Happy holidays from sunny Tanzania!

As the year comes to an end, help2kids in Tanzania has accomplished a significant amount. Last month we had our annual management meeting in which we discussed the major challenges, achievements, budgets and future goals of each project in Tanzania and Malawi. This was an excellent opportunity for team building and learning.

Recently, we have focused a lot on the construction efforts at Kunduchi Daycare Center and Bajeviro Primary School. Our team on the ground has been doing a fantastic job for fundraising and receiving donations to help fund and support the extension at Kunduchi as well as a new wall and gate at the Bajeviro School.

As for the new campus & children’s home, we had a beautiful opening event with performances from our children. We hope to move and settle into the new home and offices spaces before Christmas.

We are excited for all the new changes to come and look forward to another successful year for help2kids.

Asante Sana & Happy Holidays,
Binta Ceesay
Field Manager, Tanzania

Children’s Home

We had a very successful caregiver’s training this quarter as a way to strengthen their skills, improve their capacity and raise their working morale.

Again we are so delighted to witness our children accomplishing their academic dreams. In this quarter we had five standard 7 graduates who attained very good results in their national exams! We also had two form 4 graduates who finished their exams just recently. Our prayers are with them as they wait for their results, and as always we hope for the best!

A big thank you to all our partners and donors for their immeasurable support and generosity throughout the year. Their valuable time, effort, donations and everything they gladly offer has been a great help in the running of our project. We encourage more friends, partners and donors to join hands with us in shaping these little minds and building a better future for the generation to come.
HEALTH PROJECT

In this last quarter, the health project carried out health club activities for its club members. All the children from four of our partner groups were transported to one orphanage home to conduct their activities and to see where and how other children from our partners live. Through this kind of health club, kids are able to engage more in matters related to health and receive basic knowledge on how to prevent and deal with different diseases. Our children had the opportunity to show what they learned in the beginning of November, when they gave presentations explaining different types of common diseases, how to prevent them and how they can educate their peers. It was a great session because we could see the difference in our children during the presentations in how well informed they are and how they have grasped better knowledge about health.

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

The volunteer program has been going very well. The volunteers have been busy at the different projects helping the teachers. Some of the volunteers have been helping the children prepare for national exams, whilst others have been doing arts and crafts for the holidays and the opening of the new campus & children’s home.

Creating a valuable cultural experience for the volunteers is also one of our priorities. A group of volunteers went to the Barazani concert organized by the Alliance Française – it’s a multicultural event focusing on community, culture and tradition. This was a great opportunity to enjoy local Tanzanian live music performances. More activities like this have been scheduled in the next few weeks.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for supporting education!

Firstly, we give a big congratulations to our 13 form 4 students for completing their ordinary secondary education in November 2018. It was a long journey since they started secondary education. With the support of their teachers, sponsors and friends their secondary education dream has come true.

Esther, a sponsored student, shared in her own words how she feels: “When I was about to finish Standard Seven I wasn’t thinking about joining secondary education because I was sure that my family could not afford to take me to school due to financial problems. Hope came when help2kids came into my life. Now I am graduating due to the support from help2kids and my sponsor who voluntarily decided to sponsor my education . Thank you to help2kids and my sponsor who have shown and cleared the educational path for me.”

Congratulations to all our graduates and their parents, sponsors, family and friends that helped them financially, spiritually and emotionally.

Many schools lack enough teachers to cover all subjects, with worrying gaps in the mathematics and science subjects.

Together with parents we have started extra tutorials for our students especially for science subjects. Our students are attending extra tuition and remedial classes at their respective schools. We meet with them weekly to discuss challenges, carry out evaluations and monitor their progress.
BAJEVIRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

For this last quarter we have nothing but great news to report! In academics, we are so excited to share that all of our standard 7 students successfully approved their national examination, with our girls bringing in the highest scores. Similarly, during this period we took our kids on their first ever school trip! With our standard 5 and 6 students we visited Bagamoyo, a town that holds a significant place in their nation’s history, and we were beyond excited to have our students learn about it beyond the books. Our parents also stepped up a lot by helping us with our career day, a day that serves to introduce pupils to job opportunities within their community. Through presentations and hands on activities, our kids got the chance to learn about carpentry, music and construction work.

As for our volunteers, we've had an amazing time with them and are very thankful for their support inside and outside the classroom. In this last period we were able to bring a new look to our school thanks to them and our kids could not have been happier with the results!

As always, asanteni sana from the Bajeviro family, thank you for your support, and we wish you a wonderful holiday!

KUNDUCHI DAYCARE CENTER AND ENGLISH CORNER

We have arrived at that time of the year when both our nursery kids and English Corner students have completed one level of study and are preparing for the next one. Whether one finishes up the beginner, middle or advanced level, graduating to another level is still an important milestone in their learning journey. What feels like the end is often the beginning. We are now saying goodbye to our stage 3 nursery students joining standard 1 next year and at the same time we are ready to register new nursery students for stage 1 and English Corner for beginners’ level.

