



HOPE FOR TANZANIA

TRUSTEES REPORT

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Hope for Tanzania Trustees Annual Report 2017

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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.
- supporting community projects to improve education, generate income and improve employment prospects.
- supporting individuals in Tanzania to improve their education.
- promoting the Christian faith through education.
- providing short term opportunities for people from the UK to visit Tanzania.

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. We are satisfied that our key contacts at Tuishime School and in Singida are such individuals and that funds have been used for the specified purpose. Our regular visits, during which we make observations and talk with individuals, and regular communication with contacts in Tanzania give us additional confidence.

We are delighted that Tuishime School continues to be almost financially independent of Hope for Tanzania apart from the help we provide through our child sponsorship scheme. We also offer advice and assistance to further improve teaching quality and richness. This maturity in the school situation has given us freedom to move our principal focus to other projects such as mission work in Singida and the Bible school in Dar es Salaam.

The child sponsorship scheme, in particular, allows some families to send their children to the highly successful Tuishime School which has consequently become over-subscribed. We have also provided financial support to an increased number of students at other educational institutions as a result of hardship and to one individual who is setting up a photography business.

We are very keen to minimise the possibility that an 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, how much we will fund and for how long. We fund according to Christian principles, and pray regularly, in order to maximise the benefit that our

support provides. The projects that have been supported in 2017 were solely for the benefit of people living in Tanzania - students, children and families. Our programs are run for the benefit of people irrespective of their religion, gender or age.

What we did - Activities, Achievements

In setting objectives for the year and allocating funds to projects, 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 programs are in line with the charitable aims and objectives of Hope for Tanzania.

During 2017, Hope for Tanzania carried out its activities in Tanzania for the public benefit as follows:

Education at Tuishime School

The school now has 420 pupils and remains one of the top primary schools in Arusha and Tanzania with high demand continuing for places. The Class 7 national examination results were again excellent with all children passing and thus able to progress to secondary school. The relative position of the school compared with other schools locally and nationally has been maintained.

The head teacher retired at the end of 2017 and the school is currently seeking to identify suitable candidates for interview and appointment. A number of staff have left the school and been replaced with teachers on permanent contract or teaching for a probationary period. We have not funded any major buildings or equipment in 2017 but sent over 5 music keyboards and 10 computers which will meet the increasing demand for IT resources in the school as a result of an expanding pupil roll. These resources allow the competitive advantage of the school to be maintained and ensure it remains attractive to parents since few other schools have and use computers.

We confirmed that the toilet block, funded by Hope for Tanzania, had been completed and that a few classrooms had been repaired and decorated. However a more extensive refurbishment program is needed to return the classrooms to a good condition and make them more attractive for children and staff. During the visit by some Trustees and others in July and August we observed lessons, taught a few lessons ourselves, gave advice to the senior management team and organised two successful clubs for Standard 5 and 6.

There is a positive mood at the school although the underlying issue of low salaries remains. The quality of teaching in the school remains good as evidenced by the exam results. It will be important to maintain a long-term partnership with Felix and Naomi Masenge, particularly as they 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 is being supported in his A levels.

- SC has been supported during 2017 during which she had a successful work placement and successfully progressed to the final year of her BA degree in Accountancy.
- IM has been supported with equipment purchases to develop a business as a photographer and videographer.
- AS is being supported at Arusha Secondary School and has now progressed to Form 3.
- BM progressed into the third year of a BSci Biology degree at Mwenge Catholic University.

It is wonderful to see these young people progressing in their academic studies and growing in Christian maturity and a real privilege to help them.

Mission in Singida

Based on conversations with Pastor Deo during Visit 2017 and the very positive developments we saw in Singida, Hope for Tanzania agreed to sponsor Pastor Deo for the period October 2017-2021. This will allow him to focus on training pastors and church members as well as helping them in other practical ways and it is our hope and expectancy that we will plant many new churches during that period.

The 2017 mission team consisted of Hope for Tanzania volunteers, a young man from Dar, pastors from Arusha and Pastor Deo. We worked with pastors from TAG churches in Singida and funded a team from Here's Life Africa for two weeks to spearhead our mission to villages which we had previously visited and where Pastor Deo had worked for two years. The team showed the Jesus film and other films in 6 villages on multiple occasions with the usual pattern being to stay in each village for 2-3 days. Sometimes we slept in the village whilst on other occasions, where there was no accommodation, we travelled daily from our base into the village.

Pastor K is a pastor at Old Kiomboi who has seen significant growth in the church since 2016. The church building is now too small and needs extending. Deo has trained church members in mission and follow-up and the mission team is now strong and confident and were able to support us during the home visits. Old Kiomboi will become our first Hub church for mission to local villages. As a result of generous donations from UK supporters we were able to make a significant donation for the purchase of Bibles which were gratefully received by church members. We showed different films on many occasions to large crowds, preached and invited people to church with many people making commitments.

Nya ha ha is a remote village in a semi-desert area and has a small church though no church building. Sadly the church remains small with little discipleship having been carried out despite the visit we made in 2016 during which a number of people made commitments. The main reason why the church has not grown is probably because Pastor O and his wife have not been formally trained so we agreed to fund Pastor O for a two year Bible training course. We have also bought a solar panel for O's house which will allow a social centre to be established through provision of lighting, mobile phone charging and the playing of Christian dance music. We visited Mwandalya, a nearby village to Nya ha ha, which will become the base of Pastor O and where a church building will be constructed as currently the church meets outdoors. We hope to develop the Mwandalya church as a new Hub after Pastor O and Deo train the church.

Urughu has been a long established TAG church under the watchful eye of Pastor K who started the church 20 years ago. We visited homes and showed films on three evenings.

During the day we trained church members in mission. Church members are slowly being built into a strong mission team and we expect the church to act as a Hub for the local area where there are many villages. Ulyang'ombe is a nearby village that we visited, spending time meeting people and sharing Jesus. No one had visited the village before but we were warmly welcomed and had great conversations. The response was enthusiastic and many people made commitments.

We see the harvest as being an answer to 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.

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. The ministry requires substantial financial support as Pastor Osinde's resources are strained.

Pastor Osinde has started to build a Bible school to train pastors and church members in practical theology, counselling, IT and vocational skills. During 2017 we provided additional funding for the construction of the first classroom. The Bible school has started training pastors even though living and teaching accommodation is rudimentary. We also launched a funding appeal for Bibles in 2017 which allowed over 60 Bibles to be bought and distributed to local Christians.

Challenges to Hope for Tanzania

- Substantial financial needs at The Oasis of Victory Faith Ministry as they build the Bible school.
- Succession planning at Tuishime School to ensure that a quality head teacher is appointed and that quality oversight of the school will continue after Naomi Masenge retires from her role as founding Director.
- Continuing spiritual impact in Singida through evangelism, training of pastors and Christians and God's provision of funds to build churches.
- Preparation for our mission during Visit 2018.

Trustees

Our trustees were unpaid in connection with their service to the charity during 2017.

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