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Updates on the work in Tanzania



Food for Thought

Alternative Gifts Ministry



During the run up to Christmas 2016, lots of our supporters took advantage of the Alternative Gift program helping to give the children some much needed and appreciated supplies. Some of the items on the list such as a blanket & pillow for £11 or a mattress at just £20, would never have been financially accessible to our children. These gifts have caused much excitement for the children and their families when these items were delivered.

A very popular item from this year's list was the Swahili Bible costing only £7. This gift benefits the whole family, giving them access to God's word in their native tongue. Although this program is mainly used at Christmas, all of these items can be accessed all year round and our gift certificates can be amended to suit your gift requirements. So if you have any end of term teacher's gifts, anniversaries or special birthdays coming up, why not consider helping out one of our families in Tanzania.

Tanzania is a dry, arid country where rainfall is minimal and water is hard to find, especially in the rural areas. Rains

have once again failed in Tanzania, leaving farmers with fields of dead crops and no other means of income.

Due to the shortage of maize in the country, the cost of Ugali flour has risen by almost 50% resulting in the purchasing of food being even harder for a lot of families. People are left in desperate need of extra help in order to provide for their families.

Have you heard about our 'Food for the Families' program? We can feed a family for a month for only £14.

Many families have already benefitted from this scheme and we would encourage supporters that want to give a gift to their sponsor child, to consider helping the whole family out by buying a food parcel.

Call the office for more details (028) 2827 2998

Save the Date!

Missionaries In Tanzania

John & Grace return to Tanzania in May for 11wks

Jackie is on the ground in Tanzania until December 2017

Street Collection

Saturday 6th May

Larne Street Collection – If you can spare an hour, please contact the office

Sponsored Walk

Sat 17th June

Join us for a leisurely 5 mile stroll along a beautiful scenic route and help raise funds for children in Tanzania.
Hazelbank Park, Newtownabbey
From 11am – 2pm.

Work & Witness Update

The 2017 Team's



(1st – 15th July) Gary Moore and team from lift will be heading out for a 2 week trip to Tanzania, specifically to work in Buigiri School for the Blind. This construction team will work at “improving the standards of the buildings at the school which will include roof repairs, improving or building new shower and toilet facilities, building concrete ramps and handrails, replacing broken glass in windows, levelling the landscape, creating level paths, building a playground, fixing mosquito mesh on windows and doors and lots of painting”



(16th – 30th July) A team of 8 men & women from Dungannon Presbyterian will be going out for a 2 week mission trip. They will be doing whatever needs doing out in the rural schools where we work. There will be light construction, renovations in the classrooms, food distribution, painting and a lot of fun and laughter in between



(5th – 19th August) Our own team this year will be a team of 22 people from many different Churches across Northern Ireland. This team will be visiting homes with much needed food parcels, doing Bible clubs in the Schools, painting the dorms at Hombolo School, distributing clothes, interacting with the kids and showing them the love of Christ.

We also have a small group of individuals that are giving of their own time to go out to Tanzania by themselves. They will be travelling out with John & Grace on 16th May 2017 and spending 3 weeks helping out in the Schools, visiting families with food parcels, doing general repairs at the Schools and whatever else needs done out there.

Special thanks to Sean, Heather & Evelyn McCormick and Noel & Barbara Smyth for their time and commitment to the ministry and to the Lord. Asante Sana

Prayer Dairy

March 2017 – Pray for John & Grace as they head off to Tanzania in May as short term missionaries with kids4school. Pray for protection while they are in a foreign land and for guidance in all that they do.

April 2017 – Pray for the ministry of kids4school. Pray that God will continue to direct Tom and his team to where he wants them to be and that God's name will be glorified in everything that is done both here and oversees.

May 2017 – Pray for the safety of Jackie and David Ntandu as they cover many miles every day on the roads in Tanzania: Delivering food parcels, registering children and providing practical help and support to many families across the Dodoma region of Tanzania.





Vocational Training



When our children reach Standard 7, they sit the National Examination. This exam is extremely hard to pass and therefore many children leave School with only 7 years of primary education. For many of these kids, they find work in the fields or girls will get married at a young age and start a family... and so the cycle of poverty continues.

We have identified the need for Vocational training for these students who cannot make it the academic route. We not only have our own vocational training centre where we teach sewing and welding, but have been able to enrol 7 boys onto an outside training course where they are being taught woodwork or metalwork. This facility is full board so the boys stay at the School during the week and receive 3 meals a day.

This 3 year course equips the kids with a certified qualification and certificate which can be taken and used to gain employment within this industry. Without this option for training, these children would be forgotten about and left to fend for themselves.

We are so thankful for all of the support that we receive from our donors for the Vocational Training aspect of the ministry. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of these young people.

Are you an Internet shopper?

This scheme is designed to let you shop as usual, but raise funds for your chosen charity while doing so – At no extra cost...

7 easy steps:

1. Go to easyfundraising.co.uk
2. Click into 'Support a good cause'
3. Enter 'kids4school' and hit GO
4. Go to 'Support this cause'
5. Create an account (Follow the instructions online)
6. Go into 'Search for retailer'
7. Find your appropriate store and shop as usual.



Do you like fundraising? Can you help us?

Here at kids4school, we are always looking for ways of raising funds to help the children in Tanzania. We have had different groups that have organized fun days, cake sales, sponsored runs, dance evenings and other fundraisers to raise much needed funds to continue the practical support of our kids.

If you are the type of person that enjoys organizing events, or if you would like to try this for the first time, how about putting your talents to good use and doing a fundraiser for kids4school?

We will assist you in any way we can: sponsor forms, banners, literature or posters..

The support that we can give out in Tanzania very much depends on the support that we can get here at home. Help us make a difference please ☺



These are some of our children that attend Hombolo School. These children are all blind, partially sighted or affected by Albinism. All of the children shown here require extra care, attention and support.

We have already been able to provide basic practical support for every child, giving each one a new mattress, pillow, blanket, & mosquito net... But there is so much more that they need. Over time, we hope to build a wall around the housing facilities at this school to protect them for people who may wish to harm them, especially the children affected by albinism.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19 v 14)

We affirm the following commitment to each and every person that sponsors a child through kids4school:

- We commit to honour Jesus in all that we do
- We commit to directly impact each child’s individual development. We’ve seen over and over again that what happens in the life of a child is much more significant than what happens in the environment that surrounds the child.
- We commit to use money only for the purpose for which it was raised.
- We encourage sponsors to develop meaningful relationships of encouragement with the children they sponsor.
- We commit to encourage children to respond to the gospel, to learn about Jesus and discover a lifelong relationship with God.
- We commit to being financially accountable.

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