

## **ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM NEWSLETTER - June 2014**

*Dear friends,*

*We would love to share with you the new events of which IOP Tanzania has been involved with over the past month.*

*Enjoy reading!*

### **New Girls-**

At the end of May, three new girls moved into the Center- Renatha (age 7), Violeth (7), and Martha (6). All three of the girls lost their parents when they were younger, and were staying with older siblings or other family until they could no longer take care of them. Renatha and Violeth are in school in standard 1, and Martha is in IOP Kids' Corner preschool. When they grow up, Violeth wants to be a doctor and Renatha and Martha want to be teachers - these professions they have heard good things about at their age. Renatha is quiet and sweet, Martha is full of energy and craves closeness, and Violeth is goofy and funny. They have adjusted to their new home very well, and are great friends!

Enicka



Renatha (left), Violeth (center), & Martha (right)

### **Volunteers-**

On 19th of May four guests from St. Michael's College (USA) arrived at IOP, Professor Patricia Siplon and John Williamson, and students Kyra Payne and Shannon McQueen. This was Patricia's seventh time to visit IOP. They came here for fundraising purpose and while they are here they met with different head of departments receiving the updates in each department where they got the success and challenges. They

visited the girls at the SUFH HUSET where they were explained all about the school. While they are at I O P they visited foster families where they participated in different activities together with the indigenous. They also helped with the preschool and with housekeeping, worked in the garden, and played games with the girls. Patricia plans to come back with a class from St. Michael's next year. It was really nice to have them here as we shared different views and ideas.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of 10 people from Indiana USA came at I O P center. Most of them were from the Memorial United Methodist Church. They have known Berit for a long time, and now came to IOP to see the work she has been presenting for their church so many times. They met with sponsored students and did many different activities with the girls, like sewing, playing games, reading, and art work. They also visited Kids' Corner preschool, High School, hospital, Iringa, the Masai village and Mikumi National Park as well as spending a day with a family in the area.



Group from Indiana, USA

### **IOPADEN**

The week of June 10th-16th was a very exciting one here at IOP and in the surrounding community. As IOP conducted one of project activity which is sports festival on which commemoration IOP arranged for the 8 time its annual Sports Week called IOPADEN, which is always including the Day of the African Child, June 16. Many disciplines are prepared, such as football, netball, racing, tug of war, jumping, and more. Twenty teams total participated in the football games. About 500 children gathered together at I O P to celebrate the Day of the African Child, which included special fun games for all the children, with the chicken race being the funniest one. This completed the IOPADEN 2014, where the first place winners of football were Itungi Primary School, The Lord's Hill High School, and Super Mkong'oto Football Club (village team). Second place went to Isoliwaya Primary School, Hope Secondary School, and Mabandani City (village team).



Itungi Primary School



Lord's Hill High School



Super Mkongoto Football Club, Ilula Sokoni



Racing

While the boys were busy with football, the girls played netball. Six teams total participated in the netball games. The Lord's Hill High School took first place, and Hope Secondary School came in second.



Lord's Hill High School



Lord's Hill High School vs. Hope Secondary School



Tug of War



Tug of war winners celebrating

The **GIRL GUIDE KIOSK** at IOP made potato chips, popcorn, maandazi (doughnuts) and kacholi (potatoes) to sell throughout the week at a little booth they set up, as well as other snacks. This KIOSK was for gaining money for Girl Guide, so some Girl Guides helped selling these snacks.

To help raise money for IOPADEN, IOP always arrange a raffle. The drawing is on the last day, with a small lap-top being the first prize. There were many people watching all of the games. It is a very fun event for the community.

Laura



Customers at the Girl Guide Kiosk



Raffle Drawing

### Interview with IOP's Shoemakers-

**What is your name?**

Basilio- My name is Basilio Thomas Mgumba.

Ezra- My name is Ezra Lyandala.

**How long have you worked at IOP?**

B- I have worked here for three years.  
E- I have worked here for two years.

