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Responding to the Great Commission and the need of the children of Tanzania, kids4school exists to enable them to fulfill an educational programme, to show them the love of Jesus and with God's grace help them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.

The annual sponsored walk took place on 24th September. Thirteen of our faithful supporters walked from Drains Bay on the beautiful Antrim coast to Larne and back. Approximately 9 km was covered on the route. On their return they were treated to a scrumptious BBQ prepared by Alan Saunders (August team) and his wife Debbie. To date £460 was raised. There may be more sponsorship yet to be returned. Have a look at some fun pictures from the day. Thanks to all who took part.



Kids4school Carol Service
Sunday 4 December in
Donegall Road Methodist
Church Belfast at 3.30pm



Special guests:
Whitehead Primary School Choir
ALL WELCOME

On Saturday 8th October Tom and his team left from Belfast on the third work and witness trip to Tanzania this year. It was a slightly smaller team and everyone was so excited that they did not mind the 5am start! Meet the team from left to right: Tom, Chris Lindsay, Joanne McFarlane, Jim McIlroy, Jackie Robinson, Daniel Crowe, Sharon Trueick and Norman Trueick. They worked in their schools – Gawaya, Nzasa and Kitelera and Jim and Daniel also managed to get all the electrics fitted into the new hostel. For more pictures and reports of their work check out kids4school facebook and blog pages. Trips next year are planned for May, July, August and October, in the will of God.

October 2011 Team



Tom is off to Tanzania again on 12th December. This time he is going alone but he is a man on a mission! During this trip he will be interviewing for 6 classroom assistants for three of our schools – Kitelera (2), Mchemwa (2) and Nzasa (2). The appointment of the extra staff will, we hope, make a difference to both the teachers and children, particularly those in Standard 7 who would benefit from extra tuition at exam time. We have advertised for staff that are Christian and have a reasonable grasp of the English language.

The following report of the October Trip was written by Sharon Trueick

We met at George Best Airport at 5.30 on a cold October morning filled with both apprehension and excitement about the trip ahead of us. After 37 hours travelling (including 4 flights and an 8 hour drive) we arrived at our hotel tired but looking forward to going out to the schools.



On our 1st morning we arrived at Gaway School to find that the roof was missing on 3 of the 8 classrooms. A number of the desks were broken, the classroom walls were dirty and full of holes and there were huge craters in the floors - we even found a live scorpion in one! There was so much work that needed to be done! However, while the Tanzanian government provides schools it's up to the communities to maintain them and many of these don't have the money or skills to do this.



As we started painting the classrooms curious little faces began peering through the windows. When we put our hands out and touched their fingers they immediately ran away but quickly came back with great big smiles wanting to touch and hold on to our hands.



The houses in the villages we were working in were made of mud and had no electricity or running water. The children we met at the schools were grateful for any crusts left over from our lunches, the clothes they wore were torn and dirty and many were barefoot. But they were lovely children who were always delighted to see us and every one of them had a huge smile.



The children came back to see us every day after school and we loved the time we



were able to spend with them blowing bubbles, playing with balloons, painting their nails, playing football etc.

On a few of the mornings we were able to see the sponsor children getting their mug of Ugali – a maize based meal provided by kids4school.

In total we carried out work on 4 schools – Gaway, Nzasa, Mchemwa and Kitelera. We painted 10 classrooms, filled the craters in the floors of 5 classrooms and repaired approx 35 desks. We were also able to give some children clothes and flip-flops donated by family and friends but it was heartbreaking having to tell others that we hadn't enough clothes or flip-flops to give to them.

On our final day we were introduced to a boy called Alfa who had just started secondary school. Alfa had been one of the children sponsored by kids4school at Kitelera and had not only passed his transfer test and progressed to secondary school but had achieved 1st place in the test. It was then that we realized the importance of the work kids4school was doing by giving these children the opportunity to go to school which will in turn help provide a better future for both the children and their families.

We have so many wonderful memories to share to our family and friends of our time in Tanzania. We are glad to have been given the opportunity to help the work of kids4school and look forward to going out to Tanzania again in the future.

If you would like to have a speaker along to your Church, to your ladies group, to a men's breakfast, to any of your youth groups please contact us at the office and we will arrange to send someone along. No group is too small. You will be doing your part in raising awareness of the work in Tanzania and helping to 'make a difference' in the lives of these beautiful children

POSITIONS VACANT could this be something for you?

Someone interested in the work of kids4school who would be willing to become the representative in their Church or area to help promote the work. Call us and let us know and we will arrange to give you the information you need.

