

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



NEWSLETTER – February 2015

Dear friends,

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

Enjoy reading!

Lucky a Happy End!

On 20th January there was a terrible accident with carbon monoxide poisoning. Big Boss Jake, Joseph, Jimmy and Kassim Maketa were working at the library. Joseph, Jimmy and Maketa works for Big Boss Jake. Jimmy and Maketa were in the water tank to pump the water out. The diesel water pump was also in the water tank. It was assumed that the big opening would allow the carbon monoxide to get out, but that was not so. Jimmy said he was dizzy, and soon fainted. Maketa screamed to Jake to get water, but fainted before he got it! Joseph saw what happened and jumped 3 meter down in the tank and carried the unconscious Jimmy. Meanwhile, Jake hollered for help from some farmers working in the field. Eden came running, and he jumped down in the tank together with Joseph. To get an adult, unconscious man up a 3 meter ladder was a terrible job, but magically they managed. It was not less than a miracle. Jimmy and Maketa were still unconscious. Berit came rushing with a car after having been called. There were a lot of people to help getting the two “dead” bodies into the car. Berit rushed to the hospital, while the two came back to their senses, but were obviously completely confused, fighting and screaming. Luckily they arrived at the hospital on time. A team of American doctors were on field duty, and immediately took action to save the two IOP workers. IV and oxygen were applied immediately, while the wet clothes were cut off their bodies. Thankfully they survived! Thanks to Joseph and Eden! -who saved them and risked their own life to get them out. Thanks for all the people how helped. Thanks to Berit who drove very fast to the hospital and many thanks to the doctors for acting very fast to save the lives of our beloved fellows. Thanks God for loving and saving these men.



Eden, Jimmy, Big Boss Jake, Maketa, Joseph

With Mickness

What is your function?

I'm the supervisor and a teacher.

It's a new school year. How many new children do you have?

We have 35 new children. In total we have 76 children at our preschool.

How many children are there in one classroom?

The small class has 40 children and the big class is with 36 children

Did last year go how you wanted it to go? Did you accomplish all your goals?

Some of them were completed.

Which one didn't you complete?

Every month we have a different theme and sometimes we have trips to somewhere. Forexample we went to the IOP Center. But we wanted to go to the national park because we were having the theme about animals. But we couldn't go due to shortage of funds.

With goal are you proud of that you accomplished that?

At the end of last year we have send 30 children to Primary school. That's very good.

Do you have new goals for this year?

The most important is that we teach them different things what they don't learn at home. Like how the norms and values are in life. Also to solve conflicts without violence.

Are there any thing you want to change or want different here?

Food, they always get porridge, and that's what they get at home also. If they get different food here then they learn about good food, each Wednesday they get rice. But maybe we can have milk or fruit. But we need sponsors for that because it is very difficult to pay for all that.

Do you have any Events coming up this year?

Every month we do a birthday party and of course we have Valentine's Day planned.



New children

Chickenpox

Everyone will have it one day. Chickenpox.. Itchy, small blisters, its not pleasant to have it. It can be all over your body. Usually it will starts on the face, chest and back. Other symptoms are fever, feeling tired and headaches. Symptoms begin ten to twenty one days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms usually last within five to ten days.

One of the girls had chickenpox. Then you can aspect that in 2 weeks more of them will have it. Only if you not have it yet than you will probably get it. Chickenpox is an airborne disease which spreads easily through the choughs and sneezes of an infected person. It may also spread through contact with the blisters.

It is important to maintain good hygiene and daily cleaning of skin with warm water to avoid secondary bacterial infection.

Also it is very important that if you are pregnant that you not get in contact with children or adults who have chickenpox it can be dangerous for your unborn Child.

Some of the girls have it and they get white cream on there body. So it's not itchy anymore. The girls did very well. They make jokes about them self that they are wazungu's (white people) now.



Yui's Goodbye Party

Yui from Japan has been here for a whole year. She has done a lot here at IOP. She worked for YWCA and there she did teaching at secondary school, making soap, planting trees, making budget and making "Yui Cards" and also she worked for IOP like normal activities (cooking, typing, filing, teaching village people etc). She was like part of IOP staff. So we had a party for her on Friday 13th, of February night. Some of the staff attended, the girls and volunteers. The girls started with singing and dancing. After that Berit, staff and volunteers provided speeches. Yui also did her goodbye speech. It was very touching. After her speech she got present from the staff and YWCA which she was working for. With her "Yui Cards" Project she raised 1,100,500/- TSH!!! She did very good work!!

Yui stayed in an African family for one year, and of course her host mother was also appreciated at the party.

