

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



NEWSLETTER

Dear friends,

We would love to share with you the new events of which IOP Tanzania has been involved with over the month of March, 2015.

Enjoy reading!

Trip to Isimila

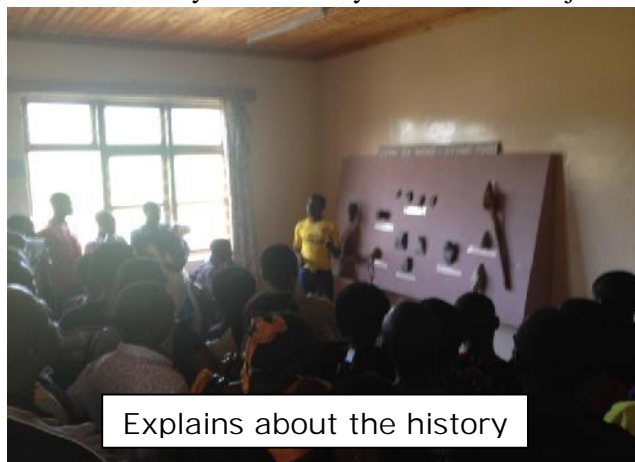
On 8th of March-International Women's Day - there was a trip planned to Isimila Historical site. The staffs, girls and Volunteers were invited by Osmund Ueland from Norway. Eventually 92 people joined the trip. There were two buses and one car. Osmund asked Berit to arrange everything. So Berit put 10 hours in the arrangement. She had to make sure that every small girl had an adult with her the whole day. She prepared the names tag with an adult and a girl on there, she numbered all the cards for the debate about Woman Independents Day after lunch.

Words from Osmund:

I really enjoyed the day. What I really liked was that everybody was dressed up. That showed that it really was a very special day for them. I think it is important to do something with everybody every year. That keeps staff motivated and gives them something to look forward to. You can see how many people came. It was a big group and Berit arranged everything perfect. So everybody was happy. At Isimila we got a good explanation about the history in the museum. Then the walk was wonderful and really beautiful place. It was very hard for small girls to walk where they were to be carried by the adults chosen to take care of them. After the walk there was a really good lunch. The food was enough for everybody. After lunch the adults had a discussion about Woman Independents Day. The subject were **'SHOULD A WOMAN BE PAID AN EQUAL SALARY WITH A MAN WHILE DOING THE SAME WORK'**. The girls had a drawing activity, they were asked to draw what they have seen that day. And if you see the drawings you can tell that they really enjoyed the day. For me it was so good to see that everybody was enjoying her/himself. I had a great feedback from everybody. I hope this will be continued every year, but for that we need sponsors. So I hope there will be someone who believes that this is good for the company and that they deserve that day because they do a wonderful job. So who is the next one?



Berit Arranging Everything



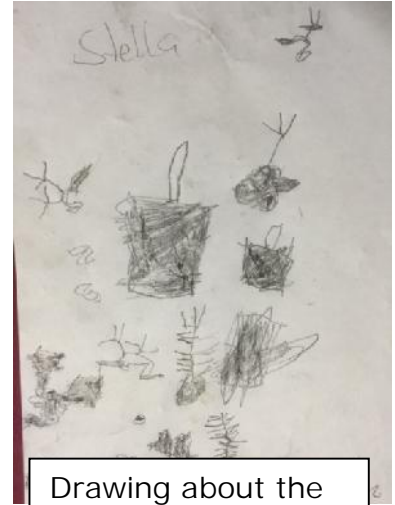
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Arrived at Isimilia



Osmund Carrying Stella



Drawing about the day from Stella



Isimila

Football Game

On Tuesday 3th of March the staff, high school students from Lord Hill and Engebraaten Secondary together with Young Peace Performance group had a football game. The Staff and YPP group together in one team and the high school students together in a team. It was very funny. A lot of people came to watch. But the IOP staff and YPP group were not very good and they lost big time from the high school and Engebraaten students.



The Lords Hill Students + Engebraaten team VS IOP staff and YPP group team

Party & Quiz Night

On Wednesday 4th March we had a party night! We had 3 different parties, a welcome party, goodbye party and a birthday party. The high school students did a song for everybody. The YPP group did a play about different subject where they stand for.

Berit and the volunteers did a song and speech for Annlaug because she turned to 75 years. There was a fundraising function on that night where the money collected were for medicine for our girls at the center. There was a cake for Annlaug and if you wanted a peace you could buy a peace. With that they raised Tsh 230,000/= . Really good and it was a good cake.

After the party we had a Quiz time. There were 7 groups, two from the staff, two from Lord Hill High School, two from Engebraaten School Norway and one from volunteers. Berit had made the category and questions. Each group could pick a category and there were 8 questions from each category. All groups were supposed to answer all questions. After all the questions they checked it and there was a winner! For the first winner was offered Tsh 40,000/= Tsh, second one Tsh30,000/= , the 3th price was 20,000/= Tsh and 4th price 10,000/= Tsh. All winners were very happy. It was a wonderful evening with a lot of laughing and we hope we can do it again next year!

