



## Celebrating success at our jubilee!

Our annual St Jude's Day is one of fun and fanfare

"It was a day of its own kind," exclaimed Nestory Msoffe, our Secondary School Headmaster, as he proudly watched 2,000 students, teachers, members of the community and school supporters leave our secondary school.

The group had just enjoyed our yearly St Jude's Day celebrations when we celebrate our school's namesake and give thanks as we continue our mission to fight poverty through education.

The day began with an assembly full of singing, dancing and speeches celebrating our success and growth from just three students in 2002 to our 1,800 students now.

**Our school celebrates being the success it is today thanks to much-appreciated support from people like you! See what your donations allow us to achieve by going online to [www.schoolofstjude.org/our-stories/our-stories.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/our-stories/our-stories.html)**





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*One big, happy family: 1,800 students, 22 buses and lots of cheer!*

Secondary Second Master Adam Myombe enjoyed the dance performance by our youngest Grade 1 students.

“They sing with such passion. It is so enjoyable to watch them have fun,” he said.

The Glacious dance group of secondary school students was Elton from Form 5’s favourite performance.

“They looked so smart with their black shirts. Their traditional dancing was mesmerising to watch,” he said.

Our school choir sang gospel songs and members of the local church were invited to perform a mass service to bless the school and pray for our student’s success in upcoming exams.

George Stephen, our Primary School Headmaster, said that the mass service was his favourite moment of the day.

“The students behaved very well throughout the service and the choir was fantastic,” he said.

After assembly everyone poured out of the hall to enjoy a scrumptious lunch of ‘royo’, or roast beef, rice and fried bananas with fruit salad for dessert.

“I loved the performances but the lunch was the best,” said Gloria from Grade 6. “Such a treat!”

As Gemma, our school founder, was proud to announce at the start of the assembly, “How happy I am to see how this school has grown over the last 14 years. Here’s to 14 more!”



*Bust a move: Our students display their very own fashion and dance.*





# ICT: I Can Triumph!

Our female students build Wikipedia pages and their confidence in ICT



St Jude's is helping address the shortage of women in ICT professions by encouraging students to gain experience on the World Wide Web.

With laptops in hand and the curiosity to try something new, a group of our female students learnt how to build a Wikipedia web page in an event designed to promote the next generation of female ICT leaders in Tanzania.

"I am so impressed," The School of St Jude's Head of ICT, Ernest Mayala, said. "Our students have taken part in a real college lecture and are working with maturity and impeccable behaviour."

Rebecca Ryakitimbo, event facilitator, shares St Jude's belief that tomorrow's female leaders are the children of today who just need the skills and confidence to grow. She spoke to students interested in taking up traditionally male subjects at university about her own personal experience of

studying a Bachelor's degree in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering in Kenya.

"I was the only woman in my whole university class," she said. "It took a lot of self-belief to tell everyone that this is what I wanted to do. Helping at events like today allows me to spark that confidence in other girls who were just like me."

Also inspiring our students are Beyond St Jude's Community Service Year intern Winrose, who will travel to Australia next year with Gemma to spread the word of St Jude's. She led a small team writing a Wikipedia article about Wi-Fi. "St Jude's really gave me the confidence to think I can achieve anything," she said.

**More than half of our students are women. Donate today to support more future female leaders in ICT and the sciences! Find out how here on our website: [www.schoolofstjude.org/donate](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/donate)**



# A Double Take: Francis and Godluck

Our two photographers tell you their story from behind the lens

*When you support St Jude's, you aren't just providing free education to the poorest and brightest students in Arusha. You're supporting almost 300 talented, dedicated staff members committed to fighting poverty in their community. In our Staff Spotlight series you get the chance to meet these impressive members of our family.*

Meet Francis and Godluck – our outstanding school photographers who capture the smiles of our students and let them shine across the world.

Keeping supporters from around the world up-to-date with what is happening in school in Tanzania is a difficult job. But the dynamic duo of Francis and Godluck make it look easy.

These talented photographers capture the essence of the school every day with their beautiful images of students truly appreciating their free, high-quality education.

