



Bethsaida Girls **Secondary** **School**

Volunteer Newsletter
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IMPORTANT!!!

THE FORM IV GIRLS NEED SPONSORSHIP!

Dear friends of Bethsaida,

Our Form IV girls have left school. All of them want to finish Form V and VI as well but to reach this aim they need sponsorship because most schools do not have any special support for orphans.

It takes \$1000 for each year to send one girl to school. If you are interested in supporting a girl, please contact us!

We are renewing our website, and as soon as it is finished we will upload the girls' profiles so it can be possible to find out more about them. Wouldn't a sponsorship be a nice Christmas present?

To educate a girl means to change her life and give her the chance of a better future. It is too bad that in the meantime Bethsaida cannot provide Form V and VI so we need your contribution! Please pass this information to others, companies and NGOs. We really need to find donors for every girl.

Thank you so much for your help! Ahsante sana!

16th OCTOBER: GRADUATION DAY!

It was a big day for our Form IV girls. After finishing the two weeks of examinations, they had all reason to celebrate. Every class presented what they had prepared for their leaving friends, like songs, dances, sketches and theater plays. It was then the turn of Mr. Machary and the head of the school to say a few goodbye words to the girls. To finish up there was an offer of very nice lunch from Mr. and Mrs. Roman Moshia for the graduants, guardians, invited guests and the Bethsaida community.

We would like to give special thanks to Mrs. Beverly Brar and the whole UN Spouse Group for their donations and their gifts to the Form IV girls. Thanks to Mr. Machary who gave the idea to get sponsorships for the further education of the girls to join Form V and VI. Some people made their pledges but the amount is too small as compared to what we need.

When we were all prepared for finishing the celebration, a convoy of cars came through the school's gate. It was a young couple, who just got married, and all their guests from the local parish Msakuzi. They brought rice and maize flour and some sodas as gifts; the girls welcomed them, sang and prayed with them. What a surprise!

For the whole school it was both, a day to celebrate and to be sad because the Form IVs are leaving.



These are the Form IV girls with Beverly Brar and Mrs. Irafay: Silvia Ambrole, Yasintha Haule, Levina Vicent, Janeth Timoth, Maria Nestroy, Josephine Charles, Annastazia Magagula, Apolonia Mdendemi, Theresia James, Yasintha Magagula, Anitha Mgonja, Digna Oswald, Angel Sanga, Tinde Philipo, Doris Remmy, Jennifer Munishi, Marietha Christopher, Veronica Peter, Christina Mgamba, Jenara Alex, Annastazia Mwenga, Lucy Shadrack, Agnes Charles, Neema Vicent, Adrophina Alex, Agnes Masala, Felista Francis, Jephrosa Makuyy, Plakizia Msalilwa, Agnes Malesa, Wema Lwila, Francisca Francis, Virginia Paul (not in order)

NEW VOLUNTEERS

In August the two German long term volunteers Marie and Manu left Bethsaida and Lucas and Lea has joined the school to take their place. Thank you, Marie and Manu, for everything you have done for the school and the girls! In addition, Katharine from Australia arrived in September and is going to stay for 5 months; it is her third time here in Bethsaida. She is doing crafts with the girls. The results can be sold and contribute to the school this way. Edward from England stayed for two months. At the end of October, Francisca from Germany left; she was here for 7 weeks. John from the USA was here only for one week; it is his second stay in Bethsaida. During his stay he handed out glasses to those students who needed them.



THE “KUKU PROJECT”

Since end of July, the chicken project, initiated by Sarah and Alex, the first German long term volunteers, has expanded. We got about 200 one day old chicks thanks to the donations of the UN Spouse Group and the Latino Group. They are getting on well! The old chickens give their best to support the school with laying eggs which are sold or taken by the girls.

WATER TANK AND LIBRARY

In September, the new rain water tank for the school was finished. It is sponsored by Anne Cosper and we are very thankful for that.

Furthermore, we should be very thankful to “Manos Unidas” from Spain for building our new library which is almost finished. We hope that it can be used in January. So the girls have a new light and friendly place for reading and studying. Everybody looks forward to that.



The new water tank with the library in the background



The new library

VISA 2 DANCE – FESTIVAL

On 7th October, our Form III girls were invited by the UN Spouse Group to visit the Visa 2 Dance Festival, an international dance festival with impressive performances from different parts of the world. Everybody was quite excited and we were able to watch an enjoyable show! Even during a power failure, when there was no music, the dancers went on with their performances. What a great and long night for the girls!

THE BIG DINNER

On 14th October, the girls had a big dinner in the dining hall, thanks to the volunteer Kathy from Australia. She offered food (pork, rice, cooking bananas and cabbage) and sodas for each girl. It was a real cause for celebration to the school and the girls really enjoyed it. What a gesture from Kathy, thank you!

WHAT NEXT?

We are now busy working on an expansion to the chicken coop, a project made possible by donations from Germany, organized by Sarah, the first German volunteer here in Bethsaida.

Students of the International School Dar Es Salam are creating the profiles for the Form IV/2011, to get sponsors for their further education.

And we are updating and improving Bethsaida’s website www.oloforphans.org! So please look forward to see it in a few weeks’ time!

I M P R E S S I O N S



A VOTE OF THANKS!

Bethsaida management and the whole community would like to thank all those who have helped them in one way or another and especially those who devoted their time to come and stay here at Bethsaida. They also thank those who are still thinking of our orphan girls.

Your observations and ideas are warmly welcomed!
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