



The School of St Jude

St Jude's News

Thank you for sharing our newsletter with your family and friends

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30 June is approaching... Double your gift today!

Good news! Thanks to some amazing supporters we now have the 80 new computers our students need. We have also been able to update the resources in our libraries and can now purchase some buses to take students to and from school safely.

Check out this video youtu.be/OeGg0g4Y8JI of our students and teachers enjoying the computers. Most people in Tanzania don't have access to electricity let alone computers or the internet so our students are very grateful for their Information and Computer Technology classes which will give them the opportunity to access a wider range of professions that were once unavailable to them.

We believe that education is key when it comes to fighting poverty so every contribution you give, no matter how big or small, will empower our students to make a difference not only in their own lives, but in the lives of their families and communities. There are still **7 days to go** until the end of our appeal and **every gift received will be doubled** thanks to a generous family who have offered to match all our donations up to \$200,000. So why not see the list of things our students still need today? www.schoolofstjude.org/support-us/annual-appeal-2014.html



\$149,100
raised for our
Appeal since the
start of May!

\$50,900
still needed to
reach our goal of
\$200,000.

7 days to go!
Help us reach our
target by the end
of June.

Giving Josh a helping hand

Josh has already gone through a rite of passage for a young child, in only a few short months. Josh earned his boyhood stripes when he broke his arm while falling off play equipment at St Jude's. The day his teacher carried him in with his painful, broken arm, the Lower Primary Medical Officer, Brenda was on hand to provide assistance. She carefully placed Josh's arm in a bandage, then notified his parents before taking him to the hospital in a school bus.

The doctor examined him before numerous x-rays were taken on his arm. Brenda was by his side the entire time, before Josh's mother, Sia arrived at the hospital. The doctor determined that Josh would have to undergo an operation, to insert metal pins into his arm to realign the bone to its original place. The costs were slowly adding up for the files, x rays, operation and overnight stay at the hospital. As Josh's mother made her way there, it greatly worried her about how she could afford to pay for it all on her small income, which she earns selling mandazi (a form of fried bread) and tea, on the side of the road. She works hard to take care of her husband, daughter, Josh and also her niece with all of them living in a small mud house with no electricity. She could barely afford to buy food and essentials for her family, and could not imagine how she would pay the bills.

Like education, access to quality health care is a privilege

that most Tanzanians can't afford. The St Jude's Health and Welfare fund covers all medical emergencies for our students for injuries that happen whilst the student is at school. When an accident occurs, the school's Health and Welfare team acts instantly by assessing the child and taking them to the hospital if necessary. Without this extra support, Josh and his family would have had to go on a long waiting list, he may not have received proper treatment and he would have missed out on a lot more school.

Josh's family is very grateful that St Jude's paid for all of his medical expenses as it would have been out of the reach for the family to afford. "It makes me happy and a big thanks to St Jude's, which paid for everything," said his mother, Sia. "I believe Josh will be the one to change the life of our family because of his education at St Jude's and help us out of poverty. I'm so happy that he is getting a good education at the school."

Recently, he went back to the hospital so a doctor could remove his sling and metal pins in his arm. Little Josh hopes it's the last visit to the hospital for a while.

Bottom left: Brenda the school nurse and Josh with his new arm sling.
Below: Josh with his mother at home.



You can provide two students with medical and welfare support for an entire year for \$80
www.schoolofstjude.org/support-us/annual-appeal-2014.html

St Jude's Students Give Back

For the past few years, our secondary students have been doing voluntary work in Arusha as a way of saying thanks for their free, quality education at St Jude's, and also to foster a sense of giving back to their community.

The students regularly visit local orphanages including Good Hope, Huruma, Save Africa, Tamia and Vision. They play games and spend time with the children, help with the washing and work out in the shamba (garden). It means a lot to the children and staff in the orphanage to see familiar faces who care and are willing to help them.

The students also help nearby village elders with chores like washing, collecting firewood and tending to the animals. As well as developing a sense of community spirit, the students are gaining valuable life skills and a sense of compassion.