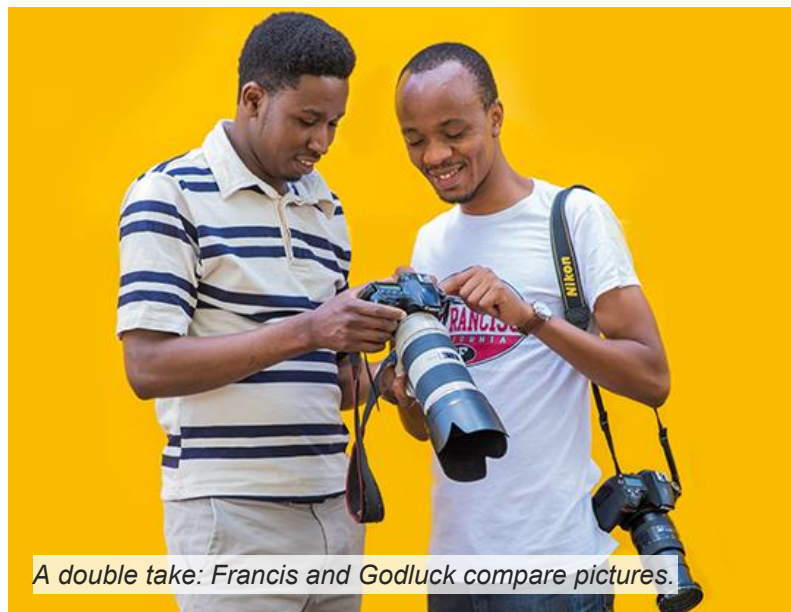
It's a big job – photographing all 1,800 of our students and providing all the images for our website, social media and newsletter, but Francis and Godluck are up to the task.

"Every child has the right to a good education like at St Jude's," Francis said when asked about why he enjoyed working here.

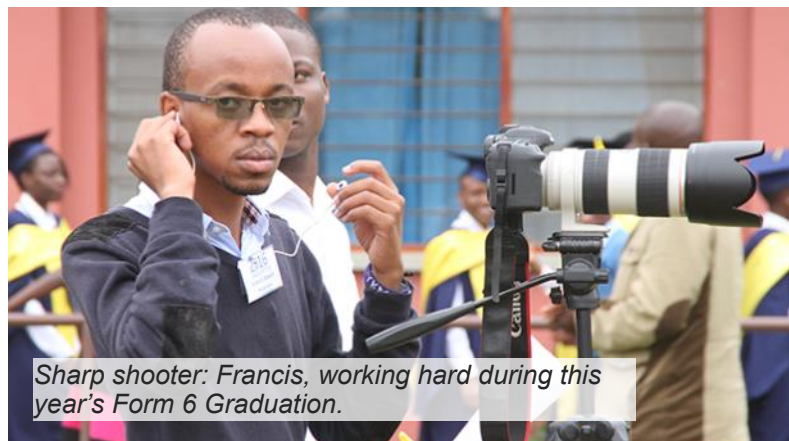
Not only are Francis and Godluck passionate about photography, they are determined to improve education in a country where most children only receive five years of schooling.

"The students are so talented," Godluck said. "I enjoy how they look after visitors and it is a joy to take their picture."

As children, neither expected to become a photographer. Francis, a natural mr-fix-it who is currently studying Computer Science at university, had plotted an entirely different career course.



*A double take: Francis and Godluck compare pictures.*



*Sharp shooter: Francis, working hard during this year's Form 6 Graduation.*



*Crowd pleaser: Francis showing students pictures on our donated Canon camera.*







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“When I was younger I actually wanted to be a pilot,” he said.

“It was cool seeing planes fly. As I got older I started to fix radios and cell phones. Cameras were fairly basic until the first camera phones came to Tanzania.

“Then, oh wow, I loved taking photos with my first camera phone and found what I wanted to do!

“My Dad helped me start out. He believed in me. Cameras were really expensive but he was so happy that I had found my calling he did everything he could to help me get my first one. He said ‘We don’t have money but we will find a way.’”

Like many young people growing up in Tanzania’s safari hub of Arusha, Godluck wanted to get into

the tourism industry.

“I wanted to be a tour guide,” he said.

“I loved seeing the safari trucks and all the amazing animals we have here!”

While photography was not the career either expected, they have found it is their way to help their country and promote the beauty of Tanzania to the outside world.

“I love that so many people around the world are learning more about Tanzania because of St Jude’s,” Francis said.

“They aren’t only helping educate our students – they are learning more about our country and our culture because they are supporting St Jude’s.”