If you would like to become one of our **Prayer Partners** please send your name and either postal or email address to lorraine@kids4school.org and we will send you updates for prayer approximately every two months. We value your prayer support so much.



Work & Witness Trips 2012

May, July, August
& October



TANZANIA

Projects include:
building, light construction,
painting, working with kids
small teaching projects in school



if you're over 18 years
of age and want to serve
the Lord in this way
why not consider
joining us on one of our
trips

Call for application pack: 028 2827 2998



Radio Cracker has agreed to sponsor kids4school!
This radio station is only on the air, in Ballymena,
Monday to Friday, each year in December. During
that month they raise thousands of pounds through
donations and events for various projects. Last
year alone they donated £70,000 in total to the
following charities:

- Mission Africa - £16,000
- Second Sight - £13,500
- Coaching 4 Christ - £8,750
- Emmanuel Hospitals - £15,000
- McCord Hospital, Durban - £8,000
- Zoe Life, Durban - £8,750

Tom is thrilled that Radio Cracker has accepted his
proposal and he plans to use the donation towards
our clean water projects in the schools.

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale Saturday 19th November 2011

10am - 1pm
Staff Nursing Offices
44 York Road
Belfast



£3 entrance inc coffee and
shortbread or traybake
FREE kids4school CALENDAR

Christmas Crafts
Christmas Cards
Bric-a-Brac

There is a lot of interest in the July and August trips - indeed
July is almost full. If you would like to be part of one of our
fun-filled trips please call as soon as possible and secure your
place. Below are a few comments from several previous
team members:

Nicola Spiers: *I enjoyed my time spent with the children;
teaching them new games and interacting with them. This also
showed me that I really like children's work and I have much
more patience doing it than I previously thought. I also realised
that I take a lot for granted normally and I'm hoping to work
on this and be more unselfish in the future. The most difficult
thing for me was having lunch at Kitelesa Church on the Sunday
as the people had prepared a lovely lunch for us, yet many of
them probably had very little and I found this very humbling.
My funniest memory was the first day at Kitelesa School when
they made a 'Welcome Tea' for us. The 'tea' was a cup of sugar
and warm goat's milk and the food was a bit like a donut but
with no sugar and ten times stodgier! We were all given 2 to
begin with but Jeff kept being given more and it's rude to
refuse. I will never forget the look on Jeff's face eating his 4th
'fat cake'! To sum up my trip; it was a lot like I expected in
some ways and vastly different in others! Either way, an
excellent experience!*

Jim McIlroy: *The highlight of my trip was working with a great
team from here and travelling to the other side of the world to a
completely different culture together, bonding from day one
whether through work or fellowship. The most difficult thing
was saying good-bye to the children from Hombolo Primary
School. I learned that when I need something I now ask myself,
"Do I really need it?", as I now know that there is a much greater
need out there. Over the past 2 years I have seen different slides
and photographs of the work that kids4school do, however
being in Tanzania the reality of the poverty hit me and I realise
the great need for us to help in any way that we can. I have
many funny memories from the team but the one that stands
out involves Ivan and the building engineer at Kitelesa. They
couldn't agree on the best way to do things and after a while the
engineer gave up and left Ivan to it. However when Ivan came
back from a short break, the engineer had knocked all of his
work down and was starting again his way! Ivan was "fit to be
tied!". I am really looking forward to going back again.*

Ivan Crowe: *My highlight was a lunchtime spent in the school
with the children singing songs like 'Simama Kaa' whilst taking
refuge from the rain. The most difficult thing I faced was a
struggle with the Swahili language. I wish I had prepared more
before the trip and I intend to hone his skills before I go back
out. Having been to Tanzania before, I was expecting the usual
dry, barren landscapes and was surprised to arrive in the rainy
season and see lots of crops and green grass! My funniest
memory was hearing screams from the girls when they
discovered yet another creepy crawly in their room, or when the
water ran out half way through having a shower with their hair
lathered in shampoo! Priceless!*

**We have 2012 kids4school calendars for sale.
There was a good response last year and we
hope that you will again support and help to
raise awareness of the ministry. Please call
the office to order yours - 028 2827 2998.
Cost is £2.99 each.**

Kids Corner



Christmas in Africa

Written by: Joanne McFarlane



It was summertime. The crops were high, the sun was shining & the village was buzzing with excitement. It was Thandi's most favourite day in the whole world! It happened only once each year and no one went to work. Everyone in the village gathered together and brought whatever food they could spare to share with each other. It was Christmas day!