THINKING DAY

This is the day when Girl Guide and Boy Scout remember the founder of the Scout Movement in the world BP. IOP has been celebrating thinking day for many years. On February 22, 2015 Girls and Boys Scout gathered at IOP center and do different programs. On this day IOP Girl Guide and Boy Scout did a good turn by collecting trashes at Masukanzi bus stand, around IOP shop and around IOP Center. On this day girls and boys planned on how to help the community in the coming thinking day next year. All girls and boys were very happy to send thinking day greetings to other Girl Guide and Boy Scout members around the world. The word of the thinking day was **“we are prepared to make the world a better place to live by conserving environment”**.



Market

On 28th of March we had a big market in the Center yard. For two weeks the volunteers were sorting all the clothes and put them in bags so they can be transported to the Center. Most of the staffs were asked to help that day as a volunteer and a lot of them came. The day started at 7.00 am with sorting the clothes, shoes, belts, blankets and toys on the tables. At 11.00 am the gate was opened and the people ran inside. There were a lot of people. Even the Daladala stopped in front of the IOP gate bringing the people to the market. It was amazing. At 5.00 pm the market ended and everything had to be clean up again. The staff and volunteers worked very hard that day and sold a lot!

The money from the market is going help running the IOP shop. We collected Tsh 4,419,300/=

So it was a wonderful day!!



IOP staff and Volunteers arranging for the market



Everything is in place ready for people to come in



People purchasing clothes in the market

Interview with Marco

What is your name?

My name is Marco, 31 years old!

What is your job here at IOP?

I am a gardener. I grow all the vegetables here.

I heard that you are also learning. What are you learning?

I am learning many things. I learn English; I learn how to control the garden and about information on plants. I learn how to communicate with the volunteers, and I learn how to be confident about myself and my future.

What did you graduate for in February?

Last year I had an examination for secondary school grade 1 and 2, and I succeeded. This year I don't have enough preparations, but hopefully I can do the examination for grade 3 and 4 next year. I am confident about that.

What is your goal?

My goal is to be a teacher, in English, history and Kiswahili subjects. This has been my goal since I was young. I am very committed to fight for my education. I even have a timetable so that I can learn English every day.

Why do you think education is important?

Education is important because it gives people ability of determining themselves. Also by being educated you can communicate with different people from various nations and share ideas about life and other things.

Will you teach your children English?

Yes! That is my vision. So when they come home I can teach them with the right books. And I also want to teach the IOP children.

What do you think is the most difficult in school?

School fee is the problem. Here in Africa, you can only get education if you have money. If you don't have money, you can't get education.

Do you have any motivation words for everybody who reads this?

Make sure you get education! So you can communicate and also get employed. AND MANY THANKS TO WARD IN BELGIUM, WHO HAS PROMISED TO SPONSOR MY COLLEGE!



New Volunteers

My name is Janna; I am an 18 year old girl from the Netherlands. I just finished high school and I felt like seeing something of the world before going to art academy in the Netherlands. I have always felt a fascination for Africa and I thought doing volunteer work there would be a good way to get to know Africa. I will stay at IOP for four months, doing various activities. I am already impressed by my first weeks, and I'm looking forward to learn a lot from this experience and to get to know these friendly people and their culture.



My name is Kari Berg. I am from northern Norway, I am 63 years. The reason that I chose IOP Tanzania was that I looked for volunteering work Tanzania, and IOP appeared to me as a good project. I have lived two years in Tanzania long time ago (25 years), and I still know a lot of the language. I really like Tanzania and Tanzanian people, and was here four years ago with my family for holiday. I have worked in primary school in Norway for 20 years. I also have worked in an Asylum in Norway for one year, and then taught Asylum seekers in primary school too. In spare time I like to walk in mountains, and often invite "the new Norwegians" to join the trips. Also I have been engaged by different organizations in projects to integrate people from other countries to the Norwegian life. Now I am happy to work here with so many nice people, and happy children.

Goodbye

My three months are over now. This is my last newsletter that I wrote. And the three months went so fast!!! It was an amazing journey. A journey to find a true meaning of life. This is because the people of IOP chanced something for me. I appreciate life much more and I will never forget these people. They became very good friends and I will really miss them! But I will be back. Hope next year, if it is possible.

For everybody whom I worked and laugh with thank you so much for everything! Thank you for helping me built the playhouse for the girl. Thank you for making me feel at home! You are really special people! You will always have a place in my heart.

With lots of love,

Jessica the white girl from the Netherlands!



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:

- * Running expenses of the IOP center!
- * Finishing the new welding house!
- * Finishing the rain harvesting system at the Lord's Hill High 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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