**Our supporters—including Canon Australia—ensure Francis and Godluck can thrive by helping St Jude’s with high-quality cameras and equipment. Support us today at [www.schoolofstjude.org/donate](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/donate)**







## Great Grade 7's in top 1%

They've finished in the academic top 1% in the nation, and now our Grade 7's are showing their maturity by demonstrating community spirit during their holidays.

Our Grade 7's recently came third from 68 schools in the district and improved in the national rankings. All students finished with marks of either 'A' or 'B' in their national exams, qualifying St Jude's as one of the top primary schools in Tanzania.

Primary school headmaster George Stephen was unsurprisingly thrilled with the outcome. "I would like to congratulate every one of us (within the primary school) who worked to achieve these good results," he said. "Let's continue working towards more performances like this."

More than 30 of these enthusiastic, soon-to-be primary school graduates have busily spent their end of school-year break volunteering for our school community.

Anethi is one such inspirational student. She has chosen to give back by helping to prepare the hundreds of meals our kitchen serves each day, as well as sharing her creative skills in the art room.

"I wanted to help so I just said I would (in both areas)," she explained, adding that she knew she could be an asset in the kitchen as she often helps her mother prepare family meals. "I help in the (school) kitchen by washing utensils, cutting vegetables and helping serve lunch."

Along with six of her friends, Anethi helps create Christmas cards and crafty creations for our supporters. Her favourite project is bottle-top earrings, which Gemma will bring on tour next year. She sang the praises of Miriam, a St Jude's Form 6 graduate who is co-ordinating the program.

Miriam said students like shy, smiley Anethi were greatly appreciated for their volunteering, and the Grade 7 group as a whole are high-achieving, excellent examples of student leaders.



*Awesome Anethi: Showcasing some of the earrings the volunteers have been working hard on.*

**Donate to St Jude's and help us remain in the top 1% for many years to come! Go to:**  
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# Christmas is coming!

Thanks for giving us so much to celebrate as we head home for the holidays



Enjoy the gift of giving! Become a sponsor today and give a brighter, better educated future to the next generation of promising Tanzanians. For more information go to [www.schoolofstjude.org/sponsor](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/sponsor)





# Lining up for a better future

Hundreds of primary school graduates test for St Jude's scholarships



*Big day: Hopeful students wait to find out if they have passed.*

More than 500 promising primary school graduates streamed through the St Jude's gates late this month. They arrived early, prepared for testing and hopeful of securing a St Jude's scholarship that will ensure they receive a free, high-quality education through high school.

An opportunity like this doesn't come along often in Tanzania, one of the world's poorest countries. Just 7.5% of the total population over 25 years old has a secondary education, so those who are eventually chosen from this eager group already have a chance at a brighter future.

Each of these students have already showed their dedication to education – due to their impressive exam results, they were invited from under-resourced government schools to vie for fewer than 100 Form 1 scholarships available.

"Student selection is very important to St Jude's

and it's imperative we get it right," testing co-ordinator and Community Relations Manager Charlotte Peyrat-Vaganay said. "This process gives the most diligent students the best chance of receiving a well-educated future."

New students are enrolled in a number of different age groups, from Grade 1, right up to Form 5, the second last year of high school.

In August, more than 700 students from across Arusha participated in a similar process for our 2017 Grade 1 scholarships.

Students who successfully pass the academic testing must then pass a poverty assessment to ensure we reach the families who need your support the most.

**Sponsor a student today! Go online to [www.schoolofstjude.org/sponsor](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/sponsor) for more.**







## Godfrey's life behind the lens

2016 graduate and Community Service Year intern Godfrey has been working with the Marketing and Photography teams here at St Jude's for the last two months. The talented 21-year-old has been hard at work, helping on a range of projects and improving his skills.

Godfrey's most recent piece of work is a short video that shares the day in the life of our boarding students.

"I like videos," he said. "I like the way I can tell a story through photos and videos. They are a way of expressing feelings in the modern world, they allow us to share stories about the past, the present and look into the future."

"My favourite part of the Community Service Year has been learning new skills with videos and editing and getting the chance to take photos and film videos."

"I enjoyed doing that in A levels (Form 5 and 6) very much. Now that I get the chance to do it full-time, I feel very blessed and very privileged to do what I enjoy."

Godfrey has big plans for the future. "I had thought

of studying engineering but know I have fallen in love with graphic design and photography and videography," he said.

"I think now I will go for a course that includes graphic design, photography and videography to keep developing my skills."

