



## Dear Friends and Donors of the foundation Tuwapende Watoto

Although traveling is complicated at the moment, I flew to Tanzania in June and September. I was very happy that our foundation member, Mrs. Christine Gartenmann, accompanied me in September. It was valuable to meet the children of the Tuwapende Watoto family and all the staff again and to plan the next steps together.

Also the review of the construction site for the additional vocational school building with the architect and the responsible staff members was important during the stays. We were able to discuss and realize necessary adjustments.

The new Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan attended the United Nations General Assembly. It was her first trip outside Africa after taking office. She did so out of deep conviction and because of her belief in multilateralism in solving the multitude of challenges facing the world today. She is asking for more vaccine to be able to achieve the WHO's goal. For its part, WHO is asking Tanzania to disclose figures regarding the Corona pandemic. (Press Tanzania)

Currently, a major campaign for Corona vaccination is underway in Tanzania. Doctors and nurses are informing daily in the media about the vaccination and encourage the population to vaccinate. I am relieved that our principal and several teachers have already been vaccinated.



Eveline, Gloria and Samson will start their first year of primary school in January 2022.

## Orphanage

15 years Tuwapende Watoto Children's Home: In 2006, Mama Bea moved into a rented house in Mbezi Beach with the first three children, of whom the twins Martha and Maria still live in our children's home today. Since January 2010, the Tuwapende Watoto family has been living in the newly built orphanage and children's home at the current location in Bunju B. Currently, 29 children and teenagers and three mamas live here.

During the turbulent past one and a half years, our orphanage seemed to me like a small oasis. There was always a loving interaction between all the children and young adults and a togetherness in everyday life. However, there were also strict rules in dealing with the Corona Pandemic. Since spring 2020, our large entrance gate is always secured with a lock. Visitors have to stay outside until further notice. Since the pandemic, many residents of the area have been deprived of odd jobs, making it difficult for them to make a living, and our otherwise peaceful area has become unsafe. Our local authorities responded to these circumstances and provided more security with the help of neighborhood patrols.

We are very happy about the positive development of the Tuwapende Watoto children:

- At the beginning of November 2021, Emmanuel started his studies for a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance at the IFM Institute of Financial Management in Dar es Salaam. Emmanuel was one of the 200 students who were selected from many applications for the new academic year.





**On schedule, the fifth building of the vocational school will be ready for occupancy by the end of the year.** (Photo mid-October 2021)



**Entrance to the workshop for the dual two-year vocational apprenticeship „Two-wheel mechanics“.** (Photo mid-October 2021)

- Vanessa, Eliza, Aisha and Gabriel finished their basic education at Tuwapende Watoto Primary School in September with the National Examination and the school closing ceremony. They will continue their education at one of the private boarding secondary schools.
- Didier will graduate from the sixth grade of secondary school (high school) in May 2022 with his high school diploma. Bahati will attend the fifth grade of secondary school (high school).
- Nancy and the twins Martha and Maria took the National Exam for the fourth grade of secondary school in mid-November. We are looking forward to the results of the exam, which will be important for their further education.
- Gloria, Eveline and Samson will celebrate their nursery school graduation on November 27, 2021 and will start the first grade at our elementary school in January 2022.
- The confirmation ceremony for Peter, Luqman and Christopher will be on November 28, 2021. Due to the pandemic, no guests will be invited to dinner.

#### **Nursey school and primary school „Education for a bright future“**

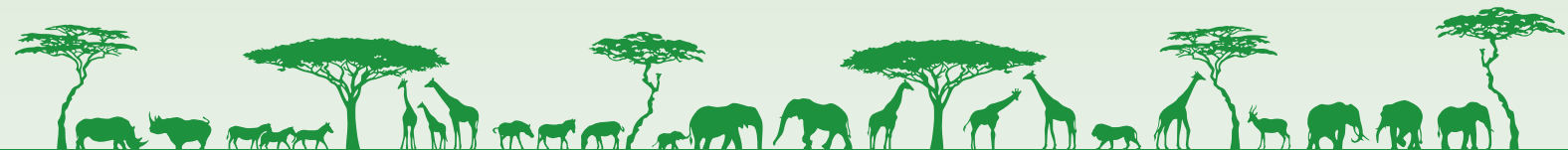
In addition to daily routines such as hand washing and mandatory masking for adults, the second half of 2021 focused on national exams and graduation for seventh grade and nursery school classes. I sincerely thank our principal for her professional leadership of our school staff. She manages to motivate all the people involved and to give the best every day for the children entrusted to us. True to the motto, „Teamwork means more we and less me.“ The teachers' commitment is very high, it is important to them to prepare all students in the best possible way for the National Exams and for the Secondary Schools. As one of the leading schools in Tanzania, Tuwapende Watoto Primary School enables all children to transfer to secondary school. In this way, we lay the foundation for a good education for them.

