



The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

February Newsletter

Thank you for passing this newsletter on to your family and friends.

The excitement never ends at St Jude's...our 10th Anniversary Year continues with plenty of celebrations and more exciting news for our St Jude's family across the world. We have launched our 10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal, our 10th Anniversary Book has been released and our special 10 Days for 10 Years St Jude's Tour is about to be unveiled!

We hope you enjoy our BUMPER newsletter this month—not only do we continue to celebrate 10 amazing years but you can also get a chance to meet some of our American volunteers doing great work at St Jude's...not all of our 'vollies' are Aussies!!!

Support our 10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal!



A generous supporter has offered up to \$200,000 towards our construction plans if we can raise that much in donations and new sponsorships.

It is due to the overwhelming support of the St Jude's family across the globe that we have come so far. However, it is essential for St Jude's to keep on building and developing our school to meet the needs of a full complement of year levels from Standard 1 to Form 6.

Our **10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal** has been structured to deliver on these needs. With your generous help we will get there.

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The School of St Jude 10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal

Appeal A: 80 Buckets of Fresh Vegetables

1000 packages at AU \$100

By purchasing 80 buckets of vegetables you are providing the students of St Jude's with the vital nutrients needed by growing youngsters. These fresh carrots, tomatoes, onions and green peppers will ensure our students are in good health and able to concentrate in class.



Appeal B: Table + Four Chairs

100 packages at AU \$150

Four students will enjoy working together around their large, colourful table. Our modern teaching techniques encourage collaborative learning at St Jude's where team work and supporting each other is encouraged both inside and out of the classroom.



Appeal C: Bed and Bedding for a Student

200 packages at AU \$300

A secondary student will enjoy a good night's sleep thanks to you. You are providing a student with a bed, mattress, pillow, linen and mosquito net. A storage drawer in which to neatly store personal items is also included making it a comfortable 'home away from home' for our growing number of boarding students.



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Appeal D: One Staff Computer

70 packages at AU \$500

Purchase a computer and you will ensure our teachers can plan, prepare, research and organise their daily lessons efficiently and professionally. These computers will also enable ongoing training for all St Jude's staff through access to online courses and give them the ability to improve their English and Information and Communication Technology skills.



Appeal E: Buy a Seat on the New St Jude's Simba Bus!

50 packages at AU \$1000

Save a student a long walk to school by purchasing a seat on the new shiny big St Jude's bus that has been named *Simba* (Swahili for Lion). This bus will be kept very busy transporting students and staff to and from school each day, making trips into town to pick up much needed supplies and also taking our students on their favourite adventure – excursions!

Appeal F: Secondary Science Equipment

1 package at AU \$250,000

From Bunsen burners and microscopes to test tubes, science chemicals, beakers and more, we need more science equipment for our Secondary Science Labs! You will be providing the necessary tools and apparatuses to help train the future scientists of Tanzania.



Appeal G: A Secondary Netball Court

3 packages at AU \$5000

Our growing numbers of netball fanatics are desperate for room to move! We have the coaches; we have the balls; we have the teams getting into shape – we now need the courts! With almost 500 students at our Smith Secondary Campus this year, we need your assistance to develop three new netball courts!

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Appeal H: A Biogas Waste Water Project

10 packages at AU \$5000

Help St Jude's go green at our Smith Secondary Campus! The biogas and waste water project will recycle waste, process it into gas and create the energy required to run the cookers in our kitchen. Our wood fired stoves will no longer be required, saving many, many trees. The reclaimed water will be used to irrigate the school grounds – creating a win/win for everyone!



Appeal I: Two Class Sets of Textbooks

3 packages at AU \$10,000

Help to satisfy our students' demand for knowledge by providing two St Jude's classrooms with a set of textbooks each. You name it, we need it, for: Biology, Mathematics, English, Geography and so many more subjects. These vital resources will help to educate, inspire and expand the minds of our students.



Appeal J: Secondary Science Labs Fit-Out

5 packages at AU \$10,000

Help the future scientists of Tanzania by purchasing a package to help fit-out our new science labs. We need to properly and safely complete the fit-out with the necessary preparation room, benches, sinks, gas, taps, projector and fumes cabinet. This will enable our secondary students to have the best environment for scientific investigation.



The School of St Jude 10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal

Appeal K: The All-Purpose St Jude's 'Ute'

1 package at AU \$25,000

Keep our busy maintenance and purchasing departments super efficient by purchasing the all-purpose St Jude's Ute! This utility vehicle will be zipping between the three campuses daily with loads of vital equipment, tools and materials safely and economically.



