



UPDATE FROM DODOMA Tanzania



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There has been a lot happening since my last update and it is an exciting and encouraging time for me as things are starting to come together finally, and suddenly. Praise the Lord!

Our new school project is progressing well. After our contractor died suddenly in April his two brothers took over the company, and our contract. Thankfully they have been very cooperative and although the progress was slow to start with, it's going very well now. The roof and ceiling are on both classroom blocks, the wiring is done, the door frames are in, the window bars are installed, and the ceilings and walls have all been skimmed. The sleeping accommodation for the sewing vocational training centre is complete and ready for the girls to arrive for our first sewing course, starting on Monday 27th August, God willing.



The 12 girls interviewed and selected for the course have all visited the VTC, with a parent, and completed registration. The syllabus has been well prepared and is quite intense. We are blessed to have been introduced to Andrew, who has agreed to be our course tutor. He told us that he has dreamed of teaching for a long time. He has some previous experience teaching students but on a much smaller scale, and he feels that this opportunity is an answer to his prayers. He seems to be very competent and is very excited and passionate about his trade and running our centre.

Through a friend I was introduced to Vumilia, who has agreed to be our House Matron. She is a mature lady with a grown family of her own, and whilst I am confident that she will not tolerate any nonsense, she appears to be a kind and caring woman who will make sure the girls are safe and well cared for, at the same time as teaching them independence and self-reliance skills. These are big projects and require a lot of resources; please pray for both the academic and vocational streams in the Kids4school Academy.



As well as our contractor, we have two builders (Sospeter and Dominic) that we trust, and use for other projects. Sospeter has committed to work full time constructing water tanks. He has just completed another two which have been officially handed over to the schools and will provide hundreds of children with safe drinking water once the rain comes. Dominic is managing the building of a wall around the special needs dorms at Hombolo, to keep the children safe. Unfortunately Dominic was involved in a head on motor bike collision at the start of this week. He has now been discharged from hospital and is doing well, however it will be some weeks before he is able to work again. Thankfully his team is continuing the work, but please pray for his full recovery.

Winter (June, July, August – we're in the Southern Hemisphere) is a very busy time for us as this is when most of our visitors come. We had the pleasure of hosting our friends Chip (Chip Woods Photography) and Tribute Quartet, a Southern Gospel singing group from America for one week in June. They all support the work of Kids4school, and came to see first hand what we're doing and what we're all about. John and Grace were back again this year for their usual 10 week term, and brought a few visitors with them for a couple of weeks. We had three work and witness teams out this year, the last of which just left on Thursday. There has been a lot done during this time and we thank God for travelling mercies to and from Tanzania, and during our many journeys over the very rough roads out to the villages.

The teams spent their time transforming many classrooms, brightening up some very dirty and dreary rooms, and painted murals in the Standard one, two and three classrooms. They held kids bible clubs, spreading the love of Jesus to over a thousand children across seven schools. There were two football tournaments which brought great excitement, and hundreds of gifts of bubbles, balloons, balls, sweets, etc were distributed. Many people were able to meet their sponsored child, which is a very special thing, and everyone had an amazing time!



I know there are many people praying for the work of Kids4school in Tanzania, and for me personally, and I want to say thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers. It means so much! At the minute I am back in that stressful place of reapplying for work and residence permits, and lately I've become very aware of the magnitude and frustration caused by the cultural differences, which I am finding hard to deal with. However, I feel the Lord is using these difficult times to teach me how to depend on him, and I am grateful for his unending love and promises.

"The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does" Psalm 145:13b

Mungu ni mwema! Mbarikiwe.
God is good! Blessings.

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