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Updates on the work in Tanzania



Covid-19 Update in Tanzania



With Covid-19 affecting so many countries globally, many supporters have been enquiring about their sponsor children in Tanzania; wondering if they are safe, if they have enough food, if they have ways to protect themselves and if the virus has reached Dodoma.

We were informed on 18th March that the virus had reached Dodoma. The government immediately closed all schools, Primary and Secondary, for 30 days to assess the situation. At that time people were being encouraged by the President to gather together to Pray for their country and that time they were unaware of how the virus was spreading and the extent of the situation. As soon as the Government schools closed, Kids4school closed both the Vocational Training program and the kindergarten class at our Academy to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.

The larger hotels and restaurants closed their doors but many of the smaller retailers remained open as this is the only way that they earn a living. There is no Government furlough scheme in Dodoma like we have here in the UK so if you don't work, you starve.

To date there have been around 509 cases of the virus reported and 21 deaths. I believe that these statistics will be inaccurate as many people will contract this virus, but due to lack of finances for healthcare, will recover or even die not knowing that they even had it. All healthcare and medication comes with a price tag in Tanzania; nothing is free. Here in the UK we have free healthcare, access to clean water and soap, protective equipment and financial assistance from the Government. Our children in Dodoma have none of this. They are facing this pandemic with no protection or support.

As schools are closed and children are not receiving their meal every day at school from our feeding stations; the only meal that these children are possibly getting during the day, is no longer available. Many sponsors do finance food parcels for their children's families, which is a real life-line at the minute, but there are others on our program that do not receive these.. These are the children that laid heavy on our hearts.

Smaller bags of flour for all who need it...



As our team in Tanzania continue to distribute gifts and food parcels financed by generous supporters, we felt the need to practically support the children who are not receiving monthly food parcels; the children who have no source of food at all. Although finances were not there to do this at the time, we proceeded in faith knowing that God would provide for his people. And He Did. We purchased small bags of Ugali flour, costing £4 per bag and stored them in our vehicle. As the team drove across the Dodoma region delivering, when they came across one of our families who does not receive food support, a bag of £4 flour was given to them with love.

We put this new food program onto our face book page and within an hour we had a phone call with a donation that covered the price of the bags that we purchased. God is good!

Since then we have received the finances to purchase another 190 small bags of flour that will be distributed to those who are in need during this Pandemic. We are so thankful to supporters for their generosity and in particular one of our trustees who has taken this project on as her own and has promoted this initiative extensively.



New houses for Nzasa families

Amidst these difficult and uncertain times, we have some exciting news to bring to you from Tanzania. Our Director and board of trustees decided that we would start to identify children on our sponsorship program whose houses were extremely run down and in poor condition.

Meetings took place between kids4school, village chairmen, builders & parents and two families were chosen to benefit from the first two builds. Measures were put in place to ensure that the land would remain in their possession and title deeds for the ground were obtained. This ensures safety for the families, meaning they cannot be moved on or the house cannot be sold.

These two houses are now complete and have been officially handed over to the families (who are overjoyed). You will see from the pictures the houses that the children were living in and the new house that they can now call home.

kids4school are so privileged to be in a position to finance these houses and intend building as many as finances permit. This work could not be done without the faithful giving of our generous supporters and we thank each and every person who supports the ministry. Together, we are making a difference. To God be the Glory.



We have identified 2 more of our children who are in desperate need of new housing. Building has commenced and soon 2 more families will have new homes to live in.



Pray for our team in Tanzania



Please keep David, Cousin and Consolata in your prayers as they continue to distribute gifts and food and look after our children in Tanzania. They are dedicated to the ministry and work faithfully to ensure everyone is cared for and the work is done. Each one is an asset to kids4school and we love and appreciate them dearly.



Mission Trip

5th – 19th July 2020

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Mission trip has had to be cancelled. Although things are starting to ease and borders are beginning to open, there is still just too much uncertainty around travel and the spread of this virus.

We do have 9 people who are very disappointed about this decision but we are hopeful that in 2021 we will have a team super excited about visiting Tanzania and sharing God's love to the children of Tanzania.

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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