"Community service makes us feel important and useful in the community. It exposes us to different environments and life situations."

- Rachel Saidi, Form 5, Kriwawa Village

"I am not only gaining important life skills but, also, I will be providing hope to people who are disadvantaged."

- Nois Freddy, Form 2, Kiwawa Village



What St Jude's means for Josephina

Josephina is in Standard 6 and is the eldest in her family, living with her Mama, Baba (father) and two younger sisters in a cement block home located nearby at Usa River in Arusha. They have no electricity and collect water from a tap and a nearby stream. The family doesn't have a shamba (garden) to grow vegetables but have 10 chickens, which, when they get older, will be a source of food or income. Josephina's father is looking for a job and tries to earn money picking up casual work as a welder in Arusha.

A high number of Tanzanians struggle to find steady employment due to limited opportunities and a lack of education. The search to find a good job can continue for months or even years which places incredible hardship on already impoverished families.

The family is hopeful that Josephina's education at St Jude's will have a positive ripple effect in their lives. Through a free, high-quality education, Josephina is gaining the skills and knowledge to eventually go on to university or to start a business so she can help support her family. In turn, Josephina is able to share what she is learning with her sisters so they can develop confidence and pass their exams. 'It has helped us a lot because if she hadn't been given a chance at St Jude's, we wouldn't have been able to move to a bigger place.' said her mother, Njina.

We are doing all that we can to ensure Josephina has the best education and each day she studies a range of subjects including English, Mathematics, Kiswahili, Science and Computing. Her favourite subject is Science because she likes learning more about 'living and non living things.' Outside of class, she likes to play netball.



Above: Josephina and her two school friends in our Upper Primary library
Below from the left: Josephina's mother, Josephina and her younger brother at the front of their house a few years ago.



Josephina needs a sponsor

If you would like to share her journey please visit our website today and find out more. We are especially in need of student in boarding sponsors.

www.schoolofstjude.org/support-us/sponsor.html

Form 5 students embark on their senior studies

Our secondary students have started arguably their most critical years at school, Form 5, which is the first chapter of their A levels (senior studies).

Form 5 students Amani and Jacklyn are excited about the year ahead as they have a firmer idea about where their senior studies could lead to. Amani has his heart set on becoming a doctor so he's taking block subjects in science: including chemistry, biology and some geography. "I want to be a doctor of medicine and I'm doing this because I come from a village where children suffer from various diseases, which haven't been treated," he said. ***"I'm trying to study hard so I can become a doctor and discover some of the medicines and even ways of treating them, to help the children who are suffering in my village."***

Jacklyn is keen to follow a different path and wants to pursue a career in media. ***"I want to get a Bachelor of***

Journalism and Mass Communication degree and work as a journalist," she said.

St Jude's has specially prepared its Form 5 students prior to them starting their senior studies so that they can obtain a clear idea of what they aim to do. With the help of career and guidance counselors the students have mapped out how they can obtain their dream job, including which subjects are the best for them to take.

"Form 5 is an important year for them as they have to work hard and prepare for their final examination in Form 6," said Mr Revocatus Phraao, St Jude's A Level Coordinator. "We advise them, giving them time to see their subjects, especially during their induction week, and the teachers will advise each of the students about their subjects and see that they are the right fit for them."

At this time, the Form 5's are excitedly thinking about universities in East Africa and elsewhere which they'd like to attend in the future. St Jude's also wants its Form 5 students to get a real feel for their chosen career path and has planned special excursions for them, such as taking them to a hospital to observe the work of doctors and medical staff. The students are happy that they have made it this far and are looking forward to the future.

Check out the extended article on our blog!

<http://bit.ly/1icrHIJ>

Left: Amani, one of our form 5 students

Below: Our form 5 class in their new A level uniforms



Form 6's travel to Dar es Salaam

There are a lot of possibilities awaiting our Form 6's when they finish school next year, and St Jude's is doing all it can to ensure the students make informed decisions about their futures. Recently, 13 of the senior students and staff headed to Dar es Salaam for three days to attend the 9th Exhibition on Higher Education, Science and Technology.

