

# Education for Life

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'Christmas, around the world' is celebrated in different ways; for some it means presents, for others it means eating and drinking; time off work and school; time with family and friends; nativity plays and many more ways – for us, here at Tumaini we remember the birth of Jesus and as we celebrate we reflect upon the highs and the lows of the year and we thank God that the birth of Jesus is as relevant to us today as 2000 years ago. We wish you joy, peace and happiness throughout this Christmas time and we say a BIG thank you for your love, your support and your prayers – you have put smiles on many faces. "Thank you!"

Form 4 students have just completed their national exams at Tumaini High School. The 34 young people were able to concentrate well despite the hot weather, thanks to their cool and airy new classrooms. There are many mixed emotions; relief following the hard work and intense months of study and apprehension for what lies ahead; exam results are released on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and further study is not even an option until September next year at the



**WATER ON TAP – ALMOST!** Thanks to gifts from generous friends and supporting churches we have paid the deposit on a Mitsubishi Canter (2 tonnes) and have purchased a horizontal cylindrical tank for the back. It's mid November whilst I'm writing and we're waiting for a phone call any day now to pay the remaining balance and collect the lorry. It's really exciting – it will cut our water bills hugely, it will give us transport for carrying heavy and bulky goods and the other exciting part is it will give a driving job to one of the students who has just left Form 4. His sponsors treated him to driving lessons for his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (while he was still in school) which gave him time to gain driving experience to be able to take on this job now – he is very excited and so are we! Thank you everybody who has had a part in this!!!

earliest, so it's out into the BIG, WIDE world; opportunities are rare and times are hard. Many young people are impressionable and vulnerable and don't have anyone to look to for guidance, we are able to help, but it's their time now to put into practice the life skills they've gained and hopefully make an indent on society that only they can make!

## Fast, high-flying fundraisers

During the summer, two young ladies raised money for Education for Life. Lucie Wansey from Reading ran the Edinburgh Marathon in 4 hours, 37 minutes and 42 seconds and Jessica Fernandes from Doncaster did a sky dive to raise funds. Thank you both of you – you're brave, courageous and crazy and we have huge respect for both of you! **If anybody else is feeling fit enough or crazy enough to participate in or organise a fundraising event to help children in Mombasa please let us know.**

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**Tumaini High School** has a new face! As you may remember from our last newsletter we were able to get our Form 4 class settled in a new classroom mid March this year, then the roof was put on the other 3 classes at the end of May. Budgeting has been extremely challenging this year due to the fluctuations between the Pound, the Kenyan Shilling and inflation and we were under a deadline as we didn't have enough classroom space for the exams but we succeeded; thanks to the tireless help of many friends and sponsors, in particular Rob and Steve Carr and Rebekah Georgiou; not forgetting our maintenance team, here at Tumaini. Thank you all for your hard work and support! Three classrooms are now completely finished, and the last one is well on the way – this has been our most challenging build yet!



**Do you know someone who'd enjoy sponsoring a child to go to school???** We have 34 children moving from the top class of nursery to join Class 1 in January 2009. Many of our nursery children are from families who struggle to put food on their table in an evening, before even thinking of fees for school. Through Lightforce International many sponsors have given these children the opportunity to get a good foundation in Nursery, a cup of porridge in the morning and a meal at lunchtime. To allow the incoming nursery children to get the same benefit we are now looking for people to take over sponsorship of our children joining Class 1. If you know someone who'd like to help please tell them we have 17 children remaining who need sponsorship support for Class 1. **For £14 per month** we can cater for their Primary school needs from Classes 1-8, including a uniform each year, use of textbooks, stationery and a meal at lunchtime.

For more information please either call 0870 879 1524 or check the web [www.educationforlife.net](http://www.educationforlife.net)

Thank you for your support. Have a great Christmas! Love from Glyn, Jane and Maureen

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## GIVE A SMILE FOR CHRISTMAS

This year, due to rising costs, we have not been able to supply sponsored children with School Shoes, School Bags or T-shirts. As these are part of school uniform it is a priority for us early in 2009. We have already received some help towards this so if you (or a friend) would like to **GIVE A SMILE FOR CHRISTMAS**, for £25 we will supply a pair of shoes, a school bag and t-shirt to a child for next year.



### Tumaini Timbwani Primary School Choir

During 2008 a new teacher joined us in Primary School who is a great choirmaster; he began a school choir and trained our students in four part harmonies.



## VISITOR'S CORNER

During 2008 we had many visitors at Tumaini Timbwani. Take a look at what some of them got up to during their time with us! Some volunteered in the Nursery, Kitchen, Primary School, High School, Youth Club, Building Projects and the Church. Thank you everybody, your time with us has been a great help – and we enjoyed your company too!!!!

