



# **HOPE FOR TANZANIA**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

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**Registered Charity No: 1124470**

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## Hope for Tanzania Trustees Annual Report 2016

### 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.

### Objectives

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 Pre 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 rely on finding trustworthy and capable individuals in Tanzania to ensure that funds we distribute are used effectively on designated projects so as to avoid misappropriation of funds. The projects that we support are becoming more balanced between our core areas of education, development of communities and Church based work. We remain committed to supporting Tuishime School as we believe it to be critical in meeting the demands of a rapidly developing country by making available high quality pupils.

When we consider a new project we research the need, identify a key person to co-ordinate the project in Tanzania and build a relationship with them. Only when the opportunity and delivery of it meets our requirements will we consider funding. We are very keen to minimise the possibility that the individual or project becomes unduly dependent on Hope for Tanzania and make it clear at the outset whether funding is of a seed nature or not, the extent of funding and its duration. We ensure that beneficiaries provide us with regular reports on their project which influences whether we

continue funding it according to the initial proposal. We are also aware of the danger of funding from a position of superiority and the impact it can have on Hope for Tanzania and on the recipients. Provided we fund according to Christian principles, and back-up our actions with prayer, we are confident that we can avoid these pitfalls.

We are developing projects in Singida, a region to the east of Mwanza, and in Dar es Salaam, the principal city. The projects that have been supported in 2016 were solely for the benefit of people living in Tanzania - students, children and families. Our programmes are run for the benefit of people irrespective of their religion, gender or age.

The child sponsorship scheme, in particular, means that families have the opportunity to send their children to Tuishime School, a good quality primary school. We are also providing financial support to an increased number of pupils and students at institutions other than Tuishime School as a result of extreme poverty and hardship, exceptional academic ability or as a result of the close relationship we have built with the student or their family. It is our hope and expectation that long term commitment to talented individuals will give them confidence to progress in their education rather than worrying where funding will come from.

### **What we did - Activities, Achievements**

In setting 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 Charity Commission. The trustees always ensure that its programmes are in line with the charitable aims and objectives of Hope for Tanzania.

During 2016, Hope for Tanzania carried out its activities in Tanzania for the public benefit as follows:

#### Education at Tuishime School

The school now has 385 pupils and remains one of the top primary schools in Arusha and Tanzania with high demand for places. The Class 7 national examination results were excellent with all children passing and thus able to progress into secondary school. The school performance in the 2016 Standard VII exams was a significant improvement over previous years due to good teaching and a reduction in cheating around the exam period which used to be prevalent in other schools.

This year we have funded outdoor play equipment and refurbished the toilet block. Renovation of classrooms is slowly progressing with the external walls having been painted and illustrated with educational items. We shipped educational resources, toys and books to the school during the year. Four retired Christian teachers, from the Senior Volunteer Network organisation (SVN) visited the school in 2016 to train staff which we hope will further improve teaching methods. It was a pleasure to be with them and enjoy the

two weeks during which we visited surrounding areas and had good times of sharing and prayer. The SVN visit illustrates the need for UK trained teachers to serve long-term in the school in order to produce lasting change, particularly in educational areas, where the school has limited understanding and experience.

Teachers are generally doing well although a number of them have very difficult family situations. There is a positive mood at the school although the underlying issue of low salaries remains. The quality of teaching in the school has markedly improved since 2015 due to leadership from the senior management team and the consistent and focussed efforts of teachers.

There has been no progress with costing the internet connection so we are unable to make a decision about its feasibility although we remain convinced that its introduction would significantly enhance the school's ability to offer a higher level of education.

It is difficult for Tanzanian private schools to become financially profitable and most now rely on other business ventures to increase income. One business that the School has started is to sell maize to local people when its price increases. There is now has one small grain storage silo in the yard. The economics of increasing capacity is being evaluated prior to additional silos being purchased. Additional classrooms, built during the last few years, have been self-funded by the school which shows an improved level of financial independence although we are still having to fund some ongoing costs.

Naomi Masenge, the Director, wants to maintain a strong relationship with Hope for Tanzania as the school has not yet achieved financial independence and she has a desire to keep our friendship alive. It will be important to maintain a long term partnership with them, particularly as Naomi and Felix approach the time when they will be too old to play an active role in the school.

### Support and Education of Individuals

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 on them. 20 sponsors support 24 sponsored children. The monthly full sponsorship cost remains at £30. We kept in contact with sponsors during the year by newsletter updates and Christmas cards designed by pupils.

We currently financially support the following students.

- TG has been sponsored through secondary school and obtained C's and D's in his O' levels. He will be supported through 'A' levels after which we will need to review continuing sponsorship.
- ET has progressed satisfactorily into Form 6 at a school in Musoma where he studies 'A' levels in geography, maths and physics.