**Where did you learn how to make shoes?**

At Consolata Fathers Vocational Training Center. We were sponsored by IOP and we studied there for three years. We are very much grateful to our sponsors Marie Josee Barhel from Luxembourg (Ezra) and .Martha and Melvin Graber from USA.

**How long does it take to make a pair of shoes?**

3 hours. We can make 3-4 pairs of shoes each day.

**Where are the shoes going?**

They are sent to the IOP shop. The main purpose is for sponsored students, but people from the village and the girls from the Center can also buy them.

**What do you enjoy most about working at IOP?**

B- When I have reached my goal of finishing the shoes each day.  
E- When I have work to do and I finish it.

**What is hard about your work?**

B- When we don't have the materials that we need. We have to send the requests to get more materials and sometimes this creates a delay. Also we don't have enough tools for everyone to work with at the same time.

E- Sometimes the machines might be broken which makes it difficult to work.

**How do you benefit from working here?**

We earn a salary which helps us in our daily lives to take care of our families. We are paid per pair of shoes.

Laura



Ezra (left) and Basilio (right)

## **Interview with Matron-**



### **What is your name?**

My name is Overnike Koko.

### **What do you do at IOP?**

“Many things” (laughs) as I’m a matron here I work closely with the girls to make sure they get what they need- clothes, food, schooling, bible study, etc. I make sure that they are following the instructions of the Center and also talk to them about any challenges they’re facing. I work closely with the kitchen to make sure the girls are getting good nutrition as well as the volunteers. I also supervise staff at the Center and make sure everything runs smoothly. I also teach part time at the High School.

### **How long have you worked here?**

I have worked here for 3 years. Before that, I was a nanny for the girls in 2008 and then went to University. After finishing school in 2011, I was given the opportunity to be the matron.

### **Where did you attend University?**

I studied at Dodoma University for three years and received my Bachelor’s Degree in Education. I met Berit in 2001, and I signed up for her community English class, as I had only 7. grade. I enjoyed a lot, so I started in F-1 and continued until I had F6. Then University! I send many thanks and greetings to my sponsors in USA, Families Stemen, Miller, and Marvin Wagler.

### **What do you enjoy most about working at IOP?**

“I enjoy a lot about this!”

### **What is hard about your work?**

Sometimes we face challenges. The cultural differences between volunteers and the girls can be challenging, and also lack of funds. It is also challenging at times to know what is best for the children, and being the matron, some people may think that it is only my job to care for them, when it really is a group effort of everyone here.

### **What does your normal day at work look like?**

I wake up early and prepare things for the girl who looks after my baby at home. When I get to the Center, I check the kitchen to make sure that breakfast is being prepared, and then go to devotion and meet with the rest of the staff. After this, I check on the animals, check the garden, and check with the guards about the night. The rest of my time varies each day. I work in my office, might meet at the High School, have meetings with other staff, and/or check on different programs. I am also the chairman for Ilula YWCA, and we have a lot of volunteer trainings for women.

Laura

### **Adam's trip to Norway-**

On February 11th Ilula Orphan Program together with Fovea Foundation started a sports club known as Ilula Tigers Sports Club. Seeing the importance of learning different things from the clubs in Norway, Fovea invited me to go to Norway to learn how other clubs are operated. The trip was planned for February together with the group from the Lords Hill High School that had an exchange program with Kragero from Norway. But February was winter and less activities in the football clubs. Thus, it was re-scheduled to May, when spring practice was in full force.

I was care for very well, and had a nice time. I had a great experience that I will never forget. I visited so many places:

#### **Trip to Trondheim-**

One of my programs while in Norway was to attend a 3v3 tournament in Trondheim. Finn Ove Softing, the daily leader of Nittedal Sports Club, took me to Trondheim. This was the trip that showed me what Norway looks like. I saw many nice scenery on the way to Trondheim. And one friend told me that I was lucky, because I saw all the seasons for only two weeks. It was snowing when I arrived at Gardemoen airport, it rained, and there was sunshine, I also touched snow for the first time!

The 3v3 tournament involved kids from 6-12 years and they were escorted by their parents. We arrived there at 5 p.m. and some volunteers (parents) joined us to set the playing fields. We did everything together, and in three hours we were done.



