



The School of St Jude
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

St Jude's News

Thank you for sharing our newsletter with your family and friends

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Form 4s Score Top Marks in National Exam

When the results of the 2012 Form 4 national exam were released in February, there was a lot of anticipation amongst our students and rightly so! They've ranked 1st in the Arusha region and 7th in the nation!

"I really prepared very nicely because I made sure I did a revision for almost everything. As you know, for the exam you don't know where it's coming, so I made sure to cover everything," says Evaline, who was among the top performers.

Evaline started at St Jude's in Form 1, after being in the top of her class in government school. Her family lives in Olkokola, a predominantly Maasai tribal area.

Gidion also started at St Jude's in Form 1 with Evaline. The two of them both achieved high marks in the sciences, particularly physics, chemistry and maths.

"I would like to stay in Tanzania to help develop my country," Gidion says. "After A Level I would like to go to university and then after I'd like to get a job. I would like to become an engineer."

Like Gidion and Evaline, our eldest students are fast becoming mature, young adults with an eye towards future employment in the sciences, a field where Tanzania desperately needs educated, proactive individuals to help the nation prosper and grow.

We can't wait to see what this class achieves during their A Level studies!

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St Jude's Annual Appeal

Every Piece Counts

We are very excited to have recently launched our Annual Appeal for 2013! This year we have 17 different items for you to choose from, all important pieces of St Jude's.

In this month's newsletter we're featuring our 'nutritious meals for 400 students' package. For \$100, you can ensure that students get the proper nourishment needed to keep their mind and body healthy for a full day of school. Can you help us complete this puzzle piece as part of this year's Annual Appeal?

Thank you to everyone who has purchased their piece of the puzzle so far, we are truly grateful for your support. See below to see how we're tracking and what a difference you've made already.

NEWS FLASH!!!

We are excited to announce that a very generous St Jude's supporter has agreed to match every donation made until we reach \$150,000! Give today to double your gift to St Jude's.

www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html

\$50 buys

2 square meters of our new block of land
1000 needed, 979 remain!

\$100 buys

nutritious meals for 400 students
1000 needed, 975 remain!

\$150 buys

a desk and chair for our senior students
150 needed, 146 remain!

\$250 buys

internet for one class for an entire year
72 needed, 68 remain!

\$300 buys

a bed and mosquito net
150 needed, 147 remain!

\$500 buys

a computer for our new student computer lab
50 needed, 47 remain!

\$1,000 buys

music and art supplies for one year level for a year
13 needed, 11 remain!

\$1,500 buys

a seat on the new 'colobus' bus
17 needed, 16 remain!

\$3,000 buys

a new kitchen water heater
4 needed, 3 remain!

\$5,000 buys

play equipment for a campus
3 needed, 3 remain!

\$5,000 buys

a section of a multipurpose court
10 needed, 10 remain!

\$10,000 buys

a visitors van
2 needed, 1 remains

\$25,000 buys

a 'Samaki' school bus
1 needed, 1 remains

\$50,000 buys

a health and physical education pack
1 needed, 1 remains

\$50,000 buys

a 'Flamingo' bus
1 needed, 1 remains

\$115,000 buys

a level of a boarding house
3 needed, 3 remain

\$350,000 buys

a whole student boarding house
1 needed, 1 remains

*Which will
be your
piece?*

Catch Up with Gemma and Kim on the Road



It's been a busy and exciting start to Gemma and Kim's St Jude's tour. Between the two, they have so far visited 20 cities in Australia, America and Europe!

With celebrations around International Women's Day to kick things off, they've been able to catch up with many friends, both new and old.

A huge thank you to everyone who has been so hospitable and generous as part of this year's tour so far. Gemma and Kim are loving this opportunity to spread the word about St Jude's.



Upcoming Events... we'd love to see you there!

For a full calendar of public events go to:

www.schoolofstjude.org/supportUs/fundraising-events

For a round up of events, photos and more, go to the St Jude's

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/schoolofstjude



Lidya Dreams Big to Find a Cure for HIV/AIDS

St Jude's students are some of the most resilient, determined individuals not only in Arusha but in all of Tanzania. For instance, take the story of Lidya, currently in Grade 3.

In 2012, Lidya received straight As in all of her subjects during Term 3 of her Grade 2 classes. English, Maths, Kiswahili, Science, Computing and Vocational Skills were all passed with flying colours.

She is a bright, motivated young girl who is truly making the most of her education. Yet, she has had many

struggles in her young life. Lidya has never known her mother and father, who abandoned her as a baby when she was eight months old. Her aunt and uncle have raised her, while also caring for three children of their own. The six of them live together on a meager income. Her uncle works as a mechanic in an auto-garage, and her aunt sells vegetables earning roughly \$1.50 per day.

Despite these circumstances, Lidya is as ambitious as they come. She wants to become a doctor to "find HIV medicine." It's quite a dream for a girl only in Grade 3, but HIV/AIDS is still a major problem in Tanzania with about 1.4 million people (5.8 percent of the population) infected. Her awareness of the issue is remarkable in itself, and we are committed to providing her the best science education in Tanzania so her dreams can become a reality.

Lidya still needs sponsoring.

Be a part of her journey as she studies her way to becoming a doctor.

www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html

Below: Lidya in the St Jude's playground; Top right: Lidya looking as happy as ever with her cousins; Bottom right: Lidya with her Aunt, Uncle and cousins at their home.



Meet the Team!

Take some time to get to know Mr Manyasi, St Jude's ICT Head of Department.

It's been an exciting, yet extremely busy past three years for Mr Manyasi. In 2010 he got married. In 2011 he graduated from the Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) with an advanced degree in ICT. Then in 2012 he was promoted as the Upper Primary Campus Head of Department for ICT and Vocational Skills.

