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Updates on the work in Tanzania



Hombolo Special School



At Hombolo primary school there are 16 special needs students, 8 girls and 8 boys. One little girl, Zainabu, is physically disabled. She writes with her feet and it is remarkable what she can do despite her disabilities. She, as well as the 6 albino children are taught in the main stream class, whilst the other 9 children who are all totally or partially blind are taught in the special needs class. All of these children have now been taken onto the Kids4School program for sponsorship.

All 16 children board at school. They live in 2 sparsely furnished and decorated dorms where up until recently they didn't even have blankets and pillows.

Kids4school have now provided these as well as extra tables and chairs for their dorms and dining area, and some special equipment for Zainabu to try to help make her life a little easier and safer.

But they need so much more, especially stimulation; they have no recreational equipment or activities outside of school hours, and many of them only see or speak to their families during school holidays. When I see how little these children have, not just material things, but also comfort and love, I feel so blessed to have been raised in a loving and supportive family.

These children deserve a better childhood where they can play and laugh and have fun, and just be children.

Report by: Jackie Robinson

Save the Date!

Sponsored Walk
Sat 3rd September

This is a short 5 mile walk along a beautiful route – Everyone is welcome

Street Collection
Sat 1st October

Larne Street Collection – If you can spare an hour, please contact the office (2827 2998)

Carol Service
Sun 4th December

Our Annual service in Donegal Road Methodist Church, Belfast. 3pm.



Fundraising

As many of you know kids4school hold different fundraising events throughout the year. Two of the main events we hold are the Street Collections and our annual Sponsored Walk & BBQ.

We hold two Street Collections each year, usually in April and October. A number of our sponsors very generously give up an hour or two of their time and stand with one our collection boxes. This is a great way of raising funds but also gives us a valuable opportunity to talk to those who stop to donate and do not know what our Mission is all about.

Our Sponsored Walk & BBQ is an annual event normally held in early September and this year will be on Saturday 3rd September 2016. This will take place at Hazelbank Park, Newtownabbey. The walk will be along the Duncrue Path and back to Hazelbank again totalling 5miles. Everyone is welcome to join us for this including any four legged family members!!! This is a brilliant way of meeting fellow sponsors and the BBQ at the end always goes down a real treat!!

Gift Aid

Have you heard of Gift Aid??

- Gift Aid is an income tax relief scheme available to UK taxpayers who donate to charity
- For every £1 donated to kids4school, we as a charity can claim an extra 25p on every £1 - at no extra cost to you!
- There are no complicated forms needed to claim Gift Aid, all it takes is a signature on a declaration form

Gift Aid is a fantastic way for kids4school to raise extra funds to use on our projects in Tanzania, if this is something you would like to sign up for, just call the office on (028) 2827 2998 and we would be delighted to sort the paperwork for you.



Prayer Dairy

June 2016 – Pray that the permanent VISA comes through for Jackie so that she can return to Tanzania long term.

July 2016 – Pray for our July Work & Witness team as they head off to Tanzania on 7th July for 2 weeks. Pray that their time out there will be beneficial and that God's love is shown in everything that they do.

August – Pray for our Albino, Blind and partially sighted children in Hombolo Special School. These children face more hardships than our other children in main stream education and really need our love and support.



Vocational Training



**A day in the life
of
the kids4school
office**

Our Vocational Unit has facilitated the training of many young people who cannot progress through School academically. By teaching a trade to these kids, we are equipping them with the skills and qualifications needed to obtain employment and provide for their families. Without this facility, children are leaving School with only 7 years education, with no qualifications and the feeling of being a failure. These are bright young minds who, through no fault of their own, cannot make it the academic route. They want to learn, they want to be able to earn a wage and they want to give themselves a better future. We are in the process of building 3 new Vocational training blocks, where we will be able to offer more training in many other areas. At the moment we are teaching Sewing & Welding, and as our new premises are built we will offer woodwork, metalwork, computer studies, agriculture and other courses suitable for Tanzania life.

Each day in the office is different, however, every day we are committed to following God's example and follow His guidance.

The office is responsible for carrying out the daily administration which is required. This involves updating the database whenever our very generous supporters sponsor a child or send us a donation.

We are eager to share how God is at work within the Mission by having a representative speak at various meetings. We therefore contact various churches and groups to tell them about our Mission and offer the opportunity for a representative to attend. Perhaps you are aware of a group who invites speakers along. Please feel free to pass our information on to them. We love being able to share what we do.

There are times when we are extremely busy, for example, whenever we receive letters from the children in Tanzania. These are then forwarded to the relevant sponsors. It is great to see the pictures the children have drawn and be able to share this with our supporters.

Prayer for the Ministry is very important and every Monday morning we have a devotional time within the office, where we pray for the Ministry and for others.

On occasions, people call in to see us in the office and they are made very welcome. We love to put a name to a face. Feel free to call in and see us.

Over £400 raised already through Easy Fundraising



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.

Container Ministry

Containers are a great means for sending large, practical items for distribution in Tanzania. We have shipped 6 containers over, to date, which has included items like: School desks, chairs, furniture, paint, stationary/scholar packs, personal gifts for sponsor children, clothing, used glasses, toys, tools, sports equipment and much more. These items are distributed to the children & Schools and used where needed. We have had such a great response from supporters who have very generously donated both new and used items for the children.

When packing a container, everything needs to be well boxed and **very** well taped due to the long journey that it takes and the rough handling that they receive. Strong cardboard boxes are always hard to find, so if anyone would have any spare, we would be so grateful for these. Brown parcel tape is used to secure the boxes. With over 1000 boxes, you can imagine the amount of tape we go through, so if you have any tape or boxes, drop them off at the offices and we will make great use of them ☺

The containers take between 6-8 weeks to arrive in Dar es Salaam docks. From there they are taken by lorry a further 8 hours to our base in Dodoma. Teams from Northern Ireland then unpack and store the items, ready for distribution.

By doing the containers, we are not only helping practically, but also spreading God’s word and God’s love to the children of Tanzania.



EMAIL

Do you have an email address?
You could help us save on postage if you let us know your email address – Please call the office with it and we will update our records (028) 2827 2998

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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