Appeal L: A Secondary Soccer Field

1 package at AU \$35,000

Soccer is an absolute obsession at St Jude's! If we had a field big enough we would have almost 500 secondary students on it at every spare moment. You can help our secondary students show off their natural talents and enjoy their favourite sport by purchasing a soccer field to enjoy!



Appeal M: The New St Jude's Tembo Bus

1 package at AU \$50,000

Our buses work very hard everyday carrying out essential tasks for our expanding school. This new big bus, *Tembo* (Swahili for Elephant), will join the fleet that safely transports our students and staff to and from school. Tembo will also allow our students to discover the wonders of their magnificent country when they head off on excursions.

The School of St Jude 10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal

Appeal N: A Secondary Classroom

5 packages at AU \$50,000

Our secondary school currently has enough classrooms but next year we will have over 200 students entering that campus – we urgently need to build classrooms for our Form 5 and 6 students. Help to educate the students of St Jude's right through to their final year of secondary school by purchasing a classroom for our Smith Secondary Campus.



Appeal O: Roads, Paving, Draining, Walls and More!

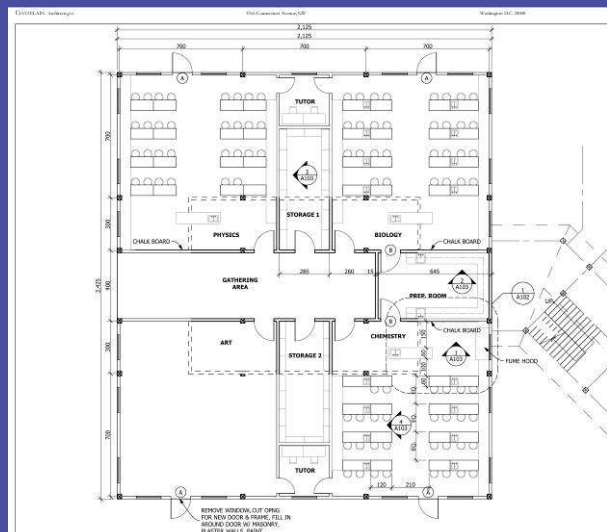
1 package at AU \$150,000

Help to pave our students' way to graduating in 2015. With two more years of St Jude's school facilities and grounds to build, we need your help to put in more roads, paths, drainage systems, paving and retaining walls at our Smith Secondary Campus. As the rainy season approaches, help us to keep the mud at bay and the bricks in place!

Appeal P: Secondary Science Block

1 package at AU \$250,000

Purchase an entire science block for the future scientists of Tanzania! With four labs and a preparation room, this facility will ensure our Form 5 and 6 budding scientists are well prepared for their future university studies. From Biology to Chemistry and Physics our secondary students will be very grateful for a facility that will match their inquiring minds.



Student and Boarding Room Sponsorship Packages

Through sponsorship of a St Jude's Student and Boarding Room package, you are helping a very special student with strong academic potential to break free from the cycle of poverty that plagues many Tanzanian families and communities. By also sponsoring a Boarding Room you are ensuring that its student residents are warm, safe and enjoy nourishing evening meals. They can also turn on a light to read a book from the library or do further studies ensuring they make the most of all they have learnt in their classroom each day.

Help us reach our goal of **450 sponsorship packages**
for just AUD \$120 per month!



