



HOPE FOR TANZANIA

TRUSTEES REPORT

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REFERENCE INFORMATION

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Hope for Tanzania Trustees Annual Report 2018

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 2018 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.

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 programmes are in line with the charitable aims and objectives of Hope for Tanzania.

During 2018, Hope for Tanzania carried out its activities in Tanzania for the public benefit as follows:

Education at Tuishime School

Four teachers have left the School and been replaced with younger staff. Andrew Mathias currently remains as head teacher. Teachers are positive with no major issues being flagged to the head teacher or Director. Mollel, whom we are sponsoring in O levels (Kiswahili, geography, civics), has passed these exams so we are continuing to sponsor him for A levels (history, general studies, Swahili, geography).

The local Anglican minister comes to School to hold two Christian classes each week which is viewed very positively by staff. The school has recruited a librarian who has sorted the books and encouraged children to read them more widely than before. We see this as a great success.

The number of children on roll is 430 with demand for places remaining at a high level despite competition from the ever increasing number of private schools. There have been no government actions to reduce the attractiveness of English medium primary schools, such as making their operation challenging or insisting that all education be carried out in Kiswahili, both of which looked distinct possibilities a year ago. Results of Std VII national exams held in August showed that all children passed the exams. The relative standard compared to other schools is much lower than previous years as shown by the position of the school in the district dropping from 15/50 to 33/51. Naomi Masenge, School Director, is seeking to improve teaching standards in mathematics and science so that the high standards of previous years are again achieved. School computers are all working well.

The condition of classrooms is unchanged and remains poor as no money has been allocated for re-painting or repairs. All are in need of renovation to make a more pleasant learning environment for children and teachers. A new kitchen has been built to replace the previous wooden structure which was condemned by inspectors. It looks magnificent and works well. There are still plans to build offices for senior staff and a new plan to build a dining hall all in the middle of the garden. Funding for this will come from the school itself.

The main challenge in the school is its financial situation. The School is still not allowed to raise fees and has incurred a TSh15 million tax bill which is being paid to the government tax authority over an 8 month term. Naomi also took out a TSh30 million loan over 2 years to pay for the new kitchen. Naomi confirmed that when the loan and tax bills have been re-paid the financial situation will be a lot healthier and the School will almost be financially independent. Payment of fees by parents is currently poor, in part due to the economic climate in Tanzania, which has led to continuing challenges paying teacher salaries. The cost of food items have increased which also contributes to the financial strains.

Regarding succession planning at the School, Naomi and Felix Masenge still plan for their daughter Felicia to take over the Director position in about 3 years' time but this is dependent on her family continuing to live in the area. Their proposal is that ownership of the school will transfer to their sons-in-law which Felix and Naomi will discuss with them in the next few months.

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. 18 sponsors support 22 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 one of the teachers.

We currently financially support the following students.

- TG is being supported in his A levels.
- SC has been supported during 2018 and has now completed her BA degree in Accountancy with graduation in December.
- AS is being supported at Arusha Secondary School and has now progressed to Form 4.
- BM has completed his 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. **It is a real** privilege to help them.

Mission in Singida

Hope for Tanzania continued to sponsor Pastor Deo during the year and intends to do so until October 2022 after which we hope that he will be fully supported from Tanzanian sources. Our support allows him to focus on church planting, evangelism, training pastors and church members and helping them in other practical ways, such as training in entrepreneurship. We are satisfied with his work and feel confident that he is careful with the funds we have given him seeking to obtain best value. His supervision and project management of the Mwandalya church building project was carried out in a very efficient and timely way and he made best efforts to complete the project at the lowest cost possible.

In October a small group from the UK joined a mission team which consisted of 5 Europeans and 6 Tanzanians some of whom were from the Here's Life Africa team. Our focus was mainly on Singida villages that we had previously visited. Hope for Tanzania funded the building of the Mwandalya church which we visited. We had monitored its construction, managed by Pastor Deo, and were satisfied by the quality of the building after visiting the village. We held training sessions for the church on discipleship and evangelism which were well received and gave out literature to young people after a football match holding an impromptu open air service which attracted a large crowd. In the evenings we showed films and preached the gospel. We visited the village bar area and talked to people about their spiritual needs. We discussed the pastor's strategy for church growth, the needs in the church and his Bible college course.

In four other villages we held teaching seminars for the church on relationships (with God, the church community and the external community) and stewardship (citizens of heaven and how to use our talents, time and treasure). We also ran meetings for children, held open air meetings (where we spoke a message of hope and God's love) and, in the evenings, showed gospel films. We visited market areas in teams, built friendships and spoke to people about the love of Christ. Many people responded to the gospel message. The

churches in the Hub villages remain strong despite some set-backs with Christians continuing to have strong faith, knowledge about the Lord and strong activity in evangelism outside the church.

We again visited a village, where we had previously carried out pioneering work, linking with the mission team from the Hub church to blitz it with tracts and invitations to the evening films. Vast numbers of children turned up in the early evening so we played games with them before the film started. Many people committed themselves to follow Jesus. On the second day we returned to the village and visited people in their homes, giving out the few Bibles we had. On the third day we held the inaugural church meeting with about 30 from the village attending, supplemented by an equal number from the team and the Hub church.

All the churches we work with are from the Tanzania Assemblies of God.

Training of Pastors in Dar es Salaam

We spoke at the annual Oasis of Victory Faith Ministry movement (OAVM) conference in Dar es Salaam for pastors from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Mozambique. There is no doubt that these pastors are passionate for the Lord's work but are struggling with issues like youth unemployment, how to engage strongly with their local communities and how to embrace new ideas for "doing church" so that it becomes relevant to young people. The OAVM church building in Dar es Salaam remains unaltered from 2 years ago as funding has been tight. Stephen, and his wife Esnat, now retired from her position of Professor at Ardhui University, remain very committed to OAVM and spend much time travelling to encourage and train pastors. Construction of their Bible School has halted due to lack of funds with only one and a half classrooms having been completed (unchanged from last year). This prevents it being used to run any courses. The first cohort of students has completed the year long course which was held at the Dar es Salaam OAVM church. One problem Stephen and Esnat encountered was that whilst 40 pastors/leaders enrolled and started the course only 15 graduated as they could not afford the TSh15,000 monthly fees which covered costs of course materials, accommodation and food. Electricity has now been delivered to close to the Mlandizi site although no connection to the college buildings has been made.

Challenges to Hope for Tanzania

- Substantial financial needs in The Oasis of Victory Faith Ministry as it seeks to continue constructing the Bible school and run courses for pastors.
- Continuing spiritual impact in Singida through evangelism, training of pastors and Christians and God's provision of funds to build churches.
- Stability in finances, staff and pupil numbers at Tuishime School and continuing motivation to improve the quality of teaching and educational experience for children.

Trustees

Our trustees were unpaid in connection with their service to the charity during 2017. Dr P Harris retired as a Trustee on 17th November 2018.

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