Message from the Field Manager

Greeting from Tanzania!

These past 3 months have flown by so fast, most probably due to all of the exciting things that we have accomplished as a team here at help2kids Tanzania.

Projects have been really full of productivity, energy and enthusiasm from teachers, caregivers, and our children!

I will be moving on from help2kids at the end of June, and wanted to say a short goodbye, and thank you to all of our supporters and friends we have at help2kids, both in Tanzania and across the globe. It has been an amazing team to work with, and a huge thank you to them for their continued hard work!

Thank you again, to all of you, as without your support, our work really wouldn’t be possible,

Asanteni Sana, Thank you,
Harriet Smith
Field Manager, Tanzania

help2kids TANZANIA

June means holidays and lots of games, fun and rest at the Children’s Home.
This holiday our children are enjoying their break from school by engaging in different games and other activities both inside and outside the Children’s Home.

We value the professional growth of our staff and that’s why we held another caregiver’s training for our children’s Home in May so as to continue improving their skills in childcare and development.

Our children’s talents, growth, and development is something very important to us and we continually search different ways of nurturing their special abilities as seen in this photo of Nuru making art using recyclable materials during a recent Arts Event.

HEALTH PROJECT

After spending the last quarter of 2018 working closely with our partners in planning for workshops – this quarter, the Health Project was able to bring together children from two partners for a menstrual hygiene workshop on World Menstrual Hygiene day on the 28th of May. The purpose was to raise awareness for girls and boys, for boys to be more supportive to girls. For the girls we wanted to make them more comfortable and aware of body changes to exercise personal hygiene and reduce the number of children suffering from UTI, vaginal fungus and itchy rashes and proper disposal of used pads.
Health Project Office conducted a number of workshops to our Secondary Students, including: Menstrual hygiene education to boys and girls, Personal Hygiene, Establishment of child-friendly talks; which can then lead to being able to easily identify children who are sick.

Carrying out accelerated holiday learning programs to improve child education and increase their performance at the school especially on difficult subjects.

“Holiday Classes are very meaningful to me; not only to me but also other children in the Education Sponsorship. We get opportunity to meet with teachers who can listen to us closely, we thanks help2kids also we feel great because it has improved our knowledge of the world”. Education Sponsorship Program Form 2 Student, May 2018

We engage parents in their children's education, through conducting parent meetings where we discuss about student challenges and collaboratively identify solutions.

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Also, after several months of designing and printing, we were able to purchase the sports uniforms for our students. Every child now wears a brand new uniform, with the new Bajeviro Logo printed on, and they couldn’t be happier!

As for academics, 5 students from our standard 7 class participated in The Genius Cup, a math and science competition between 2,000 students from different international and English medium schools across Tanzania. Their amazing performance led to one of them being placed in 6th position and waiting to take on the finals!!

As away to motivate and encourage our little ones to excel both in their school work and other disciplines, we recently held a prize giving ceremony during the last day of the school term that recognized the best performers in all levels of study as well as other extracurricular categories. We have also been taking time at the center to engage in edutainment activities, which is a form of learning through entertainment. One of the ways in which we have been doing this is by use of digital educational kids’ movies and short stories.

It was great seeing the community come together to gain knowledge on how to best manage their businesses.
Greetings from Field Manager

We have kept busy with several new developments here in Lifuwu. In the past three months, we have helped Kazembe Primary introduce four new classrooms. We have also worked with Lifuwu Primary School in the development of a more structured office space for the head teacher and administrative staff. It is our objective to revamp the Girl’s Club with both primary schools in order to offer essential information for young women in standards 6 through 8.

I would like to thank all the volunteers I have spent the last month with here in Lifuwu. We would not be able to accomplish our work here if it wasn’t for all of you. The volunteers have helped me acclimate to my new position and the mutual support is much appreciated.

Zikomo Kwambiri, Garrett Berghoff, Malawi

CHISOMO NURSERY SCHOOL

Tiyanjane is now offering a nursery school to over 200 children. A teacher-training course hosted in Blantyre taught new productive methods for the teachers. The schedule is more formalized with long-term structures for childhood education. Another result was the introduction of student evaluation forms. performances.

