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Updates on the work in Tanzania



## Academy Update



The Academy site has progressed very well over the past few months. What was once just plans on paper and freshly dug foundations are becoming buildings for teaching and learning; we can now see everything coming together. The builder that we had been using was getting on well but unfortunately he suffered a heart attack and passed away so this left our building work at a standstill for a short time. It wasn't long before our Director, Tom, boarded a plane to Tanzania for a three month stay to oversee the continuance of the building work at the academy.

We have two Vocational Training units completed and a third almost completed. Each unit will facilitate two different courses and enable children who cannot make it the Academic route to be taught a trade, gain qualifications and hopefully go on to find employment to provide for their family. We have also provided purpose built housing behind the VTC for students who live quite far from the site. Travel every day can be quite expensive so this will enable the young adults to board at the School during the week and return home at the weekend. We are very excited to say that our first students will commence their studies in August 2018.

Our Administration block is now complete and the Primary School is currently being roofed. Each block of the Primary School will have two classrooms with a small store in between and toilets are also in place. We hope to begin our kindergarten class in January 2019.

### Save the Date!

#### Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 in Hazelbank Park, N'abbey @ 11am. All friends welcome, including 4 legged ones

#### Street Collection

We will be out in Larne on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 collecting on the Main Street. Please come along if you can spare an hour

#### Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service is on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec in Donegal Road Methodist Church @ 3pm. Please come along and join us celebrate with Bible readings, Carols and a cup of tea.





## US update Tribute Quartet partners with kids4school

Tribute Quartet is one of the leading Southern Gospel Music Quartets in America today. With several industry awards and chart-topping songs, Tribute’s music continues to bless and inspire their many supporters as well as regularly attracting the attention of new fans.

Tribute travelled to Northern Ireland and held a charity concert on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 in Glenmachan Church of God. This concert was attended by hundreds of both old and new fans and raised funds for the ongoing work of kids4school. The quartet, along with photographer Chip Woods then travelled to Tanzania to see firsthand the work being done by kids4school. They spent an exciting nine days visiting schools, delivering food parcels, singing for the kids and having a truly life changing experience.

The aim of this trip was to give exposure to the guys; a flavor of Tanzanian life so they could have firsthand experience as to the poverty and extreme need there. Having witnessed the way of life and the measures kids4school have and are continuing to put in place, they returned to the States as ambassadors for kids4school; helping to raise awareness of the charity and promote what we strive to do in Jesus’ name.

We are so grateful for the love and support of Tribute Quartet & Chip. Five young men, leaving their homeland and travelling to an unfamiliar, poverty stricken country to help those that are not as well off as we are; sharing and showing God’s love to every person that they met. Whether we are speaking the Gospel or singing it, we have a duty to proclaim the good news to the world.

### Mark 16 v 15 King James Version (KJV)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”



### Memphis Quartet Show

Tribute Quartet (pictured left) and Tom & Margaret (pictured right) at the kids4school booth in Memphis Tennessee.



# Prayer Request for two special children

These 2 boys are registered on our program at Hombolo Special School. Two regular boys, super bright, very loving and most definitely full of beans. They board at the school and return home on the school holidays. These two boys are also affected by Albinism. They have very pale skin and are partially sighted.

Children with albinism in rural areas are exposed to high levels of ultraviolet light without the adequate protective gear resulting in skin damage. Unfortunately we have been informed that Ally and Sebastian have skin cancer and are in need of surgery. Due to the generosity of a group of church leaders, we have been able to organise the treatment for these two boys. They will make the long nine hour bus journey to Moshi where they will undergo some tests and have the necessary surgery to remove all of the cancerous cells from their lips. A teacher will accompany them for this and will ensure that they are kept safe and protected throughout.

We love our children, especially those that need that extra special help and we ask that you pray for Ally and Sebastian as they embark on this frightening journey together. Sebastian is thirteen years old and Ally is only six.



Keep Jackie in your prayers as she resides permanently in Tanzania overseeing administration, the preparation work for our academy, organising food deliveries and much, much more. Her work day is long, tiring and sometimes frustrating, but she loves what she does and feels blessed to be able to do God's work.



John & Grace have travelled to Tanzania once again this year, giving their free time to the work of kids4school. We are so blessed to have such a willing and faithful couple who go every year to oversee projects for us. Their time and commitment over the years has been invaluable and we appreciate all that they do. Remember them in your Prayers too.

## Prayer Dairy

**July 2018** – Pray for our three Mission teams that will each spend two weeks out in Tanzania. Pray for safety, compassion and for the many children that they will reach with the Gospel through Bible clubs out at the Schools.

**August 2018** – Pray for our Vocational Training Unit as it opens its doors to students for the first time. Pray that everything goes smoothly and that no sets backs occur.

**Sept 2018** – Pray for the kids4school staff, both here in Northern Ireland and also in Tanzania. Pray for Guidance and wisdom when planning for the future and that through every thing that is done, God will be glorified.





# Container Ministry



Yes, you are reading correctly – we are in the process of arranging another container to go to Tanzania. We have not sent a container for a while due to the cost of high import duties, but as we have been accumulating quite a lot of stock we have made the decision to go ahead and send one.

We are also taking this opportunity to appeal for certain items that will be put to good use at our Academy in Dodoma; things that cannot be purchased in Tanzania but will benefit our children greatly.

Items required:

- Good hand tools to use in our VTC – woodwork / metal work etc
- Treadle sewing machines to teach sewing in the VTC
- Good quality toys / wooden train sets / plastic animals for our kindergarten class

If you have anything that you would like to donate, you can drop it off at our offices on York Street and we will get it shipped across. For larger items that may require collection, please give the office a call on 028 2827 2998. Thank you very much for your continued support.



The pictured water tanks are truly life saving for the children of Tanzania. These tanks collect and store rain water, providing safe drinking water for all of the children at the school. Due to the generosity of many supporters, churches and individuals, we have been able to build numerous tanks at schools where there is no other source of water. Our builder is kept very busy with these as no sooner is one completed, but we receive funds to build another one – Isn't God good? His blessing never ceases to amaze us and we thank you for your generosity.

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 impacting 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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