- No further support has been needed by SC as she receives income from her late father's estate, although we continue to encourage her as she continues to train as an accountant.
- IM has dropped out of his degree due to failing a statistics exam retake and we have supported him in starting work as a photographer and videographer.
- AS is being supported at Arusha Secondary School and has now completed Form 1.
- BM is in his second year of a BSci Biology degree at Mwenge Catholic University.

It is wonderful to see how these students are progressing in their academic studies and growing in Christian maturity. But perhaps the greatest challenge to them will be when they search for employment in a country which offers few openings. The government realises that finding a job presents a huge challenge to its young people and is encouraging them to start their own businesses although raising enough capital for this will be particularly challenging.

### Mission in Singida

In July 2015, Pastor Deo moved to Kiomboi, Singida which is situated in an area populated by people who are animists, Muslims, nominal Christians and people of no religion. Witchcraft is commonplace. There are many tribes in the area of which the Isansu is the dominant ethnic group.

Hope for Tanzania started formally sponsoring Pastor Deo in 2015 for a six month initial period to allow him to establish a base in Kiomboi. He now visits a number of villages and has built friendships with many people. He returns from time to time to Mwanza to visit his family and church, which his wife now pastors. We have extended our support for a further period of six to twelve months as he has found it challenging to set up a business whilst continuing with all the other work in which he has been involved. His challenge continues to be maintaining a focus on evangelism, which is the work God has called him to, whilst setting up an income generating business in order to become financially independent from Hope for Tanzania. At the end of 2016, Pastor Deo organised a follow-up training course in mission for pastors and their church members.

During our visit to Tanzania, we had a profitable time in Singida during which we visited three villages, going door-to-door with mission teams from churches and preaching in churches after which we saw many people come to faith in Christ. Follow-up is continuing under the watchful eye of Pastor Deo. We see the harvest as being an answer to the prayers that have been made over the last few years. There is an intense hunger and thirst for God and we found open hearts to receive the gospel. People were receptive to listen as we presented the good news in different ways which were appropriate to their situation. As our connections grow we want to retain a primary focus on evangelism whilst being mindful of the economic poverty

that many people face and the benefit that offering microfinance loans to set up small businesses would bring to them.

### Training of Pastors in Dar es Salaam

The vision of Oasis of Victory Faith Ministry, started by Pastor Stephen Osinde and Esnat Chaggu is to make Christ known to all through church planting, training and holding missions. Pastor Osinde has established a network of 35 independent pastors from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Mozambique during the last ten years. Besides pastoring churches they hope to become leaders in their communities. The ministry requires substantial financial support as Pastor Osinde's resources are strained and we were challenged to find it.

As the pastors are generally poorly educated, Pastor Osinde wants to build a Bible school to train them in practical theology, counselling, IT and vocational skills. This is a strategic project aimed at equipping the pastors to become leaders for change which will have a significant beneficial effect on the economic status of their villages. Whilst the finances to buy the land has principally come from Tanzanians, constructing classrooms, dormitories and other buildings is beyond their means so we have provided them with some funds. During 2016 we helped buy additional land and funded the construction of the first classroom which is near completion. During our visit we noted that some pastors and church members cannot afford Bibles so we will launch a funding appeal in 2017.

The Ministry celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a three-day pastors conference which was attended by pastors from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Mozambique. On the Sunday of the conference, three pastors were ordained in a wonderfully uplifting service. We had the opportunity to teach in a few sessions and praise God that our teaching was well received. The pastors are all from a poor background and struggle financially but they are passionate to see God building their churches. There are unlimited opportunities to help them individually. Invitations were offered to us to visit them but God has called us to work in Tanzania so, although it would be positive to take up these offers, we need to remain focussed in our work in Tanzania to achieve the purpose that God has put before us and in line with the Hope for Tanzania trust deed. We made many friendships and were impressed by their dedication and commitment in the face of great hardship.

There will be opportunities for Bible teachers to visit Dar es Salaam to assist Pastor Osinde and the other trained pastors in the network. We are also keen to send Christian books, particularly reference books, to start a library at the college.

### **Challenges to HFT**

- Substantial financial needs at Tuishime School (office block) and The Oasis of Victory Faith Ministry (Bible college).

- Need to boost resources at Tuishime School (e.g. toys, books, computers & projectors, sports equipment, internet connection).
- Succession planning at Tuishime School to ensure that it will continue strongly after Naomi Masenge retires from her role as founding Director.
- Preparation for mission in Visit 2017.
- Encouragement of teachers and other people to work long term in Tanzania to serve in our projects.

### **Trustees**

Our trustees were unpaid in connection with their service to the charity during 2016.

Dr Martin P. Grosvenor  
Chair of Trustees  
On behalf of the Trustees