



The School of St Jude

# St Jude's News

*Thank you for sharing our newsletter with your family and friends*

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## Celebrating Our Culture

St Jude's students have embraced the spirit of Cultural Day through modern and traditional African dance, art, fashion, food and drama.

The event with the theme, 'The Brave Do Not Abandon Their Culture,' was recently held at our Smith Secondary Campus.

The students had endless ideas and created clothes using African fabrics and did performances highlighting serious issues like HIV. Highlights of the day included the remarkable artwork of our students, the modern,

traditional African and Indian dances and the delicious local food.

You can look at the rest of the photos of the day on our facebook page <http://on.fb.me/1ddZCBK>

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# We made it! Every piece really does count

Every piece counts in our quest to educate the future generation of Tanzanian leaders. Only 11 years ago, The School of St Jude had three students and one teacher. Look at it today!

When we launched our 2013 Every Piece Counts appeal, so many of you from around the world helped us out. It is because of supporters like you who have stepped forward and added their piece to the puzzle that we have grown so much.

Our Every Piece Counts Appeal has come to an end and we are so happy to tell you that we can now purchase, build and install all the items we needed.

Our students look forward to sitting at new desks, using a new multipurpose court and researching on new computers, just to name a few.

Again, thank you for playing your part in the fight against poverty.



Meals



Land



Internet



Beds



Boarding House





## Judith's Dream of Being an Engineer

Judith is a vivacious 10-year-old girl who likes to play with her classmates and neighbours.

She lives in a one-room cement block house with her father, mother and baby sister in Central Arusha. The house has no electricity, and all the cooking is done with kerosene.

Judith's father, Paulo, works odd jobs as a builder and her mother, Loveness, sells second-hand clothes in order to help support the family.

When she is not doing her homework, Judith helps her mum with the house chores.

Judith is a bright star at school. She is a straight-A student with a particular love of science. Since joining St Jude's in 2010, she has also applied herself to English and had the highest grade in her class last term.

As her self-confidence grows, Judith has expressed big dreams for her future. She wants to attend university and become an engineer. If her school grades are any indication, she is likely to fulfill her dream.

Judith is not yet sponsored.

If you or someone you know are in a position to sponsor then we'd love to hear from you.

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# Talented Students Show Amazing Promise

They may be young but they have the makings of becoming top scientists, engineers or businessmen. Erick, Nickson and Joshua have a real flair for electronics. They're a group of friends at St Jude's who love nothing more than to make small, moving objects, fix a radio or develop plans to create a satellite.

Firstly, they created a tiny, moving plane. "We made it out of cardboard and put five motors in the plane to make it move. It didn't fly but we liked how it moved," says Erick. They then turned their attention to creating an amplifier and later, fixing a broken radio at St Jude's. Despite their age, they managed to use their skills to fix it. "I can see that they can do big things, like the radio. The radio fitter in town couldn't fix it but the boys were able to. Their thinking level in terms of electronics is very high," says Mr Manjalla, Headmaster at St Jude's Upper Primary Campus. The boys also recently fixed a torch and are now looking for more materials to make their own satellite.

Mr Manjalla and the teaching staff have been nurturing the boys' talents over the past few months. The boys often approach Mr. Manjalla to find projects for them that will expand their minds. "I love maths, science and electronics because they make me think and so I practise and remember more things and I do much better in other subjects," says Joshua.

Their small projects are planting big seeds in their minds, "One day I want to have my own company creating aeroplanes," says Erick. While Nickson dreams of becoming a businessman or engineer.

There is a great need for more scientists in Tanzania but a big concern is that many students in government schools won't enter science-related fields in the future. Mr Manjalla believes St Jude's students will pursue a career in science and become leaders in their field Tanzania. "Doing small things like this will no doubt lead to bigger things," says Mr Manjalla.





# June Cultural Tour Experiences the Best of St Jude's and Tanzania

We had a great time showing our June Cultural Tour group around our three campuses. The group had a special time playing drums with our students, hanging out with them in the playgrounds and being welcomed on stage at the school assembly.

Our visitors saw the best of Tanzania with a visit to a Maasai community to gain a better understanding of their lifestyle and "chased lions" on a four-day safari through the country's national parks.

Thank you for visiting and come back soon!