While there, they interacted with universities, regulatory bodies and research institutions to help our students decide where they'd like to study after they finish school.

Almost 100 Higher Education Institutions were at the event, including universities from China, Kenya, Uganda, Malaysia, India, Turkey, the UK, Australia and local Institutions.

The students and staff also headed out into Dar es Salaam to see a range of local universities which specialised in a number of areas including Health, Journalism, Finance and Fine Art. They ventured inside the universities and talked to lecturers and university students about careers, costs and what it would be like if they lived and studied in the city. Many were exposed to professions that they had not considered.

There are plans to take another group of Form 6's to the exhibition in Dar es Salaam next year, so they can be better prepared for their tertiary studies.



Below: For 6 students at the 9th Exhibition on Higher Education, Science and Technology



Students learning about journalism at a university in Dar es Salaam

Fond memories from my time in Arusha

One of our wonderful supporters Raymond McLaren played a huge part in helping St Jude's get off the ground.

Raymond headed out to the school in 2003 and helped the fundis (tradespeople) to install some water tanks to collect drinking water, as well as assisting with the guttering at the back of what is now the visitor block.

He's an active Rotarian from Tamworth and has recently shared some reflections about his 2003 visit to the school.

To read more of Raymond's recollections visit:

www.schoolofstjude.org/st-judes-in-action/fond-memories-of-my-time-in-arusha

Safari

My safari to Ngorongoro Crater was quite an adventure. Seeing so much wildlife in one place is really something, and the notable thing is the grass growing here is still knee high, despite hundreds of wildebeest, zebras, warthogs and hippos all grazing on it. There were also thousands of pink flamingos on the lakes, and amongst all this lions and other mean predators, like jackals and cheetahs, as well as elephants, crested cranes, giant herons and the awkward looking giraffes. The Crater has to be a must see for any visitors to Arusha.

Daniel Sisia

Another fond memory is of meeting Daniel Sisia, father of Richard Sisia and Gemma's father-in-law. I remember him always being well dressed, usually in a jacket, and he always struck me as being a real gentleman, and so very interested in the project. He enabled Gemma to start the school with his gift of the first land. His meeting with the Town Council about the water rights for the school was a classic piece of negotiation, and helped us to guarantee a quality water supply for St Jude's.

Flying to Arusha

We were flying through the most beautiful, enchanting bank of clouds - one of the most beautiful displays of natural grandeur that I have ever seen in my long life. More time passed, and before long a large rock with some ice sticking to it appeared, just poking out of the clouds about 20 kms to the north off the starboard wing.

"Mount Kilimanjaro," confided one of the regular passengers, "great to see, isn't it?"

Gemma

Seeing Gemma shopping for the school's needs in the local open, dusty industrial markets, haggling over the price of everything from nails to cement to timber planks in her fluent Kiswahili, it was obvious that she commanded a lot of respect. She always got top value for the money that she spent, carefully using the money that people had subscribed to the project. Although many people obviously contributed to creating St Jude's, Gemma is the reason why I got to see the children come rushing in through the gates at 8am, so enthusiastic to be going to school.

Schools like St Jude's are providing a quality education for children who otherwise would not get it. I want to keep on supporting the School of St Jude whenever I can.

Gemma's mission says it all: "Fighting poverty Through Education".

You too can have an amazing time in Tanzania!

Get a real feel for its culture by coming to stay at St Jude's. You'll be able to interact with the students and you'll also be able to do cultural tours or go on a safari. Find out more!

www.schoolofstjude.org/visit-us/making-a-visit.html



Felix meeting supporters in Australia



Above: Kim and supporters at a booth at the International Rotary Convention in Sydney



Above and below: Felix with students at Balgowlah North Public School



Above: Felix enjoying catching up with supporters at the Rotary Club of Walcha event in NSW

Below: Felix with the Rotary Club of Blacktown



Below: Felix with people at Holland Park Primary School



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