

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



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Dear friends,

We would love to share with you the news of which IOP Tanzania for the month of September!

Enjoy reading!

Party time!

This month was a double birthday party (August and September).

The following girls had their birthday party: Eda (5 years), Stella(5 years), Vicky(5years), Scolastika(9), Winifrida(11 years), Belina(16 years), Mariam(16 years), Rose(16 years) and Lucy(15 years).

It wasn't only the girls who had their birthday, also Kanisia(housekeeping) she became 42 years and Yui (volunteer) she became 22 years.

On Saturday the 20th of September the big birthday party was organized for all of them! There was a lot of dancing, singing and eating; everyone had a really good time!



Sollerud Barnehage / Kindergarten

Sollerud Kindergarten School is providing education to kids age 3-6 years old in Oslo-Norway. This Kindergarten has offered to start a project of raising funds for building a new IOP Kindergarten at Masukanzi Village. This is the only way IOP will get registration for its Kindergarten, to have it on its own land. On May 2014 Mr. Edson Msigwa visited the school where he had a discussion with the school administration about the project. The school will be built in plot no 12, Masukanzi Ilula Urban Area in Kilolo District. It is 500 meters from IOP Center, which is the same distance from the IOP Lord's Hill High School classrooms. The new school will be an English Medium, using Montessori Pedagogy. Our small girls will benefit a lot from the school, providing a high quality education. Apart from that they will not walk again along the main road as they normally do which is very dangerous. Fortunately nothing bad has happened as they are escorted with their nanny and volunteers every day. The school will enroll students from all surrounding villages. On 21st, of August 2014 Kim Ueland came at IOP to visit the proposed area of construction. He took photos everywhere. The two schools have developed a theme: ***"We learn from each other"***.



LION CLASS



ELEPHANT CLASS

To lose a mother. (by Berit)

In my Bible Study Group we are about 20+ people. There is a couple from Ireland, Bud and Martina, with a 8 years old girl, Eening. They have collected money (some time ago) to send to Center for food for the girls!

When I was home in the USA last April, they all came to the Welcome Party for me, but Martina said that she did not feel good and stayed at home!



That was the last Bible Study she came to!

She became very sick, and it was discovered that she had cancer on the brain. She has been for numerous attempts to rescue her, but some days ago I had an e-mail saying that she now just had days left to live!

She died with her husband and 8 years old Eening next to her!

I was thinking so much on her little girl! How unfair it must feel to lose a mother! She got 5 dollars from her pastor (during the time I was home last April) to do something with, to make the world a better place. She bought some stuff to make bracelets of, she made many! She sold them all, and totaled \$25 to send to the IOP Center to help orphan girls. "Thank you, Eening, for helping "sisters without parents.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAIN WATER HARVESTING TANKS AT THE LORD'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Water challenge at the Lord's High School has been a longtime cry; not only at the mentioned school but for the whole Ilula area. To address the problem the school committee decided that at school should be a system of profitably using the school roofs and that is the Rain Water Harvesting System. Sincere and grateful appreciation should go to our donors IOP Luxembourg for financing construction of the three tanks.

Immediately after receiving the money, IOP Construction committee lounged the project. And today all the three tanks have been constructed to 100% finish. Remaining work is gutters installation.

IOP would like to apologies to our donors for late completion of this project. The late completion is due to technical and procedural reasons. Also the project's construction cost went beyond the budget (budget overrun) due to use of ordinary IOP staff on general plans.

During course of project implementation, IOP faced a number of challenges including but not limited to technical and operational challenges.

Technical challenges; For the purpose of legal and procedural compliance of public facilities, IOP had to register the project with the government authorities and also wait for their go ahead which at most incident had to come late. Also the district water engineer who should appear at the site construction are a caused a time lag for not honoring his calendar. The same person should sign for each work stage before another step commencement.

Opportunity calling challenges; The aforementioned challenge calls for IOP to employ a professional registered technician; who should at all time provide and on time construction skills.



Kuku (chicken) project

An interview with, Seleman Mhanga

Can you please start with introducing yourself to our readers?

I'm Seleman Mhanga, I'm 28 years old and I studied Range Management at Sokoine University. Now I'm working as a live stock officer at the IOP. I'm dealing with many animals for example, dairy cattle (cows), pigs, goats, rabbits, dogs and chickens.



How did your relation with IOP started?

I was sponsored by IOP for nine years, since 2003. I was sponsored by Carole and Ken Thompson in USA.

Can you tell the readers more about the project?

The chicken project started in 2012; it is for the production of eggs. First it was a simple constructional local house, but in 2013 a new chicken house was built by the Ueland family in Norway! The chickens have more space now. The project provides employment for a student who was sponsored by IOP.

The Chicken project is now doing well! It has 366 layers and 700 tiny small "feather balls", waiting to become layers.

What are your hopes for the chicken project in the future?

