

## ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM



*Welcome to the 2017 ninth IOP Newsletter, October 2017*

### BLOCK AND PAVING MACHINE

IOP got a block and paving machine as a result of the support from Ueland family and friends in Norway. The machine is producing the high quality blocks and paving blocks which are highly needed in construction activities.

The benefits of the machine extends to the community as well.

With the machine, IOP has provided an employment to 8 daily workers working with this machine. The acquired income goes back to their families and makes a difference. Those employees enjoy the benefit of the work as they have an opportunity to earn up to 6\$ per day. This is one of the rare income the majority can afford in our area and the employed people, form part of the big community that has no formal employment and less than 1USD income per day.

IOP aims at making some projects self-supporting. The presence of the block making project, IOP vehicles/tractors, are able to receive income through supply of sand, loading and unloading of blocks and paving together with materials at the machine center and the rest of IOP projects. When sold, the blocks and paving blocks give an income to IOP as well. In that way, IOP is generating income from which will eventually assist with some important activities aiming at improving the lives of the community members.

IOP has different ongoing construction works. The machine has enabled IOP reduce costs through buying blocks from other suppliers. IOP Montessori primary school, for instance, has bought paving blocks and



wall making blocks from the machine. This is an important advantage of having its own machine. The machine makes IOP control the quality, quantity and time in making the construction materials.

IOP thanks all individuals and families for overseeing what IOP can do to the community, advising and offering a possible sustaining income to the different families who do not have reliable jobs/source of income.



Photos (above): Sunflower Primary school built using the blocks

## Volunteers from Norway and Denmark

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, IOP received 5 people from Norway (Ingunn Blauenfeldt- IOP Norway chairperson and Lars Ivar, Kari Gundlesbay – a very old scout woman from Norway and she is among of the first sponsors during the start of IOP, Alf and Kirsten Vesterhus, board members and founders of IOP Norway/Haavard Education Fund which supports needy children in Tanzania. The 4<sup>th</sup> of October, Elsbeth Dokmo, IOP Norway Board Member, arrived as well. We thank her for being actively involved in different IOP activities.

They come together with Lene Goebel a chairperson in IOP Denmark who came together with her mother Susane Thorsen . They all come to visit and seeing what IOP is doing.

IOP was pleased to see them being part of the big family coming together in IOP Tanzania. We thank all of them for their intensive work for IOP. IOP Tanzania is serving the community with great love from all people who commit their resources for life-changing programs in Tanzania. The future of many orphans, youth and young women will be improved because of the volunteers' works.



## GRADUATION AT THE LORDS HILL HIGH SCHOOL



October 12, 2017 was one of the best days for the 45 Lord's Hill Secondary School students and the parents whose children were having the form four graduation. This was the third graduation for the school.

The parents, teachers and many others joined together to celebrate this special and joyful event for our students who had been at the school for four years. We were happy to see that some of our IOP Committee members and Leaders join the graduation. The event was witnessed by Ingunn from IOP Norway, Joke and Klaas from IOP Netherlands. They witnessed what it meant for the children to be in a school which commits itself to offer the better education.

This important and special event, was officially done for the first time in the IOP Examination Hall. Though there are few things to make the hall into maximum utilization, that day made the new feeling to the entire population that formed part of the event.

The celebration was funny and everyone enjoyed to hear the attractive songs, dance, drumming and plays with different themes aiming at making the graduating and remaining students see their responsibilities in making positive contribution to the community.

The graduating students were given certificates and, soon after the graduation, they started intensive final preparation for the final National Examination which started on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Headmaster, Guest of Honor, School Manager and the IOP Managing Director wished the student the best final preparation for exams and successes in the exams. IOP thanked the parents and guardians who brought their children at the school and the different sponsors who took part in making sure that the



school's examination hall was completed. Their donations and support are highly appreciated. God bless them!

## **SUFH VISIT AT IOP TANZANIA**



Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, the 'Global Safari' group from Sunnmøre Folkehøgskole (SUFH) came to visit IOP. We had a great welcome party with speeches, food, songs and dance. After a good night's sleep, the 35 guests were welcomed to a youth discussion with the Boy Scouts and Girl guides of the local secondary schools. They were discussing gender roles, school experience and the differences and similarities between life as youth in Norway and Tanzania. The discussion was a great success for both the visitors and locals. They got the opportunity to understand each other's cultural backgrounds, and broaden their views and perspectives on the relevant issues. After a meeting with the youth, the SUFH group took part in the senior club's weekly meetings at the library. 6 of the seniors were welcomed to present their views on society today, and their histories. Some SUFH students talked about the way elders are treated in Norway and the difference they noticed on how they are treated in Tanzania.

The Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, was filled with cultural appreciation, experiences and immersion into a vastly different way of living through a visit to the Masaii tribe in Mtandika. There was a church service, dancing, inquiries on different issues and dressing up in their traditional costumes.

During their stay, among many things the students were involved in, included football match, games and funny games with the girls and employees. They all visited different projects and activities conducted by IOP including the Kids' Corner Preschool and Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania, Young Mothers, Village Community Bank, Family Visits(Foster Homes) and SUFH House. The students displayed their strongest memories and appreciations on different visits to different areas. The different open discussions and debates broadened their experience and impressions about the African culture which then increased their understanding about Africa and Tanzania in particular.

Berit Skaare, the IOP founder, presented her journey of starting IOP, and talked about some of her strongest memories from these 2 last decades. The students were delighted about different issues which Berit told them and really, gave a great knowledge about IOP and its roles to the community.

The visits in the African families proved to be a great success, as the SUFH students got to really experience how a typical Tanzanian family lives. The SUFH-stay at IOP was concluded with a grand good-bye party on Thursday evening. There was fundraising for Farm For Future (for planting trees), and the usual singing and dancing both from the girls, staff, and from the visitors' side.

IOP appreciates the SUFH team for being our partners in making poverty a history. We believe, through them and all IOP supporters, we will see no poverty and life will be of wider choice to the future generations. May God bless them all for coming to us, after a historic visit by the SUFH Board and Staff in May this year!



## CONTACT INFORMATION

IOP has over **90 children** in the waiting list for **sponsorship**.  
School year starts in **January 2018**!  
If you would like to get more information about projects  
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