



HOPE FOR TANZANIA

TRUSTEES REPORT

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Registered Charity No: 1124470

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Our trustees are unpaid and have not received any expenses in connection with their service to the charity during 2013. There have been no changes in trustees in 2013.

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Governing Document

Hope for Tanzania is governed by its Trust Deed dated 3 March 2008. It is registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1124470.

Objects

The objects of Hope for Tanzania, as set out in the Trust Deed, are to advance education in accordance with Christian principles and to relieve poverty in particular but not exclusively by improving employment prospects of individuals and communities by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational or training establishment or establishments and by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including support for small businesses in such parts of Tanzania.

Hope for Tanzania works in the following areas:

- assisting Tuishime Nursery and Primary School to educate its pupils and develop its school buildings and facilities.
- supporting community projects to improve education, generate income and improve employment prospects.
- supporting individuals in Tanzania to improve their education and/or promote the Christian faith.
- providing short term opportunities for people from the UK to visit Tanzania to work in projects.
- encouraging people from the UK into long term work in Africa where the work is predominantly Christian based.

How we work

We work with trustworthy individuals in Tanzania to ensure that funds are spent on designated projects and no issues arise around corrupt practices. At present we are mainly focusing our support on Tuishime School as we firmly believe that long term assistance on selected projects is critical to achieve the changes that we want to see.

The projects that have been supported in 2013 were solely for the benefit of people living in Tanzania - students, children, families. Our programmes are run for the benefit of people irrespective of their religion, gender or age.

The support we give is of limited duration and we take great care that people do not develop long term dependency on aid. The child sponsorship scheme, in particular, means that families have the opportunity to send their children to primary school. Only in rare instances, such as extreme financial hardship or exceptional academic ability, will we continue to provide support for a child through their secondary education. Hope for Tanzania funding levels are rather modest, so they will have no effect in distorting the local economy.

What we did - Activities, Achievements

In setting its objectives for the year and allocating funds to projects, the trustees have complied with their duty of care in regard to the public benefit guidance as published in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by the Commission. The trustees always ensure that its programmes are in line with the charitable aims and objectives of Hope for Tanzania.

During 2013, Hope for Tanzania has carried out its activities in Tanzania for the public benefit as follows:

Education at Tuishime School

The school celebrated its 10th anniversary with a party at which an East African politician attended as guest of honour. John Bosco, head teacher, produced a cultural show which so impressed the guest that he asked John to put on the show at the Arusha International Conference Centre in 2014.

The school has a roll of 370 pupils which is a significant increase from that at the start of last year. The only new buildings that have been built at the school are a new toilet block to cope with the increased numbers of pupils. Gates have been installed at the two entrances to safeguard pupils and provide a more impressive frontage. Classrooms have started to be renovated with ceilings and lights both of which have helped improve the environment. Cupboards have been made in a number of classrooms, for storage of books, which will hopefully encourage children to read the many books that have been donated. The school grounds have also been improved with new planting and laying of paths.

Finances are more robust and the school now has a balanced budget although it still requires some assistance from us for large capital items. However, payment of fees is still an ongoing problem with 60% of parents paying the full amount, 29% making part payment and 11% not paying at all.

This latter number exceeds the number of children that are sponsored which is 7%.

All of the children in class VII passed their national exams and are thus able to continue to secondary education. We are thankful that this is the fourth consecutive year that the School has achieved 100% success. The education authority continues to regard the school highly and is very helpful in directing pupils to the best government secondary schools in the city.

The children are very happy and are being taught in a buoyant atmosphere. But we are not complacent and aim to see improvements in teaching standards and greater use of resources to liven up lessons and stimulate the pupils' curiosity. We donated a musical keyboard to the school which is being used to teach music, singing and dancing. During one of the lessons which we taught during one of the year's visits, we demonstrated how to teach using a computer and projector and hopefully this approach will continue to be used. We are confident that the quality of education and life experience of the children will become even better over the next few years particularly as Naomi Masenge has now retired from being head teacher at Kijenge Primary School and will have more time to direct Tuishime Primary School.