I wish the chicken project will expand up to an 800 eggs per day in 2016, in order to meet the needs of the costumers. Now we only provide 30 % of the needs.



Asante sana!
Thank you for reading.



Integrated HIV /AIDS (FOSTER FAMILY PROJECT)

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

IOP is currently working in 50 villages in Kilolo District, in 16 of them there is a community volunteer who represents the number of Foster Families in the villages. Community volunteers have a big role of helping IOP to make sure that there is good communication between IOP and foster parents, foster children and village governments. Community volunteers normally observe and advice for good care of the orphans in the villages. They help ensure children's rights are well practiced by foster parents. All children grow in good personality accepted by everyone in the community. Realizing that each community volunteer need to be empowered with some knowledge, IOP normally conduct capacity building trainings for community volunteers in the 16 villages. This is to remind them about children's rights, their duties as care givers to children. Other subjects may be psychology, how to document child abuse, and how to discourage physical punishment to children in primary schools. Training is also given to give awareness about Gender Based Violence (GBV). On 13/9/2014, the community volunteers were trained GBV at IOP hall. They presented difficulties and challenges which they face when doing community work. IOP was very thankful to all community volunteers for the good work they do for the children and encouraged them to keep up the spirit of volunteering because it is time to stand up and speak for those who are voiceless like children and the poor.



Photo showing Overnike giving training to community volunteers about GBV at IOP hall on 14th, September 2014

Volunteers page

Welcome party

Every volunteer who arrived at IOP, is seen as a blessing and will get a warm welcome by all the girls. This month, Kristine, Sophie, Solveig (Norway) and Selena (Netherlands) arrived at IOP they all got a warm, lovely and happy welcome 'KARIBU SANA'!

The girls sang, danced and smiled for all of them, because they didn't arrive at the same time, the girls have done this three times!

That was not the only warm welcome, they also got an official welcome party at the 20th of September (after the birthday party). The volunteers had to dance in front of all the girls who were clapping! After that Winifrida gave a speech and welcomed them with her words!

It was a very fun, special and warm welcome.



Introductions

Selena

'Mzungu' 'Karibu Sana', 'Mambo', were the words that welcomed me at Ilulla, Haha. It was a warm welcome, everyone is very helpful, caring and happy. Before I tell many more positive things about my experiences here, I will first introduce myself. I'm Selena Beltman, I'm 24 years old, I live in the Netherlands. This year I graduated as a social worker! So, one day I just decided that I need to go to Africa, to help, learn about the culture, the people and of course learn about myself.



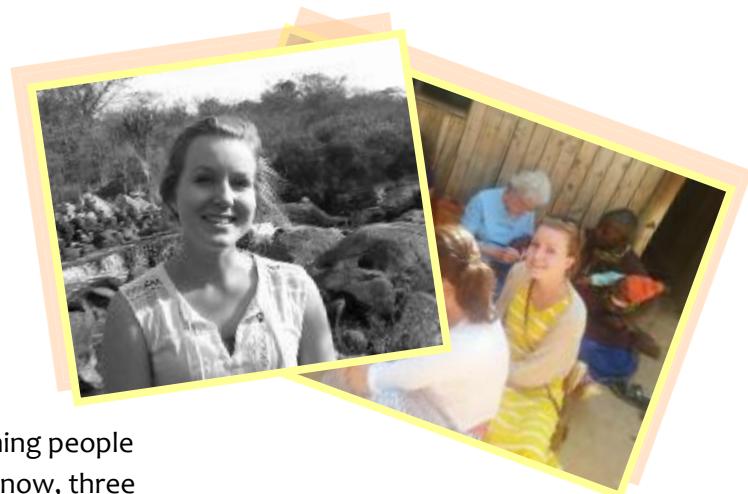
And I already learned a lot, for example, to appreciate the simple things in life. We are really spoiled back there in Europe. We sometimes forget the real important things in life, like having time, caring about others and make time for each other.

While im writing this (8 Sept.) I'm here for one week now and I never, ever could imagine it would be this incredible! The times flies, there's a lot of difference in the programm, the people are great and ofcourse the girls, they make my days!

Lucky I will stay here for five more weeks! So, I just can say: I'll definately be back in the future!
Asante Sana ☺

Kristine

The Ilula I know is a place of wind and songs. The girls sing in the morning and in the evening, before they eat and after they eat, with the wind humming along to its own tune outside. The Ilula-wind is a busy lady with a lot of ground to cover in this wide open, mountainous landscape. Coming from Norway, the mountains make me feel at home, just as all the wonderful and welcoming people here. I've been at IOP for almost three weeks now, three weeks that gently whisper about sad goodbyes to come when I leave by the end of December. I am 23 years old, and when I go back to Norway I will continue my studies in development. But for now, I'm here in this beautiful place, full of contrasts and new experiences. And I would not want to be anywhere else.



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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*****GOD BLESS YOU -**

MUNGU AKUBARIKI ***



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