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Dear family and friends, we would love sharing you the events that happened at IOP in the month of December 2020.

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### **TANZANIA SCOUTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Tanzania Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa has underlined the importance of inculcating patriotism among the youth and strengthening defense and security from the grassroots level. The Prime Minister made the remarks when opening three days Annual General meeting of Tanzania Scouts Association (TSA) held in Dodoma on 10/12/2020. Hon. Majaliwa used the occasion to direct all Regional and District Commissioners to make sure that they have clear statistics of the



number of scouts in their area. According to Hon. Kassim Majaliwa, Scouts had a major role to play in intensifying massive education campaigns on patriotism, unity, defense, and security in the country.

*"I request that even when the government decides to recruit youth in National service, they should reconsider prioritizing our youths in scout because they are well trained in patriotism and faithfulness for their nation, pleaded Chief Scout Mwantumu Mahiza".*

All Regional and District Scout Commissioners from all over Tanzania attended the meeting. From Ilula Orphan Program, Doreen Nimrod: the Ilula Girl Guides and Scouts Secretary and Kilolo District Scout Commissioner attended the General Assembly meeting, where she was awarded two beads, and she was officially wood berge holder.

### SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY



On December 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Senior citizen of Ilula gathered at IOP Center for the Christmas party. The senior club committee arranged the transport in order to pick the elders from their respective homes. A nice program including Christmas word, musical game and bingo coloured the party. The elders listened to the letter written by Berit Skaare who is in USA. The letter explained the situation of Corona Virus in USA. They got a

delicious meal together. After the party, they all got the Christmas presents and the food coupon that will allow them to take food/anything at IOP shop. They were very thankful for the Christmas gifts they were given! They send a lot thanks to donors and supporters of this club.



They really appreciated the senior club meetings. They suggested that next year if possible; they could learn about small economic activities that could help them earn income as they are old, and they cannot engage in hard activities. In addition, they wish to learn nutrition and diet for elders.

## COVID -19 SUPPORT



rice, cooking oil and sugar. There are other schools like Mlafu and Isagwa primary schools that got food supplies



IOP though the support from Christian Solidarity International – Luxembourg; has managed to distribute food in various schools in Ilula, Mlafu and Irole wards. It is the continuation of several supports that IOP has been receiving from CSI. The schools in Mlafu, Ilula and Irole wards are receiving the food support in order to reduce the severity of the effects caused by COVID- 19. The schools got food supplies like maize, wheat flower, beans, and hand washing soap together with hand cleansing. Special thanks to Christian Solidarity International – Luxembourg for supporting the Ilula Orphan Program and the community of Ilula – Tanzania.



## GRADUATION AT SOLLERUD KINDEGARTEN TANZANIA AND KIDS CORNER

In December 2020, there were two graduations in IOP schools. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, there was a 16<sup>th</sup>, graduation ceremony at IOP Kids Corner that was held at Kiwohede hall. Deogratias Mlawa was guest of honor who was represented by Alice Ngimbudzi, the head teacher of Sunflower Pre and Primary school. 33 (17M, 16F) graduates expect to join standard one in primary education in different schools. On this day, the kids sang different songs and especially the graduates were



looking beautiful and happy! The school head teacher read a speech, thanking all supporters who are supporting the school and welcomed more supporters to continue supporting the school in solving challenges facing the school such as lack of fence and classrooms.



On December 17<sup>th</sup>, there was a 5<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony held at Sollerud Kindergarten (Tanzania) where 41 kids (24F & 17M) were graduates. The Member of Parliament-Kilolo Constituency Steven Nyamwoga was the Guest of Honor attended the graduation, together with the IOP Managing Director, parents, kids and other invited guests. Sunflower primary school team was also part of invited guests. The graduation was good as kids showed their ability in counting, reading and talent in acting and singing. The guest of honor in his speech congratulated IOP for doing good work in Kilolo District. He insisted IOP to continue investing in good academic infrastructure because in Kilolo District IOP is doing the best! He promised to try find out how he can help IOP schools to connect to the water system from **IRUWASA** (Iringa Urban Water Supply). At the end, he thanked the IOP Managing Director for the good education system and he promised to be a good ambassador of our schools and the services we provide.

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## GIRLS TRIP TO ASAS DAIRIES LTD.



On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the IOP Center girls had a trip to ASAS Dairies LTD whereby the journey started at 8:30am with the escort from matron\_ a nanny, head of department, one cook and one housekeeper. They arrived at the industry at 9:45 am safely. The trip was very good and enjoyable where by the girls had a chance to see and learn how milk and yoghurt are processed up to the final stage. The girls also had a chance to meet with the ASAS Dairies Managing Director and some other workers whereby the girls sung Christmas songs for them! The Managing director gave a ten thousands shillings to each girl as a present, and he also promised to bring 100 kg of rice, two goats and yoghurts as a Christmas gift.



While there, everyone got some yoghurts and the girls were very happy having yoghurts! After the tour around 12:00, they left ASAS Dairies LTD and went to Gentle Hills Hotel for lunch. They spent some time at the hotel while girls were playing. At the end, they took the bus back at IOP center safely.



## GIRLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



IOP Center has a tradition of having a Christmas party for girls every year. This year the party was done on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at IOP Center. The girls together with United Methodist Church members and some staff members celebrated together. Girls had time to sing

Christmas songs and drama. There was also cake where by pastor Upendo from the Ilula United Methodist Church gave a potion to everyone who participated in the party combined with a word of Christmas wish. In addition, girls had the Christmas gifts from IOP

whereby  
each girl  
received



1kg of rice and a bar soap. After the party, they all had dinner in the hall. The girls and United Methodist Church members enjoyed a lot and everyone was very happy!

## IOP STAFF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, around 03:00 pm, IOP staff gathered in IOP hall for Christmas greetings.



relation to the gifts arranged in the hall. Each staff got a decorated green pocket with gifts inside and the food coupon. It was a day whereby each staff knew his/her secret friend after four weeks of giving and receiving gifts



from a secret friend in a secret way! All staff



were happy, thanked supporters who gave IOP staff Christmas presents and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy new year 2021.

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