



NEWS FROM TANZANIA!

Change is inevitable. Change is constant - Benjamin Disraeli When you're finished changing, you're finished - Benjamin Franklin

There's so much going on in the world, with big changes in some of the countries where you are right now sitting and reading these words... There have been changes at SWTz too, as our community projects continue to grow into our largest programme, whilst our residential centre and nursery school "tick along". Our change seems to be incremental and slow whereas some of the current world changes feel like u-turns... We know change IS inevitable - we can embrace it and make it successful, or we can fight it.

It's impossible to write about everything that's going on in 2 pages, so here are some highlights from our programmes:

- We continue to discuss with, and work with, Tanzania's Social Welfare Department, as they begin to implement major changes in the way vulnerable children are cared for in society, especially trying to minimise the number of children in long term residential care and beginning to promote foster care. We are seeing changes, and are making sure SWTz is positioned to be able to accept and care for vulnerable children (whether for short term or long term placement) for the long term future.
- Our nursery school has outgrown its premises - we are oversubscribed and definitely bursting at the seams - out of 50 students, 37 stay all day and need space to nap and play after lunch. Our school is very popular in our community, being affordable and providing a good basic early years education, and we are turning many children away. The 2015 Tanzania State of Education Report writes that 60% of children between 5-6 years old were not enrolled in school!! So, we are dreaming of expansion... :)
- After months of planning; preparing; purchasing; site visits; talking to village leaders and government officials; and a whole lot more...we have started the 2016-2017 season of Nord Anglia Education expeditions, completing Expedition 1 recently. We will be working with over 750 students during the next 5 months!! This time we're building classrooms as well as a teachers house at Nazareti Primary School, plus working with 89 vulnerable families building goat sheds, stoves, and installing solar systems. It's going to be a busy time! Below: the NAS Dubai team working hard but having fun too...



Here's news of some of our residential children and alumni:

- Mwajuma recently travelled to Dar es Salaam with manager Neema to visit an audiology clinic. She's been fitted with top quality hearing aids, and is receiving speech therapy from us daily. Though profoundly deaf, we are seeing a difference in her ability to



communicate. So excited for her! A huge thank you to amazing volunteer Laurens for putting this all into motion...priceless!

- It was parents' visiting day at Usa River Academy recently. We're so proud of Riziki, Kaposhi, and Arnold. Great academic and character reports. Arnold is #1 in just about everything. But it's not just about exam results - we're proud of the great people they're growing up to be. Riziki is currently taking her O levels...keep her in your thoughts!



- We formally accepted Petro into our residential programme, pictured right with his grandmother. Petro's village is not far out of Arusha, but it is extremely dry, dusty, and the villages in this area have been badly affected by HIV. Petro attends boarding school during term time, sponsored by The Foundation For Tomorrow, and is with us during holidays! He's full of fun, and our children and staff love having him around!



•Elibariki came to visit...he is doing so well, being headhunted for teaching positions, and simply oozes confidence and joy! It was lovely to catch up, and he encouraged our residential children to study hard!!

•Community Project Manager Sarah, volunteer Grace, and intern Trine just installed a small

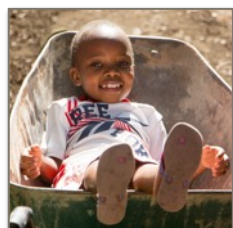
solar system for one of our home support children, Linda, who lives with her granny high up on Mt. Meru. Linda is in the last couple of years of primary school and solar light will help her to be able to study at night!



- Michael, Grace, Wendy, Rebecca and Sarah had a go at one of the projects the Nord Anglia students complete with us - we made desks to donate to a school! Great fun to actually do all the work ourselves, and we think they look pretty good... :)



- Our kids and staff have been working on converting part of our newest piece of land into an area to play football...first job was to clear stones and distribute soil we bought in...next job is growing the grass...it is hard work... We were able to buy this plot thanks to a very generous donation. We are so thankful to every one of our donors, partners, volunteers, and those who spread the word about what we do, pray for us, and make this all possible.



Thank you for making a difference in Tanzania!