

# Ilula Orphan Program



## Dear IOP friends and family

This month was filled with games, fieldtrips with the kindergartens, parties and a lot of fun. We have welcomed new faces to IOP, and also welcomed back very known faces.

Hope you will enjoy reading about what has happened here during this month.

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## EXAMINATION HALL

### Monthly Update

The hall was supposed to be finished in November to conduct the National Examinations. Unfortunately it was not finished in time. Representatives from the Kilolo district education office, security office and the Kilolo district police office came to inspect how IOP had complied with the established standards. It was obvious that the hall was not completed. Due to that we needed to get the permission from the officers to conduct the National examinations in ordinary classrooms. They inspected all classrooms but found none was acceptable to the given standards. There was no other way then to plead.

At the end they allowed the Examination to be conducted in the school mini library block, which was three meters square bigger than the classrooms. After a long struggle we managed to do the first National Examination safely. The Officers insisted that everyone is aware of the fact that this favour will never be given again.

It is IOP responsibility now to ensure that the hall is completed by September 2016 when they will come to conduct another inspection. With the availability of building materials for example roofing sheets and an on-going construction work IOP could convince the Representatives that the standards will be fulfilled next year.

**Big thanks to IOP supporters who enabled IOP to save the day.**

The budget for finishing the hall to the point of being usable is 336,000,000 Tsh in total (about 176,843 USD). IOP still needs an additional 110,000,000 Tsh (50.451,0 USD). IOP is requesting goodwill and assistance from our IOP friends inside and outside Tanzania, so that our school can use the hall as required by the government.

To this end we have broken down the budget into smaller fundable parts, so that it is possible for anyone to donate for a particular purpose - for example cement, windows, et cetera. We would like to thank our friends and supporters for always helping us in times of need. Also, we thank Knowit Company and Engebråten High School in Norway for donating the start-up funds for the construction of this hall.

## GAME NIGHT



On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May Laura and Emilie arranged Game Night for the older girls at the center. Beforehand the girls were split into four different teams, with one color each; green, red, yellow and blue. Right before we started, the teams stood ready, fully dressed in their team color.

The night contained different games, some were all the teams competed against each other, and some were two and two teams competed against each other. The teams had to work together the whole time, and all the team members had to participate.

The games we had were; Numbers and letters, where Emilie said a number or letter, and then the teams had to work together to make it on the floor, with all the team members. Get the pencil in the bottle. Guess what you taste. Sorting game, were they had to sort them selves from for example oldest to youngest, without talking. Measure time, were one from each team had to close their eyes and raise their hand when they thought one minute had passed. Drawing game, were they had to copy a drawing Laura had made beforehand.

For each game, the teams received building materials. Materials like toothpicks, toilet rolls and so on. When all the games were done, the last competition was to build the most creative thing with the materials they had. Team yellow build a giraffe and were the winners of Game Night.

We all enjoyed the evening, and hope to do it again soon. We did not only have fun, but we also learned the importance of working together!



## MOVIE SUNDAY



On Sunday the 8th of May we turned the center hall into a cinema and sold around 200 tickets to see the movie 'Twelve years a slave'. The money that was raised will be used for the new school bus of the preschool and the children of Sollerud worked very hard to sell the tickets. They had to sell them at home, but we also went up to the Lord's Hill secondary school to sell them to the students there. The children had a lot of fun selling the tickets, even though they couldn't watch the movie themselves. The girls at the center, who are attending school at Sollerud also helped to sell soda, popcorn and cookies at the time of the movie, so they were great helpers!

The movie is about the true story of Solomon Northup, who was a free man in the north of the USA in the nineteenth century. This man was captured and sold into slavery, to spend twelve years without his family in horrible conditions. Eventually he was rescued and returned to his family he wrote a book about his story: 'Twelve years a slave', is the title. It was very special to show this particular movie and some people were very moved by the horrible circumstances of this man's life, which was a reality for so many black people during those times.



## NEW VOLUNTEERS



Hi!

My name is Cornelie; I am 22 years old and I live in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. There I am halfway through study medicine.

I have been staying at IOP since the beginning of May, and all together I am staying here for six weeks.

Every morning I volunteer at the hospital in Isele, Ilula Lutheren Hospital. There I am learning a lot about treatment, diagnosing tropical diseases and medical care with only basic facilities.

In the afternoons, I work with various activities at IOP where I can contribute where I am needed.

It is an amazing experience to be here and to become part of such an inspiring

Hi!

My time is Maja Sofie, I am 19 years old and I am from Denmark. This time I stayed at IOP for approximately two weeks.

I stayed at IOP for half a year from August to February this year, so after being home for 3 months, I just had to go back and visit my second family. Therefor this stay has been mostly about just visiting the girls, the staff and all other IOP family members.

Otherwise I have been following up on some projects from my half year at IOP, helped Matron organized her office by supporting with a new big shelf, prepared bags together with the sewing girls for selling at home and helped out a little here and there at the center and pre school.

I have enjoyed my second time at IOP and I already look forward for the third time – hopefully ready to create a lot of new bags to sell as well for the benefits of IOP.