## Care to Join St Jude's Cultural Tours?

Be sure to visit our website to see all  
of the tour options available to you.

[www.schoolofstjude.org/visitus/tour.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/visitus/tour.html)

# Study Shows Power of Sponsorship

When you sponsor a student at St Jude's, you receive updates on the student's progress, and know in your heart you are making a difference in someone's life.

However, you can never quite answer your skeptical friends when they ask, "How can you prove that this child's life will be better in the future because of your sponsorship?"

Now an international development expert found the answer to that question.

Bruce Wydick, an economist at the University of San Francisco (California), carried out a study in six countries spread out in three continents: Uganda and Kenya (Africa), Guatemala and Bolivia (Latin America), and the Philippines and India (Asia).

Wydick and his team studied 10,144 individuals who had been sponsored in the 1980's, collecting data about primary, secondary, and tertiary education; type and quality of adult employment; community leadership; church leadership; assets owned as adults; and a number of other variables.

The result: student sponsorship works. Sponsored children are:

- 27 to 40 percent more likely to complete secondary school
- 50 to 80 percent more likely to complete a university education
- 14 to 18 percent more likely to obtain a salaried job
- 35 percent more likely to obtain a white-collar job

*"In areas where outcomes are worse, such as sub-Saharan Africa, impacts are bigger."*

The study also detected spillover effects on the unsponsored younger siblings of sponsored children.



From left: Lulu, Augustino, Harry and Dorice are all sponsored by St Jude's supporters so their chance of achieving great things have been significantly increased.

## Poverty hurts children's self-esteem

In his search for answers, Wydick wanted to go deeper. He knew that "poverty causes children to have very low self-esteem" and was concerned that giving people what they need can potentially reinforce an inferiority complex among the poor by sending "a subtle message... that we believe they are incapable of providing for themselves."

Thus, the research team carried further studies to understand the impact student sponsorship can have on children's expectations of what they can accomplish in the future.

"We found that sponsored children consistently had significantly higher expectations for their own schooling than unsponsored children, even when controlling for family and other factors. They also generally had higher expectations for adult employment."

The answer, according to Wydick, is that good development organizations appears to "get under the hood of human beings to instill aspirations, character formation, and spiritual direction. In short, they train people to be givers instead of receivers."

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, OUR SPONSORS!

**Do you have friends who are skeptical about student sponsorship and if so, how do you reply to them? Did Bruce's study give you some useful information?**

**Email us with your comments [info@schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:info@schoolofstjude.co.tz)**



# *Friends of St Jude's*

## Raising Awareness Not Money

St Jude's has been built on the generosity of supporters around the globe. That generosity comes in all forms though, financial and through word of mouth. Being a *Friend of St Jude's* is all about raising awareness not money. It is about telling your friends about our school and about Fighting Poverty Through Education.

We ask *Friends of St Jude's* to make a pledge to spread the word in whatever ways work for them. Some *Friends* speak at their workplace, others at their school. It's up to you and you can get as creative as you want.

### Some ideas to help you spread the word

- Host a morning tea at your home or at your work
- Contact your local service club, school, Church group and ask them if you can do a presentation about St Jude's.
- Give the St Jude's DVD to a friend, then ask them to pass it onto one of their friends once they've watched it (and so on!).
- Need to give someone a present? Why not consider purchasing something from our online store?
- Encourage your friends to sign up for the monthly St Jude's Newsletter, follow our blog or get them to connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.

### What *Friends* receive

- A speakers kit with fact sheet, history and information about supporting the school
- Your very own St Jude's t-shirt and beanie so you can wear your support proudly
- A stack of DVDs and brochures
- Ready to go presentations which are available on our website
- A complimentary 10 year anniversary book

**Take the pledge to become a Friend of St Jude's today!**

**See page 10 of the newsletter to make your pledge and start spreading the word.**



This group of great supporters hosted a morning tea at work for St Jude's Day in 2012. Looks like a lot of fun while being informative at the same time. Thanks guys!

# Meet the Team

Each month we introduce you to a member of our St Jude's family. This month, meet Mr Samwel from our Smith Secondary Campus. Our Tanzanian teachers play a key role in shaping the future leaders of Tanzania.

Science is a way of unlocking the world's secrets and sparking new ideas in the minds of students. At St Jude's, our students have access to top scientific facilities and many are excelling in chemistry, physics, biology and ICT.