- From August 2 to 4, inspectors from the Department of Education made their annual visit to the nursery and primary school. They spoke in high terms of our school complex with an exemplary infrastructure. They checked all the documents of the teachers as well as all the documents of the school organization, the contracts and training certificates of the staff, etc. The inspectors praised our administration and organization, no deficiencies were found. We were also pleased with the words of appreciation from the local authorities, who greatly appreciate that we support children from poor families.
- 41 girls and 40 boys of the seventh grade passed the National Examination at the beginning of September and finished primary school with the graduation ceremony on September 19, 2021. Due to the pandemic, a small school closing ceremony was organized, only two persons per family were allowed to participate.

#### **10 years of Tuwapende Watoto Primary School „Education for a bright future“**

The Tuwapende Watoto Primary School was opened in January 2011. It started with a total of 26 students in the first and second grades. The excellent education offered by our primary school quickly became known in the region. Meanwhile, 743 children (386 girls and 357 boys) attend our primary school.

On the occasion of the school closing ceremony for the students of the 7th grades, the anniversary was celebrated with a very warm ceremony. One student expressed her gratitude on behalf of all the children for the good management of the school, the educational lessons, the spacious classrooms, the good meals, the safe school bus rides, the playgrounds, the physical education and music lessons, the library, etc.





The safety of our students is important to us. School buses are regularly inspected and maintained.



The five and six year old girls Gloria, Khadija, Eveline and Vanessa keep the children's home busy.

I am very happy to pass on these thanks to all our donors.

- Before the 81 seventh grade students from Tuwapende Watoto Primary School transferred to a secondary school, they were invited to a day with course leaders from UMATI. UMATI is an NGO that offers courses with information about health and sexual education.
- At the end of September, 35 girls and 31 boys of the fourth grades passed the examination of our district (Kinondoni). Of the 155 participating schools, Tuwapende Watoto Primary School placed 14<sup>th</sup>. Of our children, 50 students achieved the top grade of A and 16 achieved the grade of B. Our students and teachers can be very proud and confidently look forward to the National Examination on October 28, 2021.
- For the Pre-Unit students with 35 girls and 37 boys, November 27, 2021 is a big day. They will be able to celebrate their transfer to the first primary school class. This day will also be deliberately held on a small scale. We look forward to providing these children with an excellent education over the next seven years with professional guidance from dedicated teachers and specialists.

At our school we teach in English and according to the Tanzanian curriculum.

## Project with the University of Teacher Education Zurich (Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich)

*My name is Tiziana Schreiber and I am a student at the Institute Unterstrass at the PHZH (University of Teacher Education Zurich). As part of our foreign language training, we have a three-week internship in an English-speaking country. Due to the Corona-related restrictions, it was unfortunately not possible for the PHZH to organize such an internship for us in the usual way this year. Instead, a substitute program was worked out. This included the teaching of ten online lessons in English in the form of individual lessons. We were given the opportunity to recruit a child ourselves for the realization of this project.*

*Spontaneously, I had the idea to ask Ruth Bütikofer if this could be done with a child from Tuwapende Watoto. I myself was a volunteer at Tuwapende Watoto for three months four years ago and still have fond memories of this time and the people there. To my delight, Ruth was very open to this project and was immediately willing to support me in the organization. She suggested to do the whole thing with Ema and Nasri from the children's home. Delia Möckli, a volunteer, who was on site during my project, also helped me with the concrete planning. Delia took care of the appointments and the technical issues that were necessary for the online lessons.*

*So, in July and August of this year, I conducted the ten lessons with Ema and Nasri. I was very happy to see them again after a long time and to work with them school wise in this special way. I tried to make the lessons as interesting and varied as possible with lots of pictures, short film clips, puzzles and various games. The boys were always very concentrated and took an active part in the events. Fears on my part that it might be difficult to maintain the children's attention over an entire lesson in this virtual way quickly evaporated. The motivation and joy with which the boys approached this project astonished me somewhat, but at the same time made me very happy. So, I firmly believe that we all benefited from this project. In this sense I would like to thank again Ruth Bütikofer, Delia Möckli, the principal Emmaculate as well as the computer science teacher Jasmin and of course Ema and Nasri, who made it possible for me to realize this project and thus to gain valuable professional experience.*

## Vocational School

- In March, 52 apprentices started the first year of our dual vocational training. They took classes for tailors, bakers/cooks, electricians, hairdressers, computer scientists and plumbers. It is important to us to train many young women in the vocational school as well.
- We were able to start our third electrician apprenticeship year (heavy current) in June in the newly established workshop with 5 apprentices, one woman and four men.

