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*An update on the work in Tanzania with Kids4School*



## Protection from Malaria

Malaria cases in Tanzania, despite many cases going unreported, are very high. Treatment is available for this disease however, like most things in Tanzania, it has a cost. It is because of this cost that people cannot get access to the medication which results in many infected people having to remain untreated.



A small, preventive measure in the fight against malaria is using a mosquito net. This simple, yet effective net is usually placed over a bed for protection through the night.

The team identified that that mosquito nets being used in Hombolo Special School dormitories had holes in them. Once there are holes in these nets, mosquitos will be able to get under the net and the children can become infected. To help protect these children, 32 new mosquito nets have now been purchased and installed into these dormitories. These small, practical gifts are always met with such excitement and appreciation from the children and would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters.

## The Housing Projects

Our housing project continues to grow, with 17 houses built and handed over to 17 very grateful families. The last house built was for 15 year old Stamili Abdalah. Stamili lives in Nzasa B with her

father, mother and 6 siblings. The team identified Stamili for our housing project when they discovered were this family of 9 were living. Stamili and her family are so excited and grateful to now have a safe and secure home to call their own. This house, the previous 16 houses and the next 2 houses which are about to be started, would not be possible without the continued support and generosity of our supporters. On behalf of all of the families involved in the housing projects in Tanzania – thank you!



# Medical Updates

There are so many children and families who suffer through illness / medical conditions as they are unable to pay for medication and other medical needs. We are so grateful for our supporters who have enabled Kids4School to support a number of these children, on an on-going monthly basis and for one off medical treatments.

## Paul Jumbe

In November 2021, Paul Jumbe was impaled by a horn of a cow which punctured his liver. Paul needed immediate medical attention and was taken straight to hospital for surgery. Paul's family reached out to Kids4School to ask for financial support to help with medical costs. Kids4School has supported Paul and his family with financial, practical and emotional support through this hard time.

Paul spent a long time in hospital and when he finally returned home, Kids4School provided vitamins, fresh fruit and vegetables for Paul to help with his healing. We are so pleased to report, Paul passed his national exam and is now well enough to start Secondary School. As Paul's Secondary School is quite a distance from his home, Kids4School has provided Paul with a bicycle to help with the long, daily journey to school. We are so thankful for the generosity of our supporters as it is only through them that Kids4School was able to help Paul and his family through this expected and worrying time.



## Casto Emanuel

Casto, who attends Chikole Secondary School, got a stick stuck in his eye. This injury required immediate surgery which his family could not afford. Casto's family contacted Kids4School to ask for help towards these medical costs. We happily supported Casto and his family through his surgery and Casto's eye has now healed, his eyesight has not been effected and he has been able to return back to school.

## Sifaeli & Jemina

These 2 young girls, both have sickle cell disease. This inherited blood disorder can cause pain and severe tiredness. Treated with tablets, Kids4School provides this medication every month, directly to the family of these young girls. Both girls are doing well with their condition under control through their medication.

## VTC – Sewing Class

The young women on the sewing course stay at the training centre through the week and return home at the weekend. It has been identified however, that a number of these women return back to the training centre with malaria and/or typhoid. It is thought these women are contracting typhoid as a result of drinking dirty water when at home. Anti-biotics are provided by Kids4School for any student who contracts either of these illnesses.

## Musa

Musa, who is blind, had immense pain behind his eyes. He had surgery last year on one of his eyes which was a success. At that time, it was advised that Musa needed 'cold radiation' on his other eye to help him with the pain. Musa has now received 'cold radiation' in both of his eyes and this has made such a positive impact on Musa. Musa no longer has painful and swollen eyes and has provided him with the relief he desperately needed.

# Bicycles – More than a Gift

Bicycles continued to be delivered to sponsor children throughout the villages. These practical gifts are always met with such excitement and gratitude and they especially can make such an impact on children who attend Secondary School.



When a child passes their national exam, the Government dictates which Secondary School they will attend. When making this decision the Government do not take into consideration where these children live, resulting in many children being given a place at a Secondary School miles from their home. This results in many children having to walk for many miles to and from school every day, in all weather. This is when a bicycle can really make a difference to these children and can really help support them to continue their journey in education.

# Clean Drinking Water for All

Clean, fresh drinking water is something we can all take for granted. With no access to safe, clean drinking water in their homes or villages in Tanzania, families are left with no choice but to collect water from nearby puddles.

It is through drinking water from dirty, nearby puddles that these desperate families can develop diarrhoea. Diarrhoea is one of the leading causes of death of children in Tanzania and without treatment, this can have very serious effects.

However, through the continued support and generosity of our supporters, 70 water tanks have now been built, with a minimum of one tank in 17 of the schools which we work in. These concrete tanks collect the clean, fresh drinking water when it rains and stores it in the cool, clean tank. A tap at the bottom of the tank allows easy access for all of the children to have clean, fresh drinking water all day. What a difference this is making in the lives of the children at these schools and will continue to make in the lives of children over the years.



# Guest Speaker

Are you involved in organising speakers for your group? We would love the opportunity to come and share the ministry of Kids4School with your group. Opportunities can include:

- Sunday Services
- Youth Groups
- Sunday Schools
- School Assemblies
- Mid-Week Meetings
- Pulpit Supply by our Director, Rev Tom Robinson
- Children's Clubs

Whether your numbers are large or small, a 20 minute slot or an hour, we would be only too happy to come along and share with you what God is doing through Kids4School.

# Covid-19 Update

A vaccine is available in Tanzania at no cost, however many people have decided not to get the vaccine. We are so thankful that the number of reported Covid-19 cases in Tanzania has dropped and life has nearly returned to their pre-pandemic 'normal'.

# Pray for the Teams

Please keep our teams in the UK, Tanzania and the US in your prayers as they continue to faithfully serve the ministry of Kids4School. Restrictions allowing, our aim is to take a team of 10 or more people across to work in the schools in Dodoma in Summer 2023, to support our children and their families in any practical way that may arise. This may include painting classrooms, light construction work, kids bible clubs and delivering much needed food parcels but most importantly, showing Gods love to our children.

**We affirm the following commitment to every person who sponsors a child through Kids4School:**

- ✓ To honour Jesus in all that we do
- ✓ 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 that child
- ✓ To use the money only for the purpose for which it was raised
- ✓ We encourage supporters to develop meaningful relationships of encouragement with the children they sponsor
- ✓ To encourage children to respond to the Gospel, to learn about Jesus and discover a lifelong relationship with God
- ✓ To be financially accountable

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