# ISELE RIVER WITH KIDS CORNER AND SOLLERUD KINDERGARTEN



On 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May we had trips to Isele River with Kids Corner and Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania. The first trip was with the big class from Kids Corner, the second with the small class from Kids Corner, and the third trip was with Solleruds big class.

The program was the same for all the classes. First all the children had to take off their shoes and socks, and go down to the edge of the water. Then the teachers asked and explained what we can use water for, for example to drink, wash clothes, shower and so on. After that all the children got to walk in the water, something everyone enjoyed a lot. Some of the kids enjoyed it so much, they went on a little swim, not always on purpose. When they had walked in the water for a little, they all got a piece of wood, a paper boat and a pencil. When they had built their boat, they got to put it on the water and follow it along the river.

When everyone was back to the start, we talked more about water. We also played some games, before the children had to go back to school. All the classes enjoyed their day, and the teachers and volunteers enjoyed it too. We are looking forward to the next field trip.



## PT-TRAINING



The project is called Pomoja Tuwalee (together we can care), and is founded by USAID through AFRICARE. The project focuses on vulnerability and assessments for households.

Training 40 community volunteers who come from 40 different villages in Mazombe and Mahenge Division in Kilolo district.

The purpose of the training was to make sure community volunteers know the questioner of which will be used to capture information from Most Vulnerable Children and their care givers, so as to know the success and failure of the project since it started.

Community volunteers were very active and motivated with the training and facilitators enjoyed very much to train them.

After the training, community volunteers were given the forms according to their numbers of Most Vulnerable Children of which makes more than seven thousands



## BIRTHDAY PARTY



Another month is here, and that means another birthday party. As always, we enjoyed it a lot. We sang birthday songs, we danced, played games, had speeches, eat cake, played a game, eat a lot of good food and had soda.

The birthday kids of this month were Judith and Lydia from the girls. From the staff, we had Yusuph Lyandala, Thobias Chengula, Atilio Mbungu, Doreen Nimrod, Tulia Mkwama, Isaya Lyandala, Justine Mhanga, Tamari Moto, Beatrice Tenywa and Michael Mpogole. All together there were 12 birthday kids, but only 7 were able to attend the party. Even though, we celebrated all of you!

The birthday started in the dark, since there were no electrician, but that didn't stop us from having a good time. After a little while, the light came back and we continued to enjoy. As last time we played the dancing game, and the winner this time was Beatrice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAD HIS OR HER BIRTHDAY IN  
MAY!



## SENIOR MEETING



On the last Saturday of May, 29<sup>th</sup>, we had our monthly senior meeting in the IOP library. This time the theme was 'childhood memories'. The elders were asked to tell a story they remembered from their childhood and the stories were recorded, so we will be able to remember the history of the people here in the Ilula area.

Most of them were eager to share the stories with us and that reminds us that we should never stop to ask the elders for their wisdom and experience, because they are so willing to share all that knowledge.

Besides the storytelling we also had other activities that we have done before. One of them were playing Yazzi. Different from the last time we played this game, was that we had gotten to make bigger dices. That makes it easier for the elders to see what number they role, since not all of them have the best sight anymore.

The other thing we did, that was a success as always, were a quiz. As before, they were given to sheets of paper, one for "yes", and one for "no", so when they were asked a question, they would answer by raising one of the sheets of paper. It was a lot of fun.

As usual we concluded the meeting with a meal at the IOP Center. It is always nice to end the meetings by sharing a meal together.

Again it was a nice gathering and the elders seemed to enjoy themselves also this time. The next meeting will be on the last Saturday of June and we are all looking forward to that! On that meeting, all the elders will get a medical check up by someone from Ilula Lutheran Hospital.

## WELCOME BACK CFC



On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, we had a welcome home party for Jane, Tamari and Furaha. Jane and Furaha were participants in the exchange program, Communication for Change. Tamari was a participant last year, and got the opportunity to come back as a volunteer this year. All three of them have been staying in Norway since January, and they have been living at Sunnmøre Folk High School (SUFH).

Together with the girls, two students from Norway arrived with them, Oda and Maria. Maria was here in November on SUFHs school trip to Ilula, and after doing a lot of fundraising for Ilula YWCA and IOP during their school year, Maria wanted to come back, and Oda wanted to visit the this place.

The party contained of welcome back speeches from Belina, Justine and Atilio. Tamari, Furaha, Jane, Oda and Maria also got to say some words. The girls sang some songs, and we also sang songs together. At the end, we all shared a lovely meal, before we ended the night together.

We are so happy to have our sisters back, and that Maria and Oda came with them. We wish you luck with the evaluation period, and we are looking forward hearing about your experiences. We also want to congratulate Tamari, for the offer to be a volunteer for another year. We are very proud of you!

We are also very exited to get to know who will be next years Communication for Change participants from Ilula.

## INITIATIVES

### 1. Do you have some OLD PIECES OF FABRIC that you do not know what to do with?

They would be very useful for our girls HERE at IOP CENTER! They could be used to create covers for our old chairs. Please send us your old pieces of fabric!

### 2. 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)
- 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.

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