

Education for Life

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Kenya has experienced an extremely challenging beginning to 2008. Many families were affected by the unrest, but more widely spread is the economic effect throughout Kenya. Inflation is rising and at the end of March reached 21.8%. One of the biggest problems, felt by everyone is the cost of food. It's at times like this that we begin to realise the importance of running programmes such as our lunch programme! We want to say a special thank you to all of you who willingly give and to those who regularly keep in touch with us; it helps us all here at Tumaini to know that we stand together as a wider family!

Thanks to all who helped us with our Christmas Desk and Chair appeal for our new intake into High School at the beginning of this year; it was a great help and the students are now busily sitting their first set of exams at their desks!

Balancing the daily activities of life can be a huge challenge; but for these young children today it's just fun on Sports Day



Easter Youth Extravaganza
Over the Easter weekend we ran a series of special events for children and young people in our area. A team of 7 people, including Kenyan music artists Prince Ris, Bamba 50 and Brayo G organised games, songs, skits, puppet shows and short talks demonstrating the Love of God. On Easter Monday around 400 young people attended a concert where young budding musicians from Tumaini and the local areas performed together with our visitors from Nairobi. It was the first event of its kind run at Tumaini and we plan to host many more!



We'll be selling some great music CD's in the summer; helping these guys to take the Gospel and their music further!



Thanks to Graham Voisey, Tonbridge School and Mission Care we now have 18 computers in our IT room. The carpenters are working hard making desks to house our new computers whilst at the same time making roof trusses for the new classrooms—WOW they're busy!

Window into Tumaini High!

Form 4 were so excited when we told them that they could move into the first new classroom. There'd been a lot of suspense and each class could give excellent reasons why they should move in. Our Form 4 class have just completed their registrations for the K.C.S.E. final exams, taking place in October and November so our priority was to get them settled as quickly as possible. If you would like to follow the progress of our building project on the internet check out our blogspot at the address below. So as our High School motto goes, it's "Onwards and Upwards" we've just started on the roof of the next three classes – the rain's coming so the pressure's on and when the roof's on the builders can stay dry!

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Changing seasons is the best way that I can describe what we are experiencing now. On the front page I gave a glimpse but I'd like to explain the current climate a little further. Costs in all aspects of our work have hugely increased and to maintain the level of assistance that we give is becoming increasingly difficult. In addition to the rise in inflation we are being caught from both sides as the exchange rate is confusingly dropping. Prices are on the increase and we are getting less for every pound we transfer to Kenya - it's a strange and unpredictable position to be in, especially as we now have 587 students within Nursery, Primary and High School and 60 full time members of staff.

At the beginning of this year we were unable to hold our sponsored walk locally (The Virtual Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb) due to insecurity in the area however, we are planning to run the event at the end of this year, following the school exams. **If you, a friend or a group are interested in organising a sponsored event for us in your area, at any time, then that would help us hugely. The opportunities are endless - you could organise a sponsored walk/fun run (the same distance as the height of Mt. Kilimanjaro) or if you're feeling really fit you could organise a step event (either at a high place in your area or in a gym, taking the number of steps that it would take you to reach the top of the mountain and climb back down - it's a challenge!) If you're feeling fit, or you know people who are, and you are good at counting, please either contact Maureen on 0870 879 1524 or maureen@educationforlife.net and we will supply an information pack, giving you ideas and practical suggestions for organising an event.**

The current climate and challenges of this year have forced us to increase our sponsorship for new sponsors. We endeavour to keep the rates as low as possible but need to increase to **£14 per month** for Primary School Sponsorship and **£26 per month** for High School Sponsorship. If you are an existing sponsor, please do not feel obliged to increase to these amounts, however, if you are able and would like to give this extra help then it would be greatly appreciated.



Tribute to Christine Miloyo – On Easter Sunday, Christine who worked as a cook at Tumaini, died following a very short sickness. It was a huge shock to everyone. We had known Christine for 8 years; she was a lovely lady who worked hard to take care of her family. For over a year, in addition to her own family, Christine had been taking care of 5 young High School lads, 3 of whom were orphaned – they could really take care of themselves but just needed adult supervision and she and her husband welcomed them into their family. We are grateful to Christine for her generous heart and she'll always be remembered and missed. Christine is no longer suffering, but please remember her family in your prayers.



Sports Day Fun – from baby class in the Nursery to High School and staff, everyone enjoyed the day. It was the Thursday before Easter and Tumaini was alive with games from bursting balloons to relay races football to basketball and even musical chairs and tug of war! Some games were more serious than others, especially when it came to Form 4 versus staff!



book of Hope

God's Word. Every Child.

During November last year, a group from Tumaini were invited to a training day for distributing book of Hope in our area, then in February we collected books for giving to children in Nursery, Primary and High School at Tumaini. The group distributed 587 books after performing skits relating to the different age groups. We're looking forward to taking it out to other schools in the area!

Tumaini Phase III - Building Progress

By the time you are reading this, the roof should be on the remaining 3 new High School classes (shown on the left side of the basketball picture above). One class is complete (with students, as shown on the front page) and to fully finish this block, comprising 3 classes and 3 support rooms / offices, due to rising prices, it will cost another £9000. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all who have supported this new phase - together we are building something that will last in the lives of many young people. God bless you!

We wish you all a great Spring season and thank you for your prayers and support.
Love from Glyn, Jane & Maureen xxx