

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2014

Dear friends,

We would love to share with you the new events of which IOP Tanzania has been involved with over the month of May!

Enjoy reading!



Salento's University Italy Visit

The first of May, three Italian Professionals from Salento's University arrived. Cosimo (project coordinator) Francesco and Danilo stayed for five days to see everything of the Artemisia project.

They visited the Artemisia farm, they discussed about how to improve the project and they gave a lesson about Artemisia. Another important aspect of their trip was to test the condition of the Artemisia. A few IOP employees learned how to do the experiment as well, so that's good for the future. And the most important thing... the result was good! The last two weeks they also have tested Artemisia in Mozambique and Swaziland. The best result they have got so far was in

Swaziland with an percentage of 0.3 Percent but here it was even 1.0 percent! Good job!

Written by Tjamke, Netherlands



Interview with Orio and Gerald, by Tjamke, Netherlands

Can you both please start with introducing yourself to our readers?

Gerald: I come from Kilimanjaro region. I studied primary school in Kilimanjaro region as well. I studied in Shinyanga region at the secondary school called Don Bosco Secondary Didia. Then I studied in Tumaini University – Iringa University College. Now I'm working for the Foster Family Program at IOP.

Orio: I come from Isagwa Village but now I'm living in Ilula Mtua. I am orphan and IOP helped me and placed me at a host family. IOP also helped me to get education at secondary school and college level. From 2006 to 2009 I went to Image Vosa Secondary School and after that from 2011 to 2013 to Community Development Training Institute. Now IOP asked me to work as a Foster Family Coordinator until it's time for me to go back to school.



Can you explain what you exactly do with the Foster Family Program?

In the Foster Family the main activity is to place orphans in foster families and support them in their homes. First of all we are giving trainings to foster parents and orphans. At this moment we are giving trainings about parenting, child and human rights, health care and HIV/AIDS. We also build houses for some foster families. Next to that we train and encourage foster families to plant fruit- and shadow trees and instructing them on how to use waste water from biological toilets for watering the trees. We also support them with materials, for example: beds, mattresses, exercise books, pens, clothes, maize flower, cooking oil and sugar.

How many families do you help with this project?

At this moment we are supporting 226 families and in these families we are reaching 536 orphaned children.

What do you hope to reach with the Foster Family Program?

We hope that in the future the families can manage to live without our help after the trainings and education support for the orphans we gave them. The Foster Family Program operates VICOBA which are small groups of Village Community Banks. In VICOBA we encourage saving through buying shares and lending in which at the end the members earn profit. We believe that poor mothers, fathers and orphans will be able to get funding which will help them to prosper in their lives.

What do you like the most about your job?

Social interaction with the community members in the villages!

And the final question; what are your hopes for IOP?

That through IOP many children and families are going to be saved in the sixteen villages in Kilolo district where we work now. We hope and expect to increase the number of villages from the current sixteen to twenty villages.

“Thank you a lot for taking the time and I wish you both the best for the future!”



A house with a biological toilet built by IOP.

Preschool

Excursion to Lord’s Hill High School:

Wednesday the 21st of May there was an excursion for the children of the preschool. They were supervised by the three teachers Mickness, Margret and Eneza and four volunteers Kyra, Shannon (both USA), Jill (Luxembourg) and Tjamke (Netherlands). We went with all the children in a bus to Lord’s Hill High School. They asked some questions in English to a few students and some of the children introduced themselves in English! After that, they colored pictures of ducks and mice. At the end, the children sang with a lot of enthusiasm some songs for



the head teacher! After a successful morning, it was time to go back with the bus. It was good to see that the children really enjoyed this excursion. By Tjamke.

Exchange Program

LORD'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL TO KRAGERØ HIGH SCHOOL, NORWAY

It was like a dream that the exchange program will become a live story in the ears of the students and teachers of the Lord's Hill Secondary School. On March 2014 this became a truth where by three students and two teachers went to Norway for the first time under exchange program between Lord's Hill Secondary School and *Kragerø Videregående Skole*.