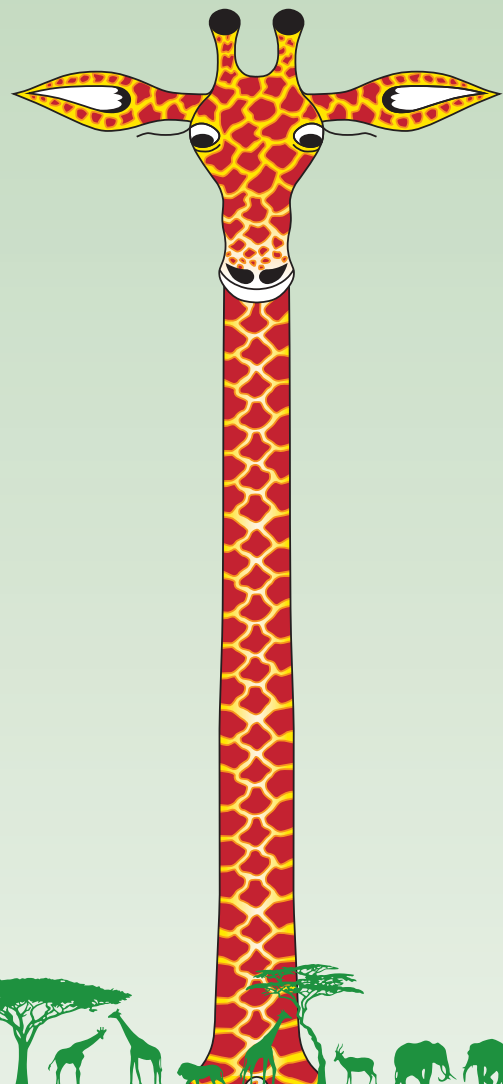




**41 girls and 40 boys finished their elementary school with the school closing ceremony on September 19.**

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- Unfortunately, the training of our electrician and electronics apprentices in solar technology had to be postponed. We hope that the Solafrica Foundation will soon be able to provide us with support for the training of our apprentices. We are very much looking forward to our project „renewable energy“.
- At the end of November we will repeat the „open day“ and hope that again many interested people will get an insight into our dual vocational training. At the same time, we will celebrate the graduation of the 46 second-year apprentices. Also, on this occasion the wearing of face masks will be required.
- In December, the National Exams will be held, which will be organized by the state vocational school VETA.
- We hope for a better economic situation in 2022 so that families can make a very modest living and provide a good education for their young people.
- Although there were also delivery difficulties of building materials in Tanzania, our fifth building of the vocational school will be ready for occupancy as planned at the end of 2021.
- We are very excited about the large multipurpose room. In addition to a theory room, gatherings with all learners can be held even in bad weather. For meal breaks, parent meetings, lectures, etc., this room will be very useful to our school operations.
- Furthermore, we are busy with the furnishing of the theory and work rooms. An inspector from the state vocational school will advise us on setting up the „two-wheel mechanics“ workshop. With his expertise, he has been a great help to us in the last years in setting up the workshops.
- We are currently working on the approval of the new vocational course „Two-wheel mechanics“ as well as the course for the repetition of the fourth secondary school and the subsequent national exam.
- Our goal is to cover part of our operating costs through our apprentices and employees. The breakfast bread for the school children and employees is produced in our bakery and charged to the primary school.
- In the kiosk we sell bread, mandasi, drinks, fruits and vegetables to the residents of the neighborhood. The students buy the uniform parts and school materials in the kiosk. Vegetables are also delivered and charged to the nursery and primary school as well as the children's home.
- If possible, repair work in the children's home and the schools is done by our apprentices. Again and again we experience how helpful and sustainable our support is for young adults at our vocational school. We visited Happiness at her workplace and were able to see how happy she is that she was able to complete her vocational training as a tailor last year thanks to the financial help from donations. Her boss is very pleased with her work and dedication. She can now lead an independent life and proudly look forward to a positive future.
- The supported young people are aware of their opportunity. Their participation outside of school hours in the garden, repair and cleaning work shows us how well they are integrated in our vocational school and how they value their education.





Our electrician apprentice Cassai was allowed to complete his internship at the Swiss Embassy. Many thanks to David Minja, technician and Claude Voutat, Head of Consular Affairs of the Swiss Embassy.

