes will leave their temporary school rooms in the primary school and move to the vocational and education training site which is currently still under construction.
- We are planning to open a second tailoring and gardening class in 2017.
- At the beginning of 2017, we will also run a baking apprenticeship. In recent months, we have been working intensively to setting up our bakery. We were able to hire Judith Ngowi, who graduated from the Vocational Education Teachers College in Morongoro, for the new class. We are looking forward to having healthy bread for our schoolchildren from our own production.

New plot

- In spring, the construction of the vocational and education training buildings began on the newly acquired plot. The first building for our vocational and education training (6 classrooms, gatehouse, toilets) is now under construction. Before the small rainy season, which begins in mid-November, all the buildings were covered, the electrical plans were discussed and the interior construction started. At the beginning of 2017, the school rooms and the bakery will be ready.
- The establishment of the vocational and education training is only possible, thanks to numerous generous private donors, the Addax & Oryx Foundation, the Swissair Staff Foundation, the community of Zumikon, the Tibetania Foundation, the Mirja Sachs Foundation and CA Technologies. Thank you very much for your support!

Golf tournament 2017

- On May 8, 2017 we were honored to play the Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy hosted Payerne. Many thanks to the Rapin family for their great support!





A large plot of fertile land was prepared growing vegetable and the irrigation system was expanded to accommodate.



Our horticulture students find out which seeds take best to our soil.



Thanks to the water from our own borehole, sponsored by the Lions Club Erlinsburg, our vegetable thrives and prospers very well.



Our first harvest in July 2016: The horticulture students bring the first spinach and cucumbers crop to our school kitchen

On behalf of the board of trustees, the children and the local staff I would like to thank you for your trust in us. This motivates our Tuwapende Watoto team to do their daily tasks. We guarantee to our donors that we use all donations economically, reasonably and purposefully.

We are looking forward to working with you on further projects.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2017.

Ruth Bütikofer, president of the board of trustees





Excavation for the foundation of the vocational and education class rooms.



The foundation walls are built solidly.



The buildings are adapted to the terrain.
After each classroom, a set of five steps lead to the next level.



The guardhouse with storage for the gardening tools.



Construction of the toilet facility with biological septic tanks:
each brick is carried to the site without devices.



At the beginning of November, all buildings were covered. The master builder engaged a new roofing contractor and we expect a high level of work from the roofer and supportive supervision from the foreman.