Then it was time for the fundraising. Everybody put something in a well decorated box and then you get a hug from Yui. After counting we totaled 275.000/- TH to support the Center's medical expenses for girls. That's wonderful!

After all the talks and singing it was time to eat. It was a very nice evening. A year is a long time. We will miss you Yui and we hope we will see you sometimes again! Thank you for everything.



IOP Germany

Since January 2015 we have started a new official registered Outside Committee which is joining the IOP Organization. Underneath you will read some background information about us.

We (Jos and Irma Jansen) founders of IOP Germany, would like to introduce ourselves and explain our choice for IOP and why we have founded IOP Germany.

Why IOP?

When we decided that we wanted to do volunteer work in Africa, we started to check volunteer's organizations on the internet. Through a Dutch organization named Volunteers Work Worldwide we ended up by IOP. They had (and still have) a partnership with IOP and they informed us very well about IOP Tanzania and what was expected from a volunteer. So, we made a choice for IOP and we have never had regrets about this for one day. We started to work as a volunteer in October 2013 for IOP.

The first time we have visited the orphan house was a great experience.

When we arrived by bus from Dar es Salaam and we met Deborah & Massimo (IOP Italy). Deborah said; *"By the time that you will leave, you have fallen in love with the girls and they are going to be a part of your life"*. She was absolutely right, we fell in love with these beautiful girls and we gave them a place in our hearts. But, beside the girls, we admire the

organization and the people who are working in this inspiring place. IOP Tanzania is doing a fantastic job for the local people and environment. We were very impressed of all the projects and activities that were developed and created. And what still has to come!!

When we arrived back home, there was a very strong feeling that we had to do something to support IOP Tanzania. So, we started a fundraising campaign among our family, friends, and colleagues etc, which was very successful.

In August 2014 we visited IOP TZ for the second time, the feeling was even better than the first time. We had a great time and from that time off we made the decision to establish IOP Germany. Why IOP Germany, because by founding IOP Germany we can work easier together, support you better and we find better ways to introduce IOP TZ to Germany. This is only possible if you are an officially registered Association. In this way we can be a good ambassador of IOP TZ. Our goal is to support you in any way we can through fundraising for new or existing projects, finding new sponsors for the foster family project, giving advice and coaching etc. Anything that will improve the future of Tanzanian through education and care.

IOP Germany exists of 8 very motivated and enthusiastic members; everyone has his own speciality of making a contribution for IOP Germany. Below you will find the names of the members and their position within the Association.

LexMeijerink, second chairman
EdmundKup, secretary
Nicole Kup, committee member
Cathy Croque, committee member
Nellie Rapior, committee member
Siegfried Rapior, committee member
Jos Jansen, treasurer
Irma Jansen-Schouten, first chairman

Together we will take care of spreading the word and giving IOP TZ support.

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Jos (Treasurer)& Irma (Chairman)



Eddy (Secretary) & Nicole (committee member)



Lex (Vice Chairman) & Cathy (committee member)



Siegfried & Nelly (committee members)



EAST AFRICAN CUP 2015

EAST AFRICA CUP is a network event hosted in Kilimanjaro region every last week of June each year. It is an event organized by the four partner organizations: Norwegian Peoples Aid (NPA), KRIK Norway, CHRISC East Africa and Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA).

It's an event that invites over 50 organizations from different countries including Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and Zambia. The youth get chance to share ideas on different topics. It's a class where people get chance to learn, teachers are available and the lessons are taught as usual. Not only classes but also these youth groups get chance to show off their talents in different games.

The teams invited are football teams, volleyball teams (both standing and sitting) and culture groups. These groups involve both boys and girls from particular countries. The organizations invited are responsible to pay the bus fare for the participants to and from Moshi. The organizing committee pays for Food, Accommodation and first Aid during the games.

IOP through Ilula Tigers Sports Club sent participating team in the year 2014 to represent IOP in this tournament. We only sent boys because it was our first time but it was also according to our budget line. We thank FOVEA for supporting IOP and Ilula Tigers Sports club and for paying for all costs for the week the team stayed in Moshi.

We hope to attend this tournament this year again and we have already applied for that. We are waiting to hear from the Organizing committee any time. We thank those who have been supporting the club by bringing the jersey, used shoes and other sports materials. We recognize your presence and we encourage you to keep on supporting the most vulnerable children through sports.



Ilula sports club team together with Adam and Ajolon in Kilimanjaro region in June 2014

INITIATIVES

... And now we need YOUR HELP!

Do you have some **OLD PIECES OFFABRIC**

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.

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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