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Updates on the work in Tanzania



The waiting is over ...



We were delighted to welcome our first three students to the kids4school Kindergarten on the 15th January 2019. The kindergarten is part of the first phase at the Academy and I know many have followed the progress of the building work with anticipation, waiting for the very first students. Alex, Grace and Jordan, along with their two teachers have already formed a strong bond together and the children are so excited to be at School for the very first time. We were so grateful to the 3 supporters who financed the outside playground equipment for the children. Without their generosity, the children would have no stimulation at all outside of the classroom. Thank you to everyone involved.



Save the Date!

Street Collection

We will be out on Larne Main Street on Saturday 13th April with collection boxes and would really love it if you could come along to help us. Just an hour would be a great help

Sponsored Walk

Our Annual Sponsored Walk will be on Saturday 14th September at 11am in Hazelbank Park. Walk, run, cycle or even scooter the 5 mile round trip and then enjoy a lovely BBQ at the finish line.

Carol Service

We will be out on Larne Main Street on Saturday 5th October with collection boxes and would really love it if you could come along to help us. Just an hour would be a great help





Chip Woods

Missionary to Tanzania with kids4school

Chip first travelled to Tanzania in 2018 with the American Southern Gospel group, Tribute Quartet. Within a matter of days of being there, he had fallen in love with the people and the country of Tanzania. When it was time to return to the States, it was with a heavy heart and the hope that one day he would return to this beautiful country.

The passion and love that Chip felt for Tanzania was very strong and even though he threw himself back to his teaching career and tried to carry on in his day to day life, he still felt drawn back to Africa. He began to feel a need to go back and before long he knew for sure that God was calling him to 'go'.

Chip left his job, country, family and friends in December 2018 and travelled to Tanzania, East Africa to work alongside kids4school as a volunteer Missionary. With his background in teaching he will be able to assist in our Academy, with his love and ability in photography he will be able to provide footage required for the ministry and with his love of our Lord and Saviour he will be able to share the Gospel with the children and adults of Tanzania.

"let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18

We are so thankful for Chip and his obedience to God's calling in his life. Pray for him as he begins this exciting chapter in his life. He will work alongside Jackie until September but after that he will be alone so please remember him in your Prayers. Different cultures often brings different problems and he may have 'the lonely days' and the 'I can't do this' days but then he will also have the good days when he can see the fruits of his labour and see how God is working in Tanzania through him.



Eye Testing at Nzasa B

We have been very privileged to make connections with a team from Minnesota that travel to Tanzania specifically to work with an eye clinic in Dodoma. Last year they partnered up with kids4school and we were able to get a number of students with eye problems checked out.

This year the team returned to Tanzania, led by American Optometrists Chuck Yancey and Steve Grosser, and once again partnered with kids4school. The team travelled out to one of the rural Schools where we work called Nzasa B. Students, teachers and even parents arrived at the School to get their eyes tested. Simple eye tests were conducted at the School then around twenty-two children were transported into Dodoma for more extensive testing. Many of these children did require assistance and were supplied with a pair of glasses.



Keep Jackie in your prayers as she works alongside the newest member of the Tanzanian team, Chip. She will be handing over the wonderful work that she has been doing for him to continue and will be making preparations for her permanent return to Northern Ireland in September 2019. Tanzania will have been her home for 3½ years so remember her in Prayer.



'King of Heaven, we will answer the call,

We will follow, bringing hope to the world,

Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus' name'



John & Grace will be travelling to Tanzania again on 22nd May this year to work with kids4school for just over 8 weeks. Every year they travel out to oversee building work, help with administration and re-registration of children, deliver food parcels and much, much more. The McCullagh's are very dear friends and supporters of kids4school and we appreciate all that they do to support the children of Tanzania and the Ministry.

Points for Prayer

- The team in Tanzania – Jackie, Chip, David & Consolata
- The team in the UK – Tom, Joanne, Sarah, Chloe, Jamie & Matthew
- John & Grace McCullagh as they travel to Tanzania for 8 weeks
- Joanne, Jamie, David & Jordan as they travel to Tanzania in June for 4 weeks
- The 2019 Mission team as they leave for Tanzania on 14th July
- Our Director, Tom, as he travels across the country sharing the work of kids4school
- The protection of our children in Tanzania, their educational and spiritual wellbeing in these difficult days.





A very generous supporter sent in a £100 donation at Christmas time to be used specifically to support girls in Tanzania. The decision was made to purchase and provide sanitary products for girls who might need them every month. In some rural villages girls struggle to facilitate their body's natural cycle and are often left with no option but to use straw or dried cornhusks. This is not only unsanitary but also impractical, not to mention very uncomfortable.

These practical gifts were taken out to rural schools and distributed to girls of an appropriate age. Our Tanzanian administrator explained the purpose of these gifts and the way to use and dispose of them correctly. Many girls had never seen these before. Some had but could never afford to buy them. These are little things that we take for granted.

Thank you so much to this kind lady. I know the girls really appreciated your gifts.

2018 National Exam Results

Buigiri	8/9
Bwawani	21/25
Hombolo	2/8
Kitelera	2/2
Mchemwa	11/17
Nzasa	1/1

The average pass rate in a Government School is 1 in 9. One in every nine students will pass the exam and be allowed to progress into Secondary School. Our students have done remarkably well and we are so proud of them all. Those who did not pass will get the chance of going down the Vocational training route. This route teaches them a trade, provides a training certificate and enables them to hopefully get a job, providing for their families.



25 families receiving food parcels, financed by a generous supporter

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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