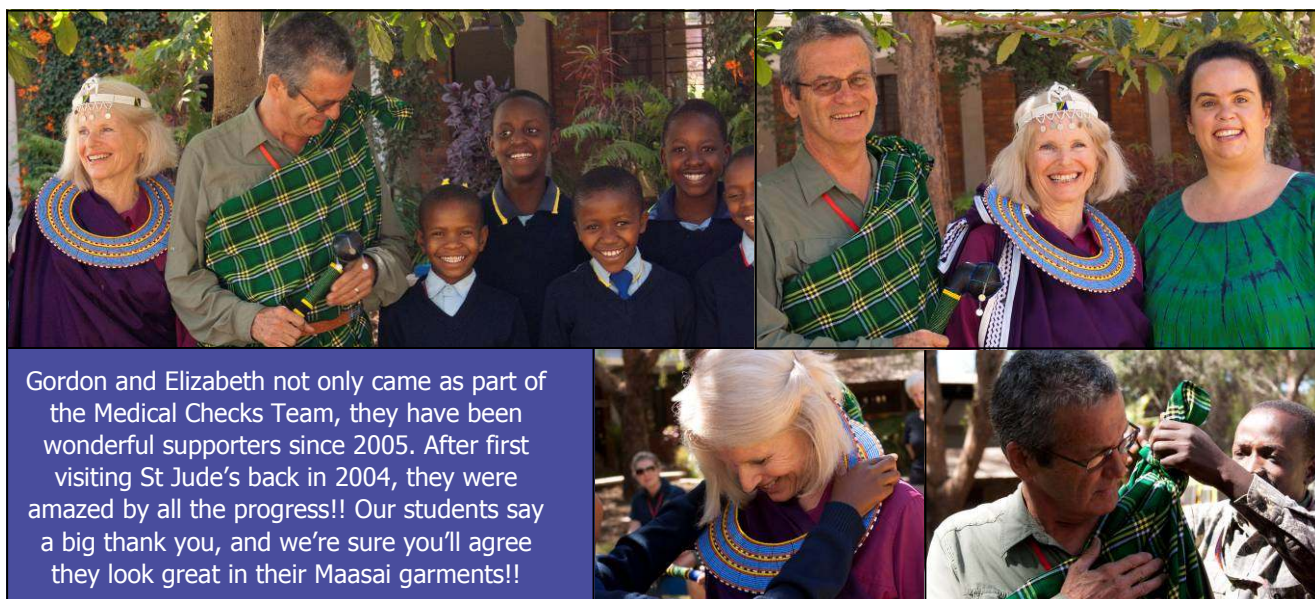
This package offers its sponsor a great insight into our school, as we will choose a Boarding Room that offers a different perspective of our school to the sponsored Student in the package. For example, a young boy Student is paired up with a secondary girls' Boarding Room.

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Medical Checks Team



Thank You Gordon and Elizabeth!

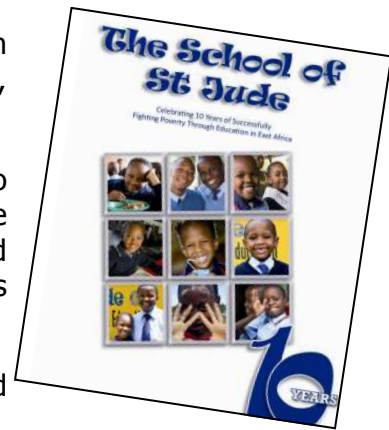


10th Year Anniversary Book

In light of 2012 being our 10th Year Anniversary, we have been busy working on a book to show where St Jude's has come from, where we are now and where our school is heading.

It has taken the amazing efforts of so many people to achieve so much in the past 10 years. This book is a celebration of the beautiful people, the challenging times, the very touching times and the celebratory times, all of which have contributed to St Jude's success.

We encourage you to purchase your copy online now to avoid disappointment!



10 days for 10 Years St Jude's Tour

2012 marks the 10th Anniversary for The School of St Jude... so what better way to join in the celebrations than a 10 day visit to The School of St Jude, here in Arusha, Tanzania?



Journey to the world's most diverse and richly cultured continent for ten days – one day for every year St Jude's has been Fighting Poverty Through Education. Get to know the students and experience day to day life at the school, participate in extra curricular activities with primary and secondary students, visit a student's home, sample traditional Tanzanian food, explore the local area, meet our amazing staff (some of whom have been here for many, many years), go on a two day safari and heaps more!

The tenth day of the tour will conclude with a celebration to commemorate 10 wonderful years on St Jude's Day - our annual festive day when all the students and staff gather to give thanks for the opportunity they have received. On this day, our students' families bring a small gift like sugar, maize or soap, which are later distributed to neighbouring orphanages, hospices, and other places in need.

More details and a full itinerary will be out shortly...so keep checking the St Jude's website, or email us to register your interest.

Curriculum Update



During 2011, St Jude's trialled the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and the Cambridge International Curriculum with selected primary and secondary classes. The curricula's implementation was constantly reviewed and assessed throughout the year; however, towards the end of 2011, we realised that adopting an international curriculum is not sustainable or completely achievable at this stage. Based on our successes with the National Tanzanian Curriculum in earlier years, and the benefits of some of the international methodologies implemented at St Jude's during 2011, we have introduced an 'Enriched Curriculum' in January 2012 with the commitment to providing all the content of the National Tanzanian Curriculum with additional knowledge, techniques and skills to enhance its delivery.

Smith Secondary Campus Naming Ceremony

The Smith family from America have been integral to our Secondary Campus located at Usa River. Gordon and Helen's children Cindy and Bruce travelled across Tanzania some years ago with the purpose of finding an education project for their family foundation to support. They first met Gemma in 2004 and she explained that we needed everything from a stapler for her office to new classrooms and boarding houses for our campus in Usa River! The Smiths generously donated funds to pay for all of the new building developments at Usa River, and they even bought Gemma a stapler!