With work like this it's not hard to see why. Keep an eye out for more of Godfrey's work!



Check out Godfrey's video about all the fun to be had in our primary boarding home; Moivaro. Go to: [www.schoolofstjude.org/st-judes-in-action/godfrey-s-life-behind-the-lens](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/st-judes-in-action/godfrey-s-life-behind-the-lens)





# A thank you to some of our star supporters

*Every fundraising event around the world helps our school to fight poverty through education a little more every day! Our school relies entirely on sponsorships and generous donations from our friends around the world.*

## **Paddling for education and empowerment**

404km / 5 days / 1 river. This November, Karenne will participate in the 2016 Massive Murray Paddle: a five-day, 404km kayaking marathon to raise funds for our school. "Education is so important because it allows you to make choices, and if you've got choices, the world is more open to you," Karenne said.

Karenne visited us in 2014 when she trekked Kilimanjaro. "Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro was always on my bucket list and was one of the main reasons that I decided to go to Tanzania. Despite reaching the summit, visiting St Jude's turned out to be the most rewarding experience of the entire journey." While here Karenne met Kemmy, the student she sponsors. "The school regularly keeps me updated on all of Kemmy's achievements. She is now in Grade 3 and often sends things to me that she's written or drawn, which is really lovely."

Armed with as much advice and helpful hints as possible (including bubble wrap for the kayak seat!), Karenne has been training regularly for the event, spending hours on the water concentrating on her technique and improving her fitness level. We wish Karenne boat-loads of success!

## **Challenge Tom**

Tom and his friend Lloyd have set out to complete a range of challenges to get Tom to do something different, fun and most importantly to raise funds for charities that really need the support. In late September, Tom undertook an abseil and flying fox challenge to raise funds for St Jude's.

Tom is a special St Jude's supporter. He has Leigh's syndrome, a neurological disorder resulting in progressive loss of mental and movement abilities. But Tom doesn't want you to feel sorry for him, he wants to undertake challenges, have fun and raise money for charities he likes. We are so proud that Tom chose us and impressed with his bravery in completing the abseil, we're pretty sure we wouldn't be brave enough to do that!



*Karenne enjoying her time at St Jude's and preparing for the Massive Murray Paddle.*



*Tom takes on the challenge and gets to new heights.*





# Songs of praise

## Fish and chips and cufflinks in Hong Kong

Peter first heard of St Jude's in 2006 when his parents brought Gemma's on holiday. "My father is from the same town as Gemma and had sold the Rice family farm machinery. It turns out we even had mutual friends," Peter explained.

Peter began his support of St Jude's in 2006 when he sponsored one of our students. He has continued this support organising speaking events in Singapore for Gemma and convincing his class from the executive MBA program from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business to sponsor two students for their entire education.

Though the fundraiser was successful, there was a shortfall. Peter decided to make cufflinks to cover this shortfall. He originally wanted to use some coins he had collected while living and traveling throughout Asia. The many soldering attempts to make these cufflinks were a bit of a flop, but Peter is never one to give up. He instead decided to try using bottle caps and had a resounding success.

Peter then discovered a new fish and chip shop, a rare thing in Hong Kong, founded by New Zealander Matt. Matt stocks a selection of craft beers and soft drinks, ideal for the cuff links. They began collecting bottle caps and selling the finished products, with all proceeds to address the shortfall of the Booth sponsorships.



Matt and Peter enjoy a craft beer for a good cause, and some of the finished cufflinks. Looking good has never felt better!

## Lyn's building a bridge

A game of bridge, a leisurely lunch and a good catch up with friends made Lyn's annual fundraiser a roaring success. Lyn has been organising a bridge day to support St Jude's since 2009 and we really appreciate all her hard work. Each year her event grows, while helping us spread the word and raise much needed funds. This year's attendees had a great time while raising an amazing \$5,000!



This year at Lyn's ever popular bridge event .

## Ladies with Altitude

The Ladies with Altitude certainly reached new heights when they visited St Jude's and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to help raise funds for us. This was the biggest event organised by the ladies who had also hosted fashion shows, presented at their churches, workplaces and local Rotary clubs.

Upon returning home to the United Kingdom, the ladies have kept up their efforts. They continue to help spread the St Jude's message and fundraise to sponsor two of our students that they met on their trip.



The ladies take St Jude's to new heights!

**If you wish to fundraise by holding an event we have dedicated staff who are happy to help!**

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