

Newsletter



Ilula Orphan Program

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Dear IOP Friends & Family

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The Examination Hall

Monthly Update

IOP TZ is pleased with the progress of contributions for the completion of the hall from different donors, at the moment IOP TZ has received 80,000,000 TSH. Therefore We extend a heartfelt thanks to IOP Netherlands for the donation USD 6000 which is about 20 million Tanzanian Shillings, IOP USA for the donation from various individual for supporting 6 million Tanzanian Shillings (USD \$2630). Also we thank Bell & Carlene Bate for contributing USD 14500. The IOP sister school in Norway, Kragerø Secondary School, for donating 24

million Tanzanian Shillings (NOK 93,000). During IOP international meeting in Luxembourg, several pledges were made of which, IOP is waiting for fulfillment.

By using the donated funds IOP will be able to accomplish the following planned activities:

1. Roofing
2. Backfilling, compaction and casting rough cement screed floor,
3. Installation of wooden basement floor,
4. Plastering inside and partly outside walls,
5. Purchasing and fixing aluminum windows.
6. Purchasing and fixing outside doors' frames, and shutters,
7. Fixing conduit pipes for electrical wiring,
8. Contractor's second installment payment,
- 9.

The good news is that examinations have been shifted to November 1st! This is sufficient time to complete the above mentioned activities not only to enable the hall be accepted and usable for examinations but also completing all remaining activities should more funds be donated. Congratulations to friends and supporters who made it possible for the hall to reach this far. You have been friends in need and friends in deed. We look forward to using the hall for examinations for the first time and for the second graduation ceremony in our hall. No more hiring hall, no more hiring tents for graduation. This is a big step in the right direction! *The remaining and next work will be as follows.*



However, despite the big stride made still there is so much left to make the hall and surroundings fully completed including electricity installation and wiring, construction of toilets, ceiling board, painting, tiles, landscaping and drainage. We still appeal to our esteemed friends and supporters of IOP to continue assisting us in this course. Together we can make the world a better place.

Swash Club

In different schools you can find some SWASH CLUB, which are groups of 50 students who deal with “good hygienic practises”. Among the activities asked this year to volunteers of IOP Italy there was also a program with the Swash Club of Ikuvala.



The day before we went all with Gerald to Ikuvala Primary School and we saw wh

at they did: in that school children had made a simple system of hand washing.



We have watched and from that came the idea of making one at Ikuvala Primary School.

So we decided to teach to the Club how to make a system for



washing hands.

All the Italians volunteers improved the system they had seen from Ikuvala and they asked Eric to prepare the pieces of wood and to borrow them the equipment to fix everything firmly on the ground. The day after they went to Ikuvala Primary School and they realised all! The children were so happy and they tested immediately the system!

Market

On Friday 12th of August, in the hall and outside, we had a big market for IOP staff. We started in the evening of the day before to prepare all; we had more than 20 bags with clothes, shoes, blankets, toys, sheets, kitchen stuff etc. All the volunteers had a short meeting at 16:00 about the prices and every place where each of us had to take their stand. At 16:15 the market opened and a lot of customers were running towards the stands. It was very busy; in 2 hours everyone founded something nice. At the end we packed all the clothes that we had not sold and we divided them in 3 different villages. On 15th, of August soon after breakfast, we left IOP to sell the clothes in the villages in 3 different groups and 3 different villages: Image, Lyasa and

Uhominyi. The markets started at 10: am and a lot of women and men had the chance to buy something for their children and themselves. After lunch we took all the clothes left and we went back to the centre. In total we managed to get 628,800/= TSH together.

Both days let us appreciate more the easy way we can get clothes!!!



MiniMarathon



August was a busy month: on 13th we had the Mini-Marathon. IOP girls, students of Kids Corner and high school, IOP staff, parents, volunteers and also a lot of people from Ilula

came in the morning to join us at the library. Some days before all runners tried to find sponsors. It was funny because all the girls went to ask for money and for help to find sponsors. The Mini-Marathon started at 9:30; runners went to the main road, to Ilula Primary School and then back to Isele and to the Library, the place where everyone finished. After that Berit and Annelies started to give prices to the winners.



