

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



NEWSLETTER – May 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 May.
Enjoy reading!*



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WELCOME AND GOODBYE PARTY

On the 18th of June Tamari and Mwanaiba came back from their 4 month trip in Norway for the CFC program, read more about that on page 4. On the 19th the St. Michaels College group from USA arrived. They stayed here for 10 days to gain all the information to update the IOP website. They interviewed many people and took a lot of pictures.

For their arrival, a welcome party was organized. Staff members, volunteers and all girls were invited to the party. There were songs by the girls and by the staff, and there was a special dance from Mwanaiba and Tamari. There were words from the following IOP Staff and girls; Gloria Mhando, Tulia Mkwama, Mwanaiba Kaywanga, Tamari Motto, Edson Msigwa and Patricia Siplon (from St. Michaels College)



Dance from St. Michael's College group

The St. Michaels group had to leave again on the 30th of May, so on Friday night a goodbye party was organized, together with the birthday party for staff who had birthdays on April and May. The St. Michaels group had helped organizing the party, and they performed a very nice dance for us.

Thank you St. Michaels for your interest and support, you are most welcome to come back again. We shall never forget you. Welcome back Tamari and Mwanaiba, we are happy to have you with us again!

STUDY TOUR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Interview with Titus (see picture on the right)



You had a study tour to Bagamoyo. With how many and for how long did you go?

65 students went on this trip, accompanied by 3 teachers and 1 matron. We left on Friday night, 22nd May and came back Saturday evening, 23rd May so that the students could rest on Sunday.

What was the purpose of this trip?

The purpose was for the students to learn about history. Bagamoyo is a very historical place, and here we could learn for example about the origin of different nations in Tanzania, people who lived in the past. It was like a museum, but then in the open air. There was also a geographical side to the information the students gained, because they have learnt about the difference between fresh and salt water.

Why should the students learn from this trip besides from their books?

Students can learn from their books, but the knowledge they can get from that is limited. It is important to give the students some refreshment sometimes, to let them be active outside the classroom. Actually seeing what you have learnt from the books will make it easier to remember the information.

Besides that, it is a way to give some students the opportunity to travel, who may have never or rarely had the chance to travel so far.



“Lectures about antiquities and historical information from tour guide”

How did the trip go? Did it go the way it was planned?

Everything went well, the plan was that the students would learn from this trip, and I’m sure they did.

What did the students gain from this trip?

We gave the students the assignment to write down what they have experienced during and learnt from this trip. So soon we will read about what they gained from this trip.

CFC PARTICIPANTS; MWANAIBA & TAMARI

By Mwanaiba and Tamari

We are from the youth exchange program called CFC (Communication For Change), organized by Norwegian YWCA -YMCA and Norwegian Church Aid. There are participants from seven countries: Tanzania, Kenya, Brazil, South Africa, Nicaragua, Madagascar and Norway. We started in Kenya for three weeks for preparation in August 2014 and then we had two Norwegian participants coming to each country. In January we travelled to Norway where we started preparing for the show about climate change. We had two teams: North and South team, talking to youth about Climate change for two weeks. During winter vacation, we learnt how to ski, both cross-country and downhill skiing, and then we had preparation for the second tour. Two people went to different places in Norway talking about climate change, what to do, and how Norwegian Church Aid is saving people when the disasters happen in different countries. There was a holiday for 10 days after we had mixed days with all students from the school (Sunnmøre Folkehøgskule). After the holiday, we had campaign week about fossil fuel in Norway and talked to politicians. We gave a lot of information about the work of IOP and we had Global run for collecting money for IOP. We had hiking, student nights and preparation for the last day at SUFH was May 9th, 2015.

Thank you very much; we have enjoyed it a lot.



VOLUNTEERS

We are happy to welcome another volunteer this month. Here she will introduce herself.

My name is **Emilie**; I am 20 years old and I am from Norway! I arrived at IOP on the 20th of May, and I am staying for a month. This is my third time here at IOP, but it is my first time as a volunteer. The first time I was here for three months as a CFC participant in 2013, the second time I was only here for a few days with a group from Sunnmøre Folkehøgskule in November 2014, and now I'm finally here again.

The reason I chose to come back is because IOP is like a second home for me, and the people here are like family to me, especially the girls. I think coming here, as a volunteer, is a wonderful way of contributing where I am needed. This month I will mostly help with the work they are doing at Ilula YWCA, and I will also spend a lot of time with the girls, not only on my free time but I will be with them during girl guide and do different activities with them. I would like to teach them things that I know and that they would like to learn. Other than that, I would like to help where I'm needed.

During this stay, I would also like to learn more about the upcoming projects of IOP and see how I can continue to contribute to IOP even when I am back in Norway.

I have been here for a week now, and I already feel that one month is too short. But I know I will enjoy my time here to the fullest and of course I will be coming back again and again and again...



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!
- * Completing the Examination Hall and girls hostel at the Lord's Hill Secondary 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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