My first time touching snow!

Some of the kids in the tournament

### **17th of May**

This is a great day in Norway, some call it Independence Day, others Constitution day. I was so lucky that this day I was in Norway and I joined Ingunn (the Chairman for IOP-Norway) as we marched with Engebraaten Secondary School in the Parade, passing the King's Palace where the Royal Family waved to us! I saw how people were happy while waving their Norwegian flags. I saw no soldier carrying a gun, but just some of the friendly soldiers directing people to be in lines for marching in the correct lines. It was a memorable day that is not easy to forget. People dressed in their National costumes depending on which part of the country they come from. It was great to be in Norway in that day and it was nice to see good Parade, many people with smiling faces and the King waving to his people.



### **Meeting with Norway Cup Staff -**

One day I got a chance to visit the Norway Cup Staff Office. I met Maria Jacobsen, the leader for foreign department who deals with the registration of foreign teams. She gave me the procedures to participate in this big event, and she said we have to pay an entrance fee to be invited. All the teams gather in one area, and all sleep in many of the schools in Oslo. She told me that there is a possibility for Ilula Tigers to participate.



### **Visiting clubs-**

I got a chance to visit different clubs where I learnt many things from the managers. They told me the way they run and organize their clubs, and how they create chances to be sponsored by large companies in their country. I also got a special chance to train with kids from the clubs, because some trainings I gave them seemed be different. In every club I visited I was given a class to conduct.

### **KJELSAAS CLUB-**

I got a chance to visit Kjelsaas Club in Oslo, where I met Mr. Dag. He told me many things about how he runs the club. He is the Manager for the club, and he also offered ILULA TIGERS SPORTS CLUB two sets of jersey! (We wore those jerseys in East Africa Cup 2014 in Moshi, Tanzania). He also promised to be our friend all the time, and he asked us to communicate with him in everything we do - our plans, wish list and different plans that our club has.



Receiving a jersey from Dag

### **Gielleraasen Idretts Forening (GIF) CLUB.**

I participated in training with the girls from GIF CLUB. The girls were so happy to have a visitor. They are 11 years old. They wish to meet the girls from Ilula Tiigers in Norway cup 2016!!!, if we will get a chance to attend. I promised them to start a team of girls of their age in Ilula Tigers Sports Club.



The girls & I

#### **KFUK KFUM (YWCA-YMCA) CLUB-**

This is another club I visited. I got time to train with the boys. This club has a sports academy. Kids meet there after school and have lunch together. After lunch they go for training. Before training they have a nice, quiet place where they do their home work before they go to play. That way sports does not affect their studies.



Giving instruction to the boys



Practising with boys from KFUK-KFUM

I thank IOP and FOVEA for organising this trip and expose me to the world. This trip added great ideas in my career, and it was very productive in the development of sports here at IOP. ***Special thanks to Morten Oyaas from FOVEA, Finn Ove Softing from Nittedal, and of course Ingunn and her great family, where I stayed during my visit! THANK YOU to all!***

Adam Evarist

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all of our donors who have provided support to I O P. We have been receiving the help of material things and money for running different activities in our organization. We really thank you so much for having a kind hearts. Without you nothing could be done here even the life of orphans and most vulnerable children could be in danger and ended to death. We could not do all that we do without your generosity.

Enicka

## **INITIATIVES**

### **... And now we need YOUR HELP!**

Do you have some **OLD PIECES OF FABRIC**

and you don't know what to do with them?

**HERE at IOP CENTER** they would be very useful for our girls!

Indeed they could be used as covers for our old chairs!

We eagerly await your reply!

IOP still has some projects that we need fundraising for. Some of these projects are:

- Annual running expenses \$ 25,000 for the IOP Center (Orphanage)!
- Finishing the new welding house \$9,800
- Annual running expenses of the IOP pre- school "Kids' Corner" \$10,500.
- We have a good number of students waiting for Sponsorship so they can go to school.

If you would like more information about projects and/or sponsoring please contact:

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