Each family brought something delicious to eat; maize, beans and vegetables, someone even brought 2 chickens. This may not seem like a lot to us, but to Thandi, this was a real feast! By the end of the day she had a full belly and was very, very happy.

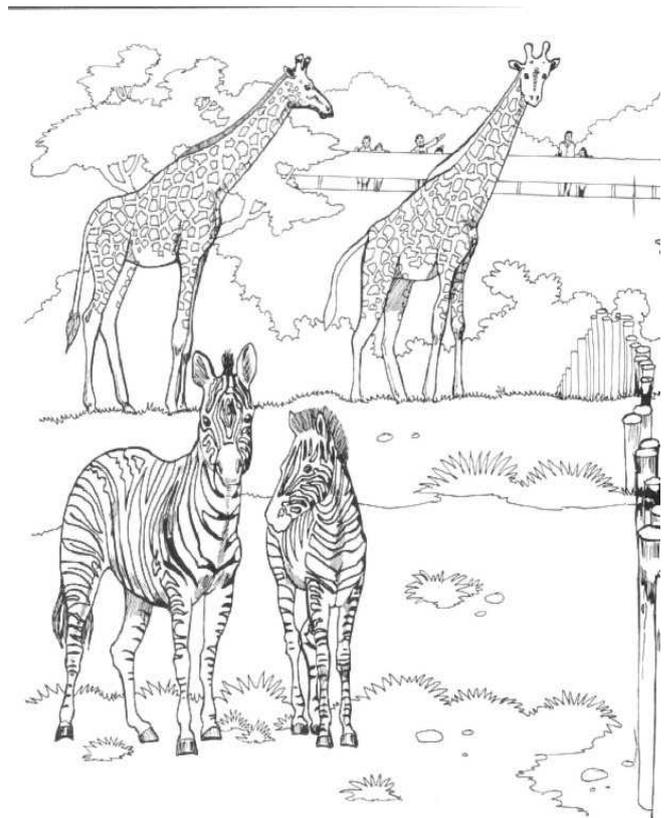
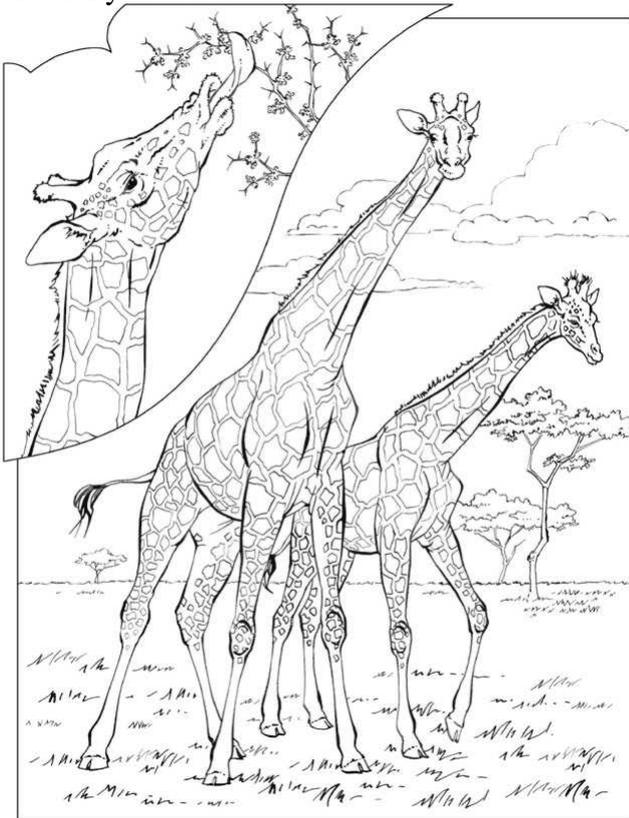
That evening, while sitting at the fire, Thandi listened to the wonderful story of Christmas. She knew the real meaning of Christmas. She was reminded about baby Jesus being born in a stable to be our Saviour, the shepherds and the Kings who followed the bright star into Bethlehem.

Christmas in Africa is not like Christmas here. There are no big presents from mum & dad, no turkey & ham dinners, no fancy fairy lights and no chocolate!! Instead, friends and family gather together to laugh, sing songs and thank Jesus for everything they have.



For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be on His shoulders and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
Isaiah Ch 9 v 6

Pictures for you to colour:



We affirm the following commitments to each person that sponsors a child through *kids4school*:

- We commit to honour Jesus Christ 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.
- Each *kids4school*-sponsored child has only one sponsor for their education.
- 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.

Tom Robinson (Chairperson)



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