



BUSY BEING PRODUCTIVE!

“We have a strategic plan. It’s called doing things.”

This quote, by Herb Kelleher of Southwest Airlines, perfectly sums up SWTz. We never seem to stop “doing”! However, we are very aware that there is a huge difference between being busy and being productive and try to use our time and resources as productively as we can.

2016 is turning out to be one of our most productive years yet:

- Since January 1st together with Nord Anglia Education’s (NAE) amazing teams of students, teachers and expedition leaders, we have built goats sheds, installed solar systems, and built rocket stoves for 48 vulnerable families, making a total of 63 families helped since November 2015! It has been humbling to spend time in their homes, see how they live, hear about their struggles, and be a part of giving them hope for their future.
- We have (again with NAE), continued building two teachers houses at Kitefu Primary School, plus a toilet block and kitchen block. This will enable 4 teachers and their families to live at the school, spend more time on preparing lessons, and offer after-school activities. Everyone at the school is excited, and we hope to complete this in the next few weeks.

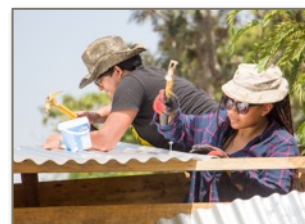
The NAE projects have occupied most of our time during 2016, all our staff have been involved in building carpentry, cooking lunch...and our children have loved the interaction with our international visitors during lunchtimes and play times. We are so proud of our staff and the roles they have taken on - at times our mamas have been cooking for 100 people at a time!!

We haven’t had much time for anything else, but what else HAS been happening?:



- Fatuma received her ‘O’ level results - and was thrilled to get great results in science subjects enabling her to carry on studying sciences at A level (which will begin in July). She is using her time wisely between ‘O’ and ‘A’ levels, and, wanting to eventually become a doctor, went to Dar es Salaam for a few weeks, staying with the doctor daughter of one of SWTz’s staff. Fatuma volunteered in a hospital, getting great experience, and confirming to her that this IS the field she wants to work in. We are very proud of her!

- School holidays for many of our children always coincides with the “long rains” during which schools and businesses close down as it is too wet and muddy to get around, with many roads impassable during the heaviest rains. This year the rains are extra heavy and persistent, and the area around SWTz is quite flooded (though thankfully we are OK in our compound, apart from our new septic



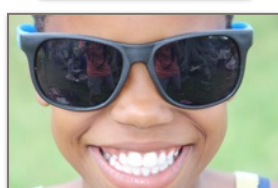
tank which developed an underground spring, which has caused subsidence and damage to the tank). Many people are losing their homes during the 2016 rains and there seems no end in sight...

- We've caught up with some SWTz alumni recently - Careen (right) got great 'O' level results and is deciding whether to study for A levels or go to technical college; Alex bought a motorbike and as well as being a landlord and renting rooms from his property, he also runs a taxi business with his motorbike. Kanuti completed his first term of university and came to Arusha for a visit - he is loving life, loving studying and the challenge of reading law! We are very proud of all our alumni for their achievements!



- We got some great school reports at the end of Term 1. Notably Arnold (left with Kaposhi), also called "Mchungaji" or "Pastor" at school as he cares for students struggling in their studies/life giving them helpful advice and was top in every subject; Riziki not only excelled at school but also at her weekend/holiday job; Ally worked hard this term and made great progress; Idrisa continues to amaze us with his progress at school and at home; and finally Frida got a great first primary school report - she was thrilled!! All our children got great character reports and we are proud of them all!

- We have continued working on several building projects at the SWTz compound - the children's playroom is well underway, and the wall between our new plot and existing plot has been broken down joining the two, and we are already using our new storeroom for our community project building supplies.
- We purchased an additional truck (right) for our community projects, and sold the trike (great fun on the flat, but far too unstable on the bumpy roads around us...). Both trucks proved invaluable recently in moving a large slab of concrete from our septic system...
- SWTz is one of several other organisations working in child care, education, and protection, asked by Social Welfare recently to join a team of ambassadors in our district to start to tackle the growing number of cases of child abuse being reported. We are looking forward to being a part of this team, working towards exposing and reducing child abuse in our district.



Hope your 2016 is as blessed as ours!!

Thank you for making a difference in Tanzania!