This quarter we have been busy improving our infrastructures at the centre. We built a new kitchen, dining area, and an office. This is all to ensure that our students have all it takes to have a more comfortable learning environment. Thanks to our friends, partners and donors for making this mission a success!
Hello Everyone!

After a busy Education Sponsorship Program (ESP) season, we have settled back into our normal routines the past three months. This has resulted in a shift of attention from ESP to our other projects.

Currently, we are working on expanding extracurricular activities at the primary schools, on building changing rooms for older female students at the primary schools, and on upgrading infrastructure at Tiyanjane Nursery School.

It is an exciting time at the health clinic as well. The garden is under new management with Enock as the health clinic gardener. It is growing rapidly with his dedication towards the maternity feeding program. We have also welcomed a new clinician, Dora, to the clinic. She is already a beloved member of the community and we love working with her here in Lifuwu.

We are excited the upcoming developments in 2019 and we look forward to watching our projects mature further. Thank you to all who continue to support our organization through volunteering and fundraising.

Zikomo Kwambiri,
Garrett Berghoff
Field Manager, Malawi

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**help2kids Malawi: Kazembe Primary School and Lifuwu Basic Primary School**

In partnership with the local community, help2kids built a brand new classroom at Kazembe Primary School. It is finished in time to provide much needed shelter during the rainy season. help2kids have been working alongside Kazembe and Lifuwu Primary Schools to develop their Girls Guide programs. We plan to build girls changing facilities and develop the reusable sanitary pad program over the next year. This November the teenage girls from Lifuwu Health Center Drama Club performed to the girls guide at Kazembe to emphasize the importance of finishing their primary education. The help2kids volunteers have begun taking computer classes for the Standard 8 students Lifuwu Primary School. The students have really enjoyed the opportunity to learn to use computers as none of them had ever used a computer before!
help2kids Malawi: Lifuwu Health Center

In October the Lifuwu Health Center welcomed Dora as their new doctor. Dora has been working closely alongside our Field Manager Garrett to continue to develop the partnership between the center and help2kids. Together they have identified a number of important initiatives that we can work on together to improve the facilities at the health center. Dora has lots of exciting new ideas and we look forwards to working with her in the future!

help2kids Malawi: Drama and Movement Project

In October, our amazing volunteer Simone began a Drama and Movement Project. She has devised a program of workshops based on a course she did during her social work degree at University. It is focused on team work, confidence building, and developing leadership and communication skills. Initially the group were meant to meet once a week, but the program has been such a success the children have asked for an additional Saturday session!

help2kids Malawi: Education Sponsorship Program

It has been a fun and productive term for the help2kids Education Sponsorship Program students. Our 15 new students have been settling in well to their new schools. Many of the students are attending the nearby Parachute Day Secondary School.

To help the students acclimatize to the new academic challenges of secondary school, the form one Parachute students have been receiving tutoring from the help2kids volunteers.

On Mondays and Tuesdays after school, The Friendly Gecko becomes a study space for our ESP students, who bring any school work they have been struggling with. The volunteers and ESP students have really been enjoying their study sessions together!

Happy Holidays!
November was remarkable and memorable month help2kids opened new campus & children home in Kunduchi. The celebration was attended by the kids of the children’s home and the help2kids president, Frank Hakenjos, together with his wife and cofounder Mama Maria. We had various performances such as traditional drum and modern dance music from kids!

help2kids wants to thank all of our outgoing staff for their great work and welcomes the new staff.

Jamila Palermo: October we said fairwell to Jamila our Volunteer and Gecko Manager. Jamila has been a dedicated and committed team member for almost a year working with help2kids. She has worked hard to provide a friendly and conducive environment to volunteers and staff at Gecko. We thank her for her time and hard work she has put in the projects. We wish him all the best with their life ahead. Asante sana!

Paulette Jiminez: help2kids Team Tanzania is very sad to say goodbye to our amazing team member Miss. Paulette, the Bajeviro school Manager and Assistant Field Manager. Paulette has been an incredible team player and encouraging coach to all children and teachers at Bajeviro Primary. help2kids appreciates the dedication and the hard work she has put while working with us and the friendly atmosphere he has created with the children around our projects. We wish him all the best with their life ahead. Asante Sana!

Erik Lang (France, Norway) has taken over as help2kids Volunteer Program Manager. He previously worked in international corporate & consumer communications in Dubai and in London. Before starting his professional career, Erik studied the relationships between Non-Verbal Communication and deception. Erik obtained his M.Sc. in Social and Public Communication with Distinction at the London School of Economics. On a personal note, Erik is also an avid traveler and has been to over 70 countries.

Marina Sozou (Cyprus) is starting as the new Primary School and Assistant Field Manager for help2kids in January. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Lancaster University and has previously volunteered in Tanzania. Following her degree she received experience in the educational field working as a Teaching Assistant and in the social field particularly working with refugees in Cyprus. She is passionate about providing a holistic education to children, inspiring them to reach their full potential in a caring environment.
help2kids thanks all of our former, current and future volunteers for your hard work on our project 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 page.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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