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Dear IOP family, we would love to welcome you reading the events that happened in the month of July 2018.

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SINGLE YOUNG MOTHERS TRIP

On Tuesday 3rd of July 2018 Emilie Wilhelmsen (Volunteer) and Lynnchristine Isote arranged a trip for the Single Young Mothers group. The trip was funded by Ingrid and Emilies project in Norway. When the program first started in 2016, Emilie took the first group on a trip to Iringa town. Last year both Ingrid and Emilie took the first and second group of young mothers to visit Matumaini Center. This year they went to Isimila Stone age and it was another wonderful trip. Most of the young mothers had babysitters or their children were in school, so it was nice to see them be youth again and not only Young Mothers. There were around 8 mothers who didn't have babysitters, but then everyone else helped to carry their children, so they also got some time off to enjoy the trip as youth.

The young mothers started the trip in the Isimila museum to get some history of the place. After that they continued with the long walk. There were many photos that were taken, a lot of good stories were told along the way, a lot of laughter, smiles that made all of them to enjoy.

After the trip in Isimila, the young mothers took the bus to Iringa town where they all enjoyed a wonderful meal together. They got chips, chicken and soda. As well as got time to play at the playground at Gentle Hills Hotel, where both children, but mostly the mothers, played. It was a really good day, and hope it will be possible to have a new trip next year.



WELCOME PARTY

On the 17th of July there was a big party at IOP Center. It was a party to welcome all volunteers and also to say goodbye to one. By this time we had volunteers mostly from Italy, Netherland, Luxembourg, Finland and Norway. That was a good thing having a person from different countries which as it gives out an opportunity of sharing and learning from each other.

The center girls sang welcome songs to welcome the volunteers and they gave out a welcome and goodbye speech too. We also got song and dance from IOP staff. All the volunteers got the time to speak and staff got to welcome everyone. It was a party for volunteers, something that was much appreciated. After a lot of songs and even more dance, we all shared a meal together with a lot of amazing food, soda and a lot of happy people.



The left photo is Anne Ferwerda from the Netherlands & right photo are volunteers from Italy

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On the 21st of July we had a big birthday party for all the people who had their birthday in June and July. Among the girls we celebrated Prisca, Violeth M, Gloria, Neema, Anna and Renatha, and we also celebrated Deborah who was not at the center when they celebrated the March birthdays. Among the staff that attended the birthday party, we celebrated Slobodan and Marco Mahuvi. We also celebrated Chiara and Ingrid from the volunteers.

We started with singing for all of them, then we sang for each of them and they all got to sing their age as reply. We had cake ceremony, where all the birthday girls and boys got to give cake to 3 people of their own choice. After that everyone got the chance to wish them happy birthday, and to give gifts and cards if one had to give.

We had a lot of dance and singing. Also the girls from Sollerud and Sunflower had a song of their own to show. Before closing the party, we ate a lot of good food, drank soda and enjoyed each other's company

Cake time for birthday persons



KNITTING TRAINING



From the 23rd up to the 27th of July Ingrid and Emilie arranged a knitting week for all three groups of Young Mothers, founded by their project. Last year Ingrid arranged this week through their project for the second group, and since it was so successful they wanted to repeat it this year.

Like last year, Ingrid's friend Hawa came from Dar es Salaam to teach the girls. She already knew some of them before so it was also a nice reunion.

The first day, the young mothers learned to make hairbands with flowers on them, they also learned how to make poncho during the week and also how to knit

blankets. Some even learned how to make a teddy bear. In addition to knitting, Hawa also thought them about business. Some of the girls from the second group have already started to tell their project and we hope more will continue with this.

The whole week the mothers all got breakfast and lunch. It was especially nice the last day when we all enjoyed chips, chicken and soda together. We enjoyed every day together and we thank Hawa so much for coming.

We also want to thank Anne-Marie from Norway, who contributed to Ingrid and Emilie's project and therefore paid for all the yarns brought by Hawa from Dar es Salaam and also for breakfast every morning.



Left photo: Hairbands made by young mothers. Right photo: Hawa (Teacher who conducted Knitting training)

SCOUT MOTTO: "BE PREPARED"

From the 23rd up to the 29th of July 2018, a Tanzanian-Luxembourgish scout's camp took place at IOPs



football ground. This international meeting, which symbolizes a true friendship between the Luxembourgish and Tanzanian Scouts, finds its origins in the first venue of the Luxembourgish scouts back in August 2015.

3 years ago the Luxembourgish scouts first came to visit us and left with a huge recognition within our community thanks to the blackboards they painted in the public schools.

Having done such a remarkable work back in 2015, 2 years later the community asked for them to come back (April 2017) but this time to focus more on scouting and organizing a "*Scout's leader training*". Realizing that despite our cultural differences, we nonetheless shared the same values, we understood that one of the many different ways of implementing the values we believe in is through scouting and by creating a scout program here in Ilula.

Leadership training was therefore prepared in April 2017 and 1 year later a big camp was organized with 11 Scouts leaders from Luxembourg (FNEL-Scouts and Guides) and 49 Tanzanian scouts acting as ambassadors for their respective schools aged between 15 and 23 years.

During one week, the scout's representatives from different schools in Kilolo district have been taught many different things. Several activities were offered such as general scouting, scouting through the ages, international scouting, first aid training, hygiene knowledge, but also how to create their own solar flashlight using plastic bottles (environmental awareness through recycling). The solar project was especially important, due to the fact that this knowledge should find its way to the local community. Next to the specific activities with the young scouts, the FNEL members also did some community work by harvesting maize, but also by visiting the local families in Ilula.

While the Luxembourgish scouts went away and visited community members, the Tanzanian scouts did some maintenance work at IOP center, like for example repainting the roof and/or helping the kitchen staff. Even if the Luxembourgish scouts mostly took the lead during the daily workshops, they nevertheless learned a lot from the Tanzanian youth like singing and dancing as well as new games. Despite being from different countries and having different backgrounds, they shared the same values as scouts and had a real exchange of knowledge.

Furthermore, on Saturday, the 28th of July, it was a really crowded day with 70 cub scouts who came to visit and participating in different activities which have been organized during the whole camp.

All of these elements explain why the camp drew a lot of attention on a national level.

Moreover on the final day of the camp, we were honored by the presence of the regional and national headquarters of Tanzanian scouts association namely **Mr. NGUMA Frederick Peter** (Tanzania scouts association international commissioner), **Mr. MASOUD Juma** (Tanzania scouts association registration and warrant commissioner), **Mr. SICHONE John** (Iringa regional commissioner) and **Mr. MAMWINGA Filemon** (Kilolo district scouts commissioner).

At the end of the camp, every single Tanzanian scout's participant has been given a certificate and a big goodbye party closed this international scout camp.



GROUPS WELCOME PARTY

The month of July was closed up by receiving two groups of volunteers. IOP received 20 volunteers from the Netherlands and Belgium (Youth group from Volunteers World Wide in the Netherlands and 19 volunteers (Team Ueland) from Norway). In this day Berit Skaare came back home after her 4 months holiday outside Tanzania. The staff, girls and volunteers gathered outside the gate during the arrival time of these groups. Staff, girls and volunteers made cycle and sang welcome songs and dance. There after followed by a big party at the yard where by the staff and girls gave out welcome words to the groups. Berit got a chance of saying hello to girls, staff and all volunteers. At the end we all got delicious food and sodas. The party was very nice and everyone enjoyed especially for volunteers came for the first time who keeps on asking (is it how IOP do to guests). It was a very nice experience to them.



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