Driving their passion is secondary science teacher, Mr Samwel, who has been at St Jude's for the past two years. His speciality is chemistry and biology. "Students have a curious mind, they need to learn and some are inspired by their teachers and others by the facilities because they can come up with solutions to problems," says Mr Samwel. In the classroom, the students conduct experiments, look at ways to develop a model of a human cell and make new designs, including generators. In comparison, students at government schools have less access to hands on science equipment and resources which are available at St Jude's.

Mr Samwel has experienced hardship but it has made him stronger. At a young age, both of his parents passed away and he was raised by his sister. He remembers at times it was difficult when he was growing up. Yet, he yearned to make something of himself. "It was a struggle but I studied hard and pushed myself to do better," says Mr Samwel. His hard work has paid off as he now has a degree in science and is planning to do his Masters in Energy. Life is good as he's newly married and expecting a child later in the year.

He thrives on the creative ideas from his science students and is encouraged when he sees more of them taking an interest in the subject. "The students definitely have potential. We had a science fair a few months ago and the students did a great job coming up with innovative ideas to work on their projects," says Mr Samwel.



Samwel is not yet sponsored. By signing up to a teacher and student sponsorship package you'll receive regular photos and updates about their progress.

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# Farewell to our volunteer and friend, Jo

Jo has been volunteering at The School of St Jude since 2005. In those 7 years she has been an integral part of our community. We sadly say goodbye to her this month and thank her for the amazing work that she has done in the fight against poverty.

"Jo has made an outstanding contribution to the school over her 7 years. She has been an integral part of the school's development and has been instrumental in refining the student selection process for the school. Her knowledge and humour will be greatly missed."

- Shean Gannon, Acting School Director

## A Family Affair

Jo's family are huge supporters of St Jude's. Not only did they support her decision to live abroad but her sister sponsors Joseph from our Upper Primary Campus and her parents sponsor Yahwejoy at Smith Secondary.

Joseph says that Jo's sister Marie-Anne "supports my education so that means I can study hard. I love to help my little brother Everest with his maths homework."

## Quote from staff members

"Jo's a great listener and she's good at team work. If you ever have any problems she gives good advice and can help you solve the problem. I will miss her voice in the office and her friendly smile. Thank you for everything, Jo."

- Philomena Shio, Sponsor Relations

"When you arrived we were still building our first campus! Jo, you have touched the lives of so many people during your time here — students, staff, volunteers and sponsors — who will never forget you. Thank you for all your support, hard work and dedication over the years. Love, Kim"

- Kim Saville, Director International Relations

Above: Jo with the sponsorship team in 2010; Middle: Jo working with the St Jude's team to select students to receive a free education; Right: Jo with Keren, a friend and past volunteer, and two students.



Interested in Volunteering? Have a look at some positions available on our website.

<http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz/ContactUs/jobs.html>



# Take the *Friends of St Jude's* Pledge

If you would like to help spread the word and become a *Friend of St Jude's* then we'd love to hear from you.

By taking this pledge, you are committing to speak to your friends, family, colleagues (anyone!) about St Jude's. We'll send you a kit filled with DVDs, brochures, information and your very own St Jude's merchandise to wear proudly.

## Your details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size:    S ☐        M ☐        L ☐

## Tell us about your involvement with St Jude's

- ☐ I have previously hosted a speaking or fundraising activity for St Jude's
- ☐ I am a current sponsor
- ☐ I have donated to St Jude's
- ☐ I have visited St Jude's in Tanzania (date \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ I am planning to visit St Jude's in Tanzania (date \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ I am a new supporter and this is my first involvement

Please send this form back to us by:

### Email

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### Post in Australia

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## YOUR PLEDGE

- ☐ I pledge to speak about St Jude's at \_\_\_\_\_ (enter number) events per year. I will try my hardest to FIGHT POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION by contacting local schools, Rotary Clubs, work groups and anyone else who I think would be interested. I can't wait to keep St Jude's updated with photos and information about the speaking events that I do.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information about Friends of St Jude's, send us an email at [info@schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:info@schoolofstjude.co.tz)**  
**Also, if you've joined as a friend in the past it would be great if you could confirm your commitment by filling out this form and sending it back to us. Thank you!**