Students and staffs got very special experience in a new climate (cold

climate and snow) and the way people live in a cold environment like Norway. Furthermore, we visited many different areas including the capital city of Norway (Oslo) where we saw the King's Palace, Opera House, City Hall, Vigelandsparken and Holmenkollen (Ski jumping place).



We visited some leaders including the Mayor of Kragerø commune, Principal and students of Engebraten secondary school, the administration Knowit, and Fovea Foundation, SUFH (Sunnmøre Folkehøgskule, Y-Global (YWCA-YMCA) and IOP Norway. They participated in various activities like visiting schools and friends of IOP. The trip became very fun and interesting in all areas and one of the

funny and interesting events was practising skiing. This was very fantastic to all of us and we didn't believe if it was possible to play on frozen water. It was really possible!! We were told but to see and play ourselves was a unique experience. . While Atilio was visiting SUFH and Y-Global, Jeremiah and students visited the Netherlands

We thank all our friends who made this possible particularly *Kragerø Videregående Skole* and *IOP NL* for their excellent arrangement and support. We extend our gratitude to Fovea, Kragerø

Rotary Club, Y-Global, Knowit, Engebraten, SUFH, Skåtøy Montessori Primary School, Kragerø Kirke and all friends of IOP-Netherlands, such as the RSG school, for their welcoming, support and escorting us around while we were there. It was a pleasure to meet people who are full of joy, kindness, help and love throughout our stay! Our stay was made possible by you all and we thank the families who hosted us while visiting Norway and The Netherlands. Their availability touched us so strongly and we will never forget them. Amazing people!

We wish you all the best and may God's blessings shower upon you now and later. We pray for all who are working day and night to make IOP be an organization where children will grow and get the opportunities in their lives!

---Jeremiah Kiswaga and Atilio Mbungu---

FARMING

Short historical background of Ajala – the “Hagen School Cow”.



IOP is involved in different agricultural activities, such as farms where we produce maize, sunflower, tomatoes, beans and groundnuts. Apart from farming activities we also have animals like goats, pigs, chicken (layers) and cows. Today we are going to share a story about one of our cows called Ajala. The cow was bought in 28th, December 2013 using the money which Elementary

Students at Hagen School in Norway raised. The cow was transported to IOP- Center in a lorry. Soon, being 28 months old, it had its first calf, therefore it is producing milk - 6-8 liters in the morning and 3½ -5 liters during evening.

It is a *Friesian* cow. It is usually fed with grasses around IOP Center, and during evening supplements which consists of maize bran, sunflower seedcakes, common salt and minerals are added everyday.

By Seleman Mhanga

THE PASTORS SEMINARS



Pastors from all over Tanzania arrived at the IOP Center on Monday 19th of May evening. The seminar began on Tuesday 20th to 30th. The seminar was attended by eight pastors and other six church leaders. The two instructors, Rev. John Windell and Dr. Steve DuCett from United States of America, Lectured at the Seminar. The third instructor was Rev. Umba who taught the class on Saturday. Deogratias Mlawla lectured

about Artemisia tea and the usefulness of the tea in the prevention and treatment of malaria. Selemani Mhanga gave them a lecture on chickens (layers) and egg production, while Doctor Pilla and midwife Atu Chaula from the Lutheran Hospital taught about HIV counseling, testing, and how to live with the virus. At the end of the lesson pastors tested for HIV.

The Lessons taught: The survey of the Bible by Dr. Steve DuCett, the discipline of the United Methodist Church by Rev. John Windell, the Organization of UMC, the system of funds in the churches by Rev. Umba, HIV/AIDS, the subject were most interesting to the trainees. They enjoyed the presentations and showed cooperation to their presenters.

Dr. Steve DuCett provided books as gifts for the pastors for \$600.

By Pastor Upendo Malaki Likondi

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.
- IOP Education fund is always in need of support for students who lose sponsors, to avoid having education interrupted.

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

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*****GOD BLESS YOU - MUNGU AKUBARIKI *****

If you have any questions concerning new projects, please send an email to our IOP managing director Berit (beritiop@hotmail.com).

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VOLUNTEER ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME! PLS CONTACT YOUR OWN COUNTRY!