This allows parents to see the ongoing activities of their children and to monitor their social and behavioral

FEEDING PROGRAM

The feeding program at Tiyanjane supplies all enrolled children with a daily meal formulated from maize. We are trying to make sure all children in our school eat nutritious food.

KAZAMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kazembe School has faced the issue of a lack of classrooms for their students. Many classes were having to share rooms, making teaching schedules and class coordination rather difficult. We have recently partnered with the community to raise funds and support for the building of four additional classrooms. Two are already constructed and the other two are currently in the process.
Additional children’s books have been donated and purchased for our library. We are currently planning on expanding the library to be more inclusive of older students, giving them a time and space to further their education after school hours. Donations are being put towards the construction of additional bookshelves with the specific purpose of holding educational textbooks for primary students from grades 6 to 8. We plan on creating a schedule where the library can be used for older students to come study and share knowledge with one another.

ESL is currently offering secondary school education to 13 students. The whole program is funded by volunteer sponsorships, where selected exemplary students can receive an education with our financial and moral support. Term 2 completed for all students in March and they now prepare for their final weeks before winter break. Two of our students are finishing up their final terms in secondary and will be taking their exams within the next few weeks. This will be a determinant for their selection into Malawian universities. Best of luck to Godfrey and Emmanuel!

Grassroots Soccer continues to expand, offering an educational experience that is intertwined with fun activities. Daniel, Solomon and Irie meet twice a week with students after school to address topics of sexually transmitted diseases and general well being. The club allows a safe space for healthy discussion for all primary students willing to attend.
Binta joined **help2kids** this month as the new Field Manager in Tanzania. Binta has a Master of Public Health degree in Global Health with a concentration in Community Health and Development. She has experience working in youth education and health research. Binta is extremely excited to be joining the Tanzanian team. Welcome to **help2kids**!

It is tough to say “goodbye,” but the time has come to do so. **help2kids** would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Harriet for her time and amazing work as Field Manager in Tanzania. **help2kids** is genuinely appreciative of the friendly and encouraging atmosphere she has created while working with us. We wish Harriet the best of luck with her life ahead. We hope to see you shining brighter and achieving what you truly deserve.

Garrett joined the Malawi team three weeks ago. He is from California where he studied Economics and Psychology at Santa Clara University. He recently was working in Malawi with Jesuit Refugee service in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. Childhood education is of extreme importance in any society and **help2kids** allows for this opportunity through several outlets. It is great to be a part of an organization dedicated to the well being of children and adults. He looks forward to the experiences ahead with **help2kids** and couldn’t be happier.

We are sad to say goodbye to Caroline Betbede, our Program and Volunteer coordinator in Malawi. Caroline has been with the **help2kids** team for four months. She was an absolute pleasure to work with, always approaching her work with a warm smile. She will be greatly missed here in Lufuwu and we wish her all the best for the future!

Toz Ifould has now taken over as our new Program and Volunteer coordinator in Malawi. Toz has a history degree from The University of Sussex. Before joining **help2kids** Toz was working in the Balaka district of Malawi for an NGO focused on sustainable building and education. Welcome to the **help2kids** team Toz!

This past quarter we had additional member in our Tanzanian family Haika Holden Kimaro. Haika is our new Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator. Haika has a degree in Mass Communication and a good working experience in Public Relation and marketing while working with Pathfinder International and Elite Career Choices for the past few years. We welcome Haika to our team!
help2kids thanks all of our former, current and future volunteers for your hard work on our projects in Tanzania and Malawi! Your dedication changes our children’s lives for the better. We are thrilled to be able to bring you this newsletter with updates from all of our projects. For more regular news, please check our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages and our website!

help2kids runs projects in Malawi and Tanzania that serve hundreds of children and their families. We can use all the help we can get! Please click on the button below to go to our donation page. Every little bit helps! Donations are tax deductible in the US, Switzerland and Germany.

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