Mr Manyasi joined The School of St Jude in 2007 as a boarding teacher at the Moivaro Campus, teaching students maths while working his way up the ladder. After working as an assistant boarding manager for a couple of years, the position of Head of Department for ICT opened up.

"Management saw I had the skills to help, because I had just got my advanced degree in ICT," Mr Manyasi says. "I was working at boarding, where I would leave my wife at home and work at night for boarding. I found it was hard to maintain my family life and working."

So, Mr Manyasi jumped at the opportunity and has flourished ever since. In his role, he not only teaches Grade 7 classes computer skills, he also oversees a team of ten teachers helping them plan lessons, inspect classrooms and manage any problems that arise. His leadership skills are highly valued, evidenced by his appointment to the St Jude's Academic Committee, which helps the academic office run its entire operation.

Thanks to donors from around the world who contribute towards computer and ICT equipment, an inspiring teacher and leader like Mr Manyasi has the opportunity to pass along his knowledge to the students of St Jude's. It's educators like him who are making an incredible difference in the lives of our students, equipping them with the technical computer skills required to flourish in the 21st century.



St Jude's employs high-quality teachers like Mr Manyasi who need your support to pass on their knowledge and skills to our students.

If you, or someone you know, are in a position to sign up for a teacher sponsorship package, please visit

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html>



Welcome Back to Gordon and Helen Smith

The St Jude's family will be forever grateful to Gordon and Helen Smith who generously donated the funds for our Smith Secondary Campus. Last month, we welcomed them back to St Jude's for a visit.

It had been four years since Gordon Smith was last at St Jude's. While his wife Helen visited in 2012, Gordon's last trip was to officially open the Secondary Campus in 2008. As you can imagine, he was blown away by the progress that our students have made.

It was great for Gordon and Helen to meet with some of our Form 5 students, who were celebrating their recent exam success, as well as their sponsored students. In just two short years we hope to have them back to celebrate our very first A Level graduation!



Our Annual Appeal has a range of package options to support our Secondary students and their future dreams! You can purchase a desk and chair for this level of Form 5 students in their new classrooms for \$150.

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html>

Kurt Fearnley and The Rodens Come to Visit

Kurt Fearnley is a true Australian hero known for his Paralympics success (he's won three gold medals). Did you know that Kurt is also a Physical Education teacher in Newcastle? It was an absolute honour to welcome Kurt and his wife Sheridan to St Jude's. Our staff, volunteers and students were all in awe of him as he showed us his tricks and moves with his wheelchair as well as hearing his stories about growing up in country New South Wales and sporting success.

Kurt and Sheridan were travelling with their good friends the Rodens who are very generous, long term supporters of St Jude's. It was fantastic for Colin Roden and two of his daughters to catch up with their sponsored students as well as see the St Jude's "ute" that they generously sponsored as part of our 2012 Appeal. We can't wait to welcome them all back to St Jude's in the near future!



Come and see for yourself!

We welcome visitors who would like to spend a day or a few nights or come as part of one of our popular cultural tours!

To find out more, email us today at info@schoolofstjude.co.tz or visit our website www.schoolofstjude.org/VisitUs/tour.html.

Annual Medical Checks for All Students

Every February we have a medical team come to St Jude's for a few weeks to administer health checks for our students. Led by Dr Pip, who has been leading the team for the past four years, this year over 1,600 students received eye and ear exams, weight and height measurements and an overall health evaluation that focused on the mouth, teeth, lungs and heart.

The medical check team that volunteers at St Jude's consists of all professional nurses and general practitioners, who dedicate their time and skills in helping us ensure our student's bodies are healthy to support their growing minds. Our team is comprised of six doctors, three nurses and six helpers every year.

In 2014 we are hoping to add an optometrist to the team, to help our students with chronic eye problems. We are always looking for more practitioners and qualified nurses to help us, especially as our student body will grow by another 150 students over the next year.



It is thanks to your generous support of St Jude's that we are able to offer the highest quality of education and care to our students.

From everyone at St Jude's, THANK YOU for believing in us and making projects like our annual medical checks possible.





Become Part of the St Jude's Family

Are you looking for the challenge of a lifetime and ready to join the group of dedicated volunteers that are making a real difference to the lives of Tanzanians? Have a look at the positions below or on our website for a full list of vacancies.

Business Manager

The St Jude's Business Manager plays a key role in the operations of the school, overseeing the development of staff in various departments including Marketing, IT and Human Resources.

The volunteer will be responsible for a variety of tasks including:

- Overseeing the school's running and capital works budgets
- Supporting and implementing the long term fundraising program
- Manage the day-to-day operations for 6 business units

The right candidate will:

- Have success in managing cross-functional teams within a medium-large organisation
- Have proven business and administration or office management experience
- Commit for a minimum of two years

Finance Manager

The Finance Manager is responsible for managing and further developing the financial systems for our school, while managing a team of six personnel.

The volunteer will be responsible for:

- Planning, budgeting, management reporting, preparing the annual financial forecasts and fixed asset management with a hands on approach
- Continue to develop the basic accounting and financial management skills of the local staff, building confidence and instilling a strong sense of direction amongst the team
- Advise in regards to legal and statutory matters

This exciting role is ideal for the more experienced qualified financial professional with management experience who is now able to take time and begin their next challenge. A minimum of two years is required for this position.

This role is supported by Australian Volunteers International and AusAID. For a full position description and to apply for this role, please visit the AVI website at <http://bit.ly/WINUNK>



For a full position description, visit the St Jude's website today.

www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs.html