

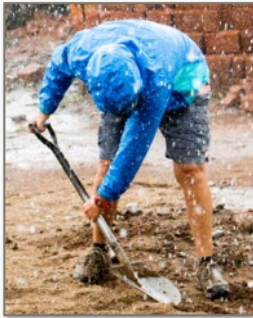


NEWS FROM TANZANIA!

A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. Colin Powell

The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: Hard work, Stick-to-itiveness, and Common sense. Thomas A. Edison

It's been a while since we had much time to catch up with writing news, but you are so very important to us, and we're excited to share what's been going on the past few months!



In March we finished 6 months of Nord Anglia Education (NAE) expeditions with 671 students, 78 teachers and 11 NAE expedition leaders. What a season! So much achieved, and we're seeing our dreams of having a special needs unit in our community becoming a reality through the sweat, determination, and hard work of the amazing NAE teams. During this time we:

- Worked with 72 vulnerable families in different communities, from up on Mt. Meru amongst banana and coffee plantations, to the dry flat plains south of us. Each family received a goat shed, female milking goat, solar system, and fuel-efficient rocket stove - all built or installed by the NAE teams.



- Gave additional help to some families, including building two small houses for destitute ladies, and putting new roofs on two houses (in one case the existing roof was just a thin sheet of plastic which would cave in during the rainy season).



- Built half the new SWTz community nursery school. Teams worked in extreme heat, humidity, and also rainstorms. They dug, mixed cement, plastered walls, and laid bricks.

During one 6-day stretch a record 72

bags of cement were mixed (that's 3,600 kg or 7,920 lbs PLUS sand, gravel, and water!). The special needs classrooms have also been started - it's exciting to see the progress.



- Built 92 wooden desks for Maroroni Government Primary School. 184 students now have their own seat in class!



- Gave beautiful and useful donations to schools, hospitals, and other organisations working with children. What a blessing! 😊😊😊
- Helped 85+ yr old Elizabeth who is raising her grandchildren single-handed to make extra money to finish building a house (her old one is falling down). Elizabeth cooks delicious doughnuts, and sold them to teams at the building site who generously gave extra, covering the cost of her roof, doors, and window frames.

Huge thanks to everyone from NAE as well as our amazing SWTz staff, including our invaluable expedition team of Sarah, Martina, and Grace.

What else has been happening?



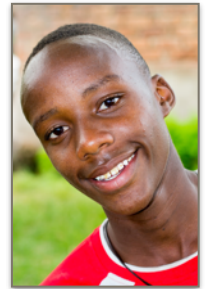
In December, **SWTz Nursery graduated 22 students**, and ended another great academic year providing quality nursery education to our local community. It was a fun morning with presentations, cake (of course!), singing and dancing. The 2018 school year is already

going well, with the school full! During the past few months we have taken on additional teaching and housekeeping staff, preparing for the eventual move to larger premises.



Christmas came and went - we had a lovely **Christmas party** with all our residential and home support children...lots of food, fun and gifts!

David achieved Division 1 (i.e. top marks!) in his Form 2 national exams (including 6 'A's!). A great achievement, and the perfect foundation for his O levels in 2 years time! Well done David! Thanks to TFFT for sponsoring his education!



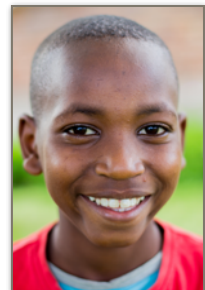
Arnold was interviewed online by Troy Michigan Rotary Club, who sponsor his education. He answered their questions really well, and we continue to be so proud of his achievements academically and personally.



Danny and Faidha started secondary school in January - a new adventure for them both, and especially for Danny who elected to board. He recently came home for the Easter holidays and we were impressed at how much more mature and level-headed he is after only 3 months away.



Benjamin got a great report from school for his academic progress and simply being a pleasure to have at school. 😊



Asha was rewarded for her hard work by her education sponsors! 😊

Finally, we're in the middle of the **heaviest rainy season for decades**. Rain is much needed here, especially after several years where there has been a shortfall or drought. But the rains this season have been so heavy they have caused widespread destruction and very sadly loss of life too. Things at SWTz might be a bit difficult at the moment as staff and children struggle through the mud each day in gumboots to get to/from school and



work; negotiate the very wide seasonal river just outside the compound; and carry food and supplies in as the road to the centre is flooded, but we are so very thankful that everyone and every building at SWTz is safe and sound.

Thank you for making a difference in Tanzania!