### Internship at the Swiss Embassy

*My name is Cassian Medson Msangi, a second year student at Tuwapende Watoto Vocational School. I am attending the dual vocational training for electricians (house electricians) here. I have been selected to work at the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania as a trainee for my internship from May 17, 2021 to August 3, 2021.*

*When I arrived there, all the Embassy staff were very nice and fair to me and treated me as a fully registered member. At the beginning of my internship, I was given all the safety items such as safety shoes, gowns, and all the work tools. At the beginning, the confidence in me was low, but it increased day by day as I felt responsible for all the matters I was assigned and gave my best.*

*Effectively, I learned a lot about technical matters, which brought me new knowledge and experience for my career. For sure, I will not forget the last day of my internship in the Swiss Embassy. What they did for me will be an unforgettable moment and a remarkable sign of appreciation towards me. They presented me with a certificate and wished me all the best for my professional career. Thank you very much!*

*Cassian Medson Msangi*



The workshop for the third-year apprentice electricians (heavy current) is optimally equipped and meets the safety regulations. We are one of the few vocational schools in Tanzania that are allowed to offer this additional training.

### Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy, October 4, 2021 in Payerne

With an interruption of more than two years due to the Corona Pandemic, we were able to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy on October 4, 2021. Despite gray skies and rain, we welcomed 90 good-humored golfers. The good mood accompanied us until the evening for the aperitif and dinner. The event was again a great success for our foundation. We are very pleased that we were able to transfer a significant amount for the infrastructure of the fifth building of the vocational school.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the management and staff of Golf de Payerne for their valuable support and for the exemplary way in which the tournament was held and for the pleasant evening.

### Förderverein e.V. Tuwapende Watoto Deutschland (Germany)

*Dear friends of Tuwapende Watoto*

*We are very happy to be able to give you a little insight into our year 2021. For all of us, the year started expectantly, with a vaccine promising more normality and opportunities to get together again. As you already read from us in spring, it was our wish to be represented with an information booth at this year's Alafia Festival in Hamburg. Unfortunately, we were not able to realize this wish due to organizational difficulties, as the festival was moved in terms of time and place in view of the applicable restrictions and was implemented as a scaled-down indoor event. Of course, we understand that large events are only gradually allowed again, with increasing vaccination rates, and accordingly look forward to next year and the next opportunity. Fortunately, despite this small setback, we have gained some new regular donors and also enjoy growing popularity on smile.amazon.de. So, we were able to forward larger amounts of money to the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation again this year. We very much hope to further increase the level of awareness and now with growing opportunities to participate in events again. We will of course keep you informed. Sincerely Ann-Kristin Schulz*

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Mama Bea and Mama Selina, long-time caregivers in our children's home, are happy about Aisha's, Vanessa's and Eliza's successful primary school graduation.



Emma and Nasri were allowed to participate in online English lessons by Tiziana Schreiber, student at the University of Education Zurich. Tiziana was supported on site by volunteer Delia Möckli.

### Thank you very much for the great help with extraordinary value

On behalf of the NGO and the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all the employees in Tanzania. They make an essential contribution to the successful development of the children and the schools. Of our 92 employees, some have been with us since the beginning of the establishment of the children's home and the nursery and elementary school. Our employees appreciate their job and the correct treatment on the part of the management. The fluctuation is low. Our principal will also be able to celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

Thanks to the long-standing and much appreciated support from our numerous private donors, from associations and from organizations, the Wyler-Anderson Foundation, the Dr. Rau Foundation, the Rotary Club Zurich-Airport, IMS Sport AG, Golf de Payerne, Off Limits Solutions SA and the association „Bildung gegen Armut“ („Education against Poverty“), we are able to lovingly care for and well educate the children and young adults of our Tuwapende Watoto family, to support the students from needy families, to promote the further education of the employees as well as to professionally furnish the workshops of the vocational school.

The very generous support of the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation, the Migros Support Fund, the Fondation Gertrude Hirzel, the Esperanza Foundation, the atDta Foundation „Helping others to help themselves“ and netpulse AG allowed us to build the additional school building of the vocational school.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the NGO members and the Tuwapende Watoto Ambassadors for their much-appreciated support and extraordinary commitment. They donate numerous hours of volunteer work to our foundation every year.

Dear donors, the foundation board, the members of the NGO, the ambassadors, the employees and the children of the Tuwapende Watoto family thank you very much for the trust you have placed in us. We will continue to use your donations purposefully, respectfully and wisely.

We wish you and your families a happy Christmas time and the best of health and all the best in the coming year.

With kind regards,

*Ruth Bütikofer*

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