Since 2009, Cindy has been a member of The School of St Jude International Board. Earlier this year, Cindy's daughter Katherine joined the *3 Peaks 3 Weeks* group climbing mountains to raise funds for our school.



Smith Secondary Campus Naming Ceremony



Helen, Bruce, Cindy and Katherine visited St Jude's in January 2012, when we celebrated the official naming of our Secondary Campus, now known as the **Smith Secondary Campus!**



St Jude's American Volunteers



Evan - Purchasing Team (Alabama)

What made you decide to volunteer at St Jude's?

I just graduated from college and I wanted to volunteer in Africa. My parents sponsor a student at St Jude's and I saw the newsletter asking for volunteer applications - I didn't hesitate to send in my application!

What difference have you made at St Jude's?

I think making a difference in Tanzania and St Jude's should be measured in inches, especially in my role as the Purchasing Coordinator! I could be having a really discouraging few days, but then I find a supplier that will help save millions of shillings for the school and all of those feelings disappear. The goal should be to think big, but take baby steps.

How do you feel about being away from home and living in Tanzania?

I am quite comfortable living away from home - from the age of 14, I studied abroad every summer. Tanzania however is quite a bit different. At first, I was sick just about every other week due to my weak stomach but after a month or so I started getting used to the diet. There are some cultural differences that drive me crazy, but all in all I have become very well adjusted to living in Tanzania.

What made you decide to volunteer at St Jude's?

I visited St Jude's in January 2011 with 3 Peaks 3 Weeks, an international all women's team formed to raise money for three organizations in East Africa, and climb three mountains in three weeks; Mt Kenya, Mt Meru, and Mt Kilimanjaro. When we visited St Jude's, I felt as though I was witnessing an ongoing miracle. Coming back as a volunteer was all I could think about after the trip!

What will you take away from your time at St Jude's?

I hope to take away many wonderful friendships; and a refocus on the important things in life which, for me, are serving others, living in a community, and having adventures.

What is your favourite place in Tanzania so far and why?

There are so many fabulous places in Tanzania, it is impossible to pick just one. My girlfriends and I loved our safaris in Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Tarangire National Park. To actually see all the famous African animals that I have seen in National Geographic pictures all my life has been a huge thrill.



Lynne—Accounts Team (Chicago)

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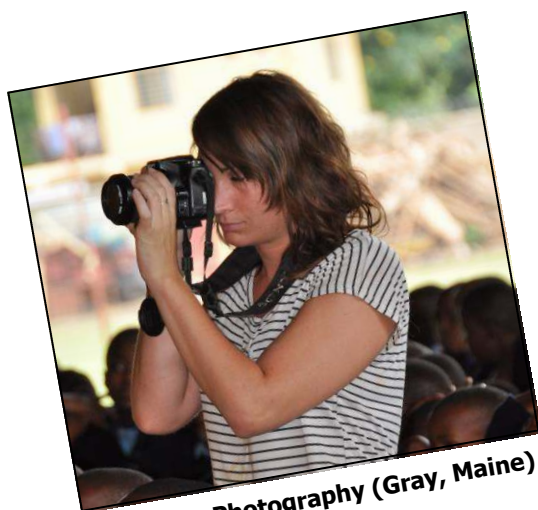
I had been volunteering at an orphanage in Tanzania about three hours from Arusha. I signed up for a year there, but I knew I wanted to stay longer. I found ads online for open positions at St Jude's. I chose St Jude's because I want to feel that I am doing something good for a country I love. The School of St Jude's idea of changing the world through education is something I believe in.

What difference have you made at St Jude's?

I feel lucky to have a job that I know is important and that I love at the same time. The School of St Jude would not be here without sponsors and donors. I think photography is what captures the sponsors and donors' attention, and being able to see the wonderful progress of the school is what keeps our sponsors and donors. It's an integral part of the whole system.

What is your favourite place in Tanzania so far and why?

My favorite place in Tanzania is the area surrounding the orphanage I used volunteer at. It's right on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater. I regularly saw elephants while walking kids to school in morning, and even without the animals it's amazingly beautiful and serene.



Ashley - Photography (Gray, Maine)

St Jude's American Volunteers

What are your feelings about being away from home and living in Tanzania?

It's what I always wanted and needed. I have always lived to challenge myself, and this is exactly the place to do it! Living away from your home comforts in a new environment is the best way to learn about yourself and the world.

What difference have you made at St Jude's?

I hope that when I leave, students will embrace the skills that they have and feel confident in the fact that some of the best of life's lessons come from teamwork, communication, and support.

What do you want to take away from your time at St Jude's?