In the end, they picked the winners from the lottery. They were very happy with the prices! The amount of money earned with the Mini-Marathon is 1,955,820/=

We hope that everyone enjoyed the day a lot and we see you all next

Maritas Garden Party

Marita is a famous pastry chef in Norway who is making fantastic desserts on her own. On Saturday August 13, 2016 she invited 140 women from Eigersund to a garden party at her home. The purpose of party was to fundraise



for IOP Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania school bus. Hence everyone had to pay **NOK 500** as registration fee. The party was successful that brought to the contribution of **NOK**

86,000 that covers the deficit of money for IOP Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania school bus purchase

There was a nice cultural program in the party where by Timian and Tinius sang beautiful songs. The two children are part of "Team Euland Norway" who attended the official opening of Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania on March 3, 2016. The guests got delicious food designed, cooked by Marita, and paid by all the ladies in the family so that all income went directly to IOP. The party attendance got a very formative IOP history from Kim, Osmund and Marita. In 2015, Team Ueland Family have been in a front line for conducting various fundraising functions through running

African Café and self-donations. All these donations were used for chicken house project, Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania constructions, furniture imbursements and school bus for IOP SKT. Thanks to Team Ueland for creating a Face Book group



with the purposes of discussing IOP issues like sponsorship and fundraising. The group is operating very well on which they have plan to have another fundraising function for IOP in November 2016.

Special thanks to Marita who organised the party, Team Ueland and all Osmond, Marita and Kims friends for having kind hearts of thinking about the lives of disadvantaged people, and Tanzanian education.



YouTube Channel

The last couple of weeks I (Job van den Elsen) started as a volunteer working at IOP. Ajolon Mgeveke and I had some conversations about his dream to become a 'YouTube star'. Of course that was just jokes we made from both of us. But after a while that question sank in a little bit. I knew there was a sort of YouTube channel for IOP, but it was quite out-dated. I had the idea with Ajolon to start with a new kind of YouTube channel, named IOP-media. This YouTube channel is focused on what happens within IOP, and from our opinion, the best way to have a good view of that story, is to hear the story from the people that are connected the most with IOP. We did already a lot of interviews and every one of them is unique in their subject and form. After some weeks of working we knew that it was almost impossible for Ajolon and me to do the editing of those videos. That is the moment where Giulia Mellano started to be part of this project. She is really good at editing and



she got the right tools for it on her laptop. At this point we are almost done with shooting the videos and over the year we will start spreading those videos over YouTube, Facebook, the newsletter and every possible way to create awareness what a wonderful work the people are doing here at IOP. We (Giulia, Ajolon and me) hope that we can keep continuing this project over the years. Next year Giulia and me will be back and start with new interviews and who knows which volunteers will join us with our project!

Welcome Party

After 12 hours sitting in the bus with the whole group, we finally arrived at IOP. All the girls and staff were waiting for us. When we stepped out off the bus, all the girls ran to us to find their friends. It immediately felt like one big family, because of the whole vibe. When everyone had found each other, we were taken to the rooms accompanied by all the girls and we dropped our bags. Then they organized a welcome party for us and it was so nice to see. Everyone sat down with us and all the girls

went dancing and singing. It's very nice to see the difference between the culture in Holland and the culture they have here in Africa. Here, in Africa, everybody is immediately dancing and singing and we don't have that in Holland. After the party we ate with each other and we were able to talk to all the girls. It was a super fun Welcome Party and it made us feel instantly at home



Trip to Isimila

We went with the whole group to Isimila. Everybody was so excited because we heard that it was a really beautiful landscape. When we walked along the stones and rocks there was a very nice atmosphere. Also we had a very friendly guide who explained about stone stools and how

everything became the way it was. Everyone helped each other with climbing on the rocks and chatting with each other. When we arrived at the big rock pillars everyone was just silent, the view was the most amazing thing I ever saw in my life. I think everyone agreed with that. After 5 minutes breathlessly staring at the amazing view, everyone was taking pictures and we walked in the beautiful area. When we arrived back by the bus, everybody took something like 2000 pictures. It was a view you will never forget.



Sunflower Primary School



After 5 years of fundraising and now working in co-operation with Christian Solidarity International (who support educational project in East Africa) the pilot project – co-financed by the Luxembourg government began on Monday 22nd August to prepare the land for the building of Sunflower Primary School.

Berit, Edson, IOP heads of departments, 5 Luxembourg volunteers together with other volunteers walked around the perimeter of the site which is situated on the hill between Sollerud Kindergarten and the Lords Hill High School.

Evie, Lena and Etienne, 3 Luxembourg students dug the first hole and the work began. We all tried digging but as

the earth were hard and full of rocks and thistles we had to call in the bulldozer! In only one day all the rocks were removed and now come the slightly longer task of leveling the ground.

INITIATIVES

1. IOP has some projects that need fundraising and financial support!

- Funds to complete the examination hall and the girl's dormitory at the Lord's Hill High School
- Annual running expenses of \$49,000 for the IOP Center (Orphanage)
- 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.

Your decision to sponsor one girl or boy will totally change one's life.

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