Support and Education of Individuals

We currently have three students to whom we offer financial help.

- Thomas Godfrey is studying at Arusha Secondary School and is doing well having achieved 5th position out of 54 pupils in 2013. We will continue to sponsor him throughout his secondary education since he is exceptionally bright and comes from an extremely poor family.
- Eric Temu, an ex-pupil of Tuishime, who is being sponsored at his secondary school.
- Moses Paulo, is being sponsored through his B.Ed. degree which started in January 2014. Moses has been sponsored by us for many years and is one of the real successes of our sponsorship programme having progressed from being a relatively uneducated teacher to become a Ward Educational Officer. We expect that he will progress to a higher position when he passes his degree.

The child sponsorship scheme continues to make a significant contribution to the lives of individual children at the school and helps their families by reducing the economic burden. The number of children sponsored remains unchanged at 24 with one additional sponsor added during the year.

Support to a wide range of Tanzanians has included letters, emails, phone calls, text messages and prayer which play an important part in encouraging the many people in Tanzania with whom we have contact.

Send a Computer Scheme

Last year we sent 90 reconditioned computers to four schools in Arusha including Tuishime. Tuishime is using its IT suite really well and children are becoming proficient in the basic computer programs. This will put them in a good position for their secondary education although computers still are a novelty in most Tanzanian schools. Teachers are learning to use the computers in their free time and lessons are being provided for parents during evenings.

We visited the other three schools that received computers and were greatly encouraged by how enthusiastically the computers were being used and the careful way in which they are being maintained. Some of the schools are short of monitors as a result of damage suffered during shipping and require a few computer peripherals.

Renovations to Bungalow

Renovations to the bungalow at Tuishime School which was to become the new home of the Masenges on their retirement in 2013 were completed on time. A number of visitors have now stayed there and found it to be very comfortable, without being ostentatious, being ideally situated for the Director to supervise the school. The renovations were only part funded by Hope for Tanzania as a way to reduce financial dependency on such one-off projects.

Visits

In September Peter Harris, a Trustee subsequently appointed in 2014, led a team visit. The team members taught at the school, visited friends and took a trip to Dodoma where Peter had spent his childhood. They also took two bikes and taught children how to ride. The children had a lot of fun during the cycle training with many riding bikes for the first time.

I visited in October, with a family member, spending most of our time at the school. We taught music, told Bible stories and ran sports events. I made lesson observations and spoke at a staff meeting to encourage teachers and stimulate new ideas. We also met Pastor Deo, who is working in Singida, a needy area to the west of Arusha, and Rev Grace Mbise, an evangelist, whom we have supported for a number of years. I have just finished proof reading a book in which Grace describes some amazing stories about miracles which God has been doing during her ministry. We also made a substantial donation from Hope for Tanzania to a microfinance group and spoke at one of their meetings. This is a new venture for us. We hope that

new businesses will be set up to enable people to become more self-sufficient as well as creating jobs.

In October the head teacher of a Derbyshire primary school, visited as part of a British Council grant during which she advised teachers on alternative teaching approaches having previously observed their lessons.

On the Home Front

Renalda Temu, a teacher, visited the UK as part of a British Council grant and spent time with Trustees visiting many local people. Her visit was a great encouragement to us and further strengthened the links between Tuishime and Church Broughton Schools. She also visited other schools and churches. We held a fundraising concert in September at which the Duffield Singers performed. It was a splendid evening with high quality singing which was enjoyed by all. We provided light refreshments of home baked food and Tanzanian beans and used the event to speak about the work in Tanzania. We raised £650 which will help towards funding a water borehole at Tuishime School. An evening meal was also put on for local supporters to show our appreciation to them for all their efforts over the years.

Dr Martin P. Grosvenor

Chair of Trustees