If anything, this experience is making me a stronger person. A stronger teacher, a stronger self-sufficient being. Sure, there are times when I feel like I'm contributing very little, but when I get through those moments and look at the bigger picture, I want to walk away knowing that my evolving strength serves as an example to my students - that they can grow and develop their strengths too. Everything's boring if everything is figured out!



**Hana - PE Teacher Assistant
(San Diego)**



**Brendan - Secondary ICT Support
(Massachusetts)**

What made you decide to volunteer at St Jude's?

During my stay in Arusha in 2007 and 2010, I heard about St Jude's good reputation. Around town I always admired the school's colorful buses. I came to St Jude's because I wanted to return to Tanzania for a longer period of time to work in my field.

What is your favourite place in Tanzania so far and why?

My favorite thing to do in Tanzania is just walking and talking with people anywhere. My favorite place that I have visited so far is nearby Maasai Land, and I am even trying to learn some Kimaasai (Maasai tribal language).

What has been one of your favourite moments during your time at St Jude's?

We recently had a Science Day at The Smith Secondary Campus and I was so proud to see the students demonstrating what they learned to their fellow students. Many students are interested in learning to use Scratch (the MIT Media Lab program) and I hope to start a club soon, once we test it out in one of our labs.

Looking for your next work adventure?

St Jude's is committed to supporting the community and provides employment to over 400 Tanzanians creating a widespread ripple effect. However, for specialized positions, where we are not able to employ a local person, we recruit volunteers from abroad.

- ✓ Do you have a great sense of humour, lots of patience and a sense of adventure?
- ✓ Are you a new graduate?
- ✓ Are you feeling restless in your career?
- ✓ Are you planning on retiring?

....there may be a position waiting for you at St Jude's!

Check out the [website](http://www.schoolofstjude.org) for all of our short and long term volunteer opportunities!

Guidance for American Contributions

How our supporters in the US can make contributions to The School of St Jude.

To make a tax-deductible gift:

We know that US tax-deductibility may be important to you. Your donation will be tax-deductible if it is made through the King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS), a foundation that was set up to enable US donors to support non-profits in Europe and Africa. Because KBFUS is a 501(c)(3) public charity, you may claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by U.S. tax law for your contribution. The school pays KBFUS a very modest processing fee of 3%.

It is a simple process to contribute to the school through KBFUS.

If you prefer to make your donation using a credit card, you may do that through the KBFUS website: www.kbfus.org. Click on the yellow Donate Now button on the left hand side of the home page. Then fill in your donation amount, and click Giving Option 1: Non-profit partners overseas. Select The School of St. Jude (TZ) from the choices, and complete the form.

If you are paying by check, go the KBFUS website, print the "Advised Gift Form" and complete it. (http://smooz.kbfus.org/kbfus/files/AG_advised_gift_form.doc) Be sure to indicate if your gift should be applied to a specific program or sponsorship package. Mail the form, along with your check, to: KBFUS, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10020.

KBFUS will send you a tax receipt as required by law. We at the school receive monthly reports of gifts made through KBFUS and will acknowledge your gift when we receive the KBFUS end-of-month report.

If tax-deductibility is not important:

You may make a gift directly through the School of St Jude website using a credit card. Depending on your credit card's policy, you may be charged a small currency exchange fee (because the school account is in Australian dollars) and/or a small international processing fee.

10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal - Packages Remaining

Appeal Packages for 2012	Package Amount
80 Buckets of Fresh Vegetables	AU \$100.00 (902 packages remaining)
Table + Four Chairs	AU \$150.00 (75 packages remaining)
Bed and Bedding for a Student	AU \$300.00 (186 packages remaining)
One Staff Computer	AU \$500.00 (30 packages remaining)
A Seat on the New St Jude's Simba Bus!	AU \$1000.00 (37 packages remaining)
Secondary Science Equipment	AU \$5,000.00 (4 packages remaining)
A Secondary Netball Court	AU \$5000.00 SOLD OUT
A Biogas Waste Water Project	AU \$5000.00 (9 packages remaining)
Two Class Sets of Textbooks	AU \$10,000 (2 packages remaining)
Secondary Science Labs Fit-Out	AU \$10,000 (3 packages remaining)
The All-Purpose St Jude's 'Ute'	AU \$25,000 SOLD OUT
A Secondary Soccer Field	AU \$35,000 (1 package remaining)
The New St Jude's Tembo Bus	AU \$50,000 (1 package remaining)
A Secondary Classroom	AU \$50,000 (5 packages remaining)
Roads, Paving, Draining, Walls and More!	AU \$150,000 (1 package remaining)
Secondary Science Block	AU \$250,000 (1 package remaining)

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