



The Gift

Let me tell you about some more gifts!



“For a child has been born for us!
The gift of a son – for us!”

Isaiah 9:6 The Message



Many of us are thinking about gifts at the moment; buying, wrapping, receiving... there's excitement in the air! We want to say a MASSIVE thank you for all your gifts this year; sponsorship support; gifts to children; the skills, commitment and devoted service of our volunteers (you know who you are, and you're wonderful!)

Martha Daniel, a trusted friend and committed worker at Tumaini, passed away at the end of June 11 following a huge health problem, later found to be cervical cancer. Martha's friends and her son, Dan rallied around to feed Martha and keep her comfortable, especially during her last days. It was an extremely difficult time! Martha's sickness has brought issues of women's health to the fore. Many women have attended screening programmes and we are exploring the possibility of providing vaccinations against HPV to young ladies in school. Like Martha, many women struggle with their health and it often takes many months to establish the cause of the problem. We would like to address some of these issues; to begin with we're introducing re-useable sanitary pads, being made locally, providing skills, much needed work and small enterprise. In the UK and Canada people are busily sewing their donations to be given to young ladies and women, unable to afford disposable pads. Martha's inspiration, Persevere and dream birthed MiPad, assisting ladies in need, in memory of Martha, a devoted lady with big dreams! "Martha's Makers" initiated by Linda Stone (a lady who caught the dream) are already beavering away in Southborough, Kent. If you would like to get involved by sending a donation to fund MiPad being made, or make some to post to Mombasa, we have a pattern which will soon be available on our website.



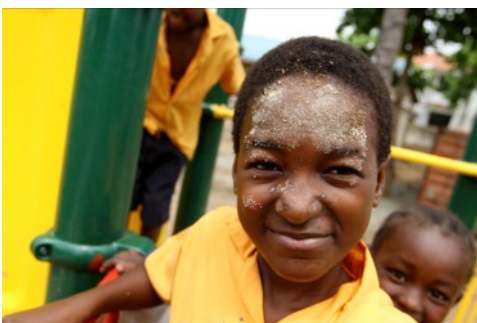
How Much Fun?????

What can I say? A face
of a child speaks
volumes!

Thank you to everyone who got involved with this playground. There's not enough room to mention everyone by name, but a special thank you to Emmanuel Foundation and Calvary Community Church in Alberta for organising, funding and building this playground for Timbwani X



"I have never before seen children walking, even running across monkey bars, it's crazy! Our children have never experienced anything like this before. Toddlers run around the same little things over and over again and teenagers enjoy muscle-toning pull-ups!"



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“I needed clothes. And you gave them to me.” Matthew 25:36 (NIRV)



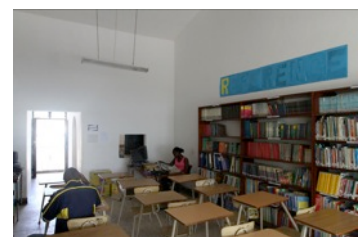
Clothing parcels for families in need!

When you have some clothes to help families with; it's wonderful! I don't think anyone expected the volume that arrived in the container from Canada. Thank you! A small team from Tumaini visited areas around Likoni to identify families in great need. The initial visit to each village began with a chat with the Headman of the area. He introduced the team to his neighbourhood and they began going house to house. Each family visited gave the names, ages and sizes of their family members and after taking the details of several families, the team returned to Tumaini to prepare the family packs. At first people were a little suspicious and unsure whether they would ever see our team again; but true to their word, they returned a couple of days later with the clothing, a few little cuddly toys and some household items. This outreach will continue through Christmas and is a blessing to many!



John, Lynda, Mikey & David Blakeley will be joining our team in Mombasa in January 2012. They are a real team and the boys are definitely up for the challenge! John is planning to get involved in the church, the High School, home-schooling Mikey and David and Lynda plans to join our administration team; in their “spare time” they hope to support the children’s home and anything else we find them to do!! (We’re excited!)

Tumaini Library provides a great environment for personal study! Many books have been donated; some from Sovereign World Trust, UK; others from Canada and still others purchased locally. Research has become even more fun with the introduction of computers to the library. We’re now making more shelves for the rest of our books.



2011 has certainly been a year of visitors – Helen and Andrew, Teresa, teams from Canada (Darcy, thanks for pushing through that pain); Davidsons (it's great partnering with you) and teams from England; “THANK YOU.” **You've brought life and colour to Tumaini; your commitment is an example to others!**

“Sam and Jonno” - A special gift to Education for Life! They came from Nottingham and soon became immersed in life and culture around Tumaini. They had ideas of what they'd do, but have done so much more. Sam, a team of fundi's (craftsmen) and students, wired houses for electricity and Jonno took photos of children for their sponsors. Then, Sam began to see maintenance work that needed doing and rallied the guys to do it; he designed spread sheets for Brenda in the office and a database to give new life to the admin of Education for Life (now under a fine tooth comb by a lady from their church back home). Jonno has re-designed us!!! He's raising our profile, giving newsletters, brochures and other stationery a complete new look; but Jonno's big project is a book, with special glimpses inside Education for Life, captured by Jonathan Shaw. To find out more or buy the book, search Education for Life at www.blurb.com (Come back guys!)

Thank you to all our friends, sponsors and well-wishers; thank you for the gifts of love and partnership! Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy 2012!

Love from Glyn, Janey & Maureen xxx