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Welcome to

Let Them Shine

*Welcome to our
NEWSLETTER*

Welcome to our latest newsletter, shared by old fashioned email to make sure all our sponsors receive a copy. We've news on the Centre, updates on Jordan and Raymond, some words from our coordinator Mr. Natai, an article about Vicensia Tahiro, a brave 5-year-old girl in need of help. And do get to the bottom of the newsletter for the latest eco 'motor' bike, Tanzania style!

UPDATES

The Centre

We have 25 sponsored children at the Centre with around 12 heading to primary school in January 2024. Their places will be backfilled. We also have 18 unsponsored children in day care. Their parents and carers contribute what they can, sometimes in the form of money, but often in goods such as firewood or maize.

Our deputy Ester writes *'The children they are divided in to 3 classes, 1st baby class, 2nd Middle class and 3rd pre-unity. They learn different things according to their classes and we teach them as individuals because we believe that every child is uniquely because they from different families and geographical and their mental ability is different.*



Children in baby class they learn few things such as recognise and write number 1-10 as well as vowel and alphabets. Also, they are identifying things that surround them. Middle class learn more things than babies such as write and recognise number 1-50,

writing and read syllables ,read and write simple word in English and Kiswahili.

Pre-unity is the class where children they prepare to start standard one [Primary School] so they learn many things like write and recognise number 1-100 as well as to write it in words [Kiswahili an English], simple addition and subtraction, read and write words and even short sentences as well as things out of the syllabus.

REPORTING

All sponsors should have received an update on their supported child. We introduced a phased reporting cycle to spread the work between March and August. Please get in touch in touch if you've not received your update. The second cycle will commence shortly so look out for your update.

JORDAN'S STORY

In May's newsletter we reported on Jordan and his quite major operation on his throat. He had been unwell and unable to speak or eat. We are delighted that he is fully recovered from the procedure and is thriving at the Centre.



CENTRE COORDINATOR

A message from Mr Mashoya Natai, our Coordinator:

"On behalf of the community of the people of Lukani Children's Center, we greet you all. We would like to thank God that since we started in 2023, we are doing well, the condition of the Center is good, the children are happy and doing very well. As the coordinator of Lukani Children's Centre, I am happy to see that this Center has become a home for needy children and a garden for raising children's goals.

We give a lot of thanks to those who have been helping us in various ways."

RAYMOND'S STORY

Ray or Mazungu (Kiswahilli for white man - fair skinned as he is) has an eye condition called Nystagmus. It is more common in Albinos, and we think Raymond is half Albino. Our March newsletter gave more details. We have taken him twice to the KCMC hospital in Moshi and



he is now registered as a patient and will see an expert soon. Unfortunately, during his most recent appointment, there was a widespread power cut, and the eye department does not have a generator. He will return!

MOBILE PHONES

At the Centre our manager Mashoya and his deputy Ester rely on two donated mobile iPhone 7's. These are now getting rather slow and battery life is poor. If you have an old iPhone 8 or newer, please would you kindly consider donating it? After a factory reset, they will provide a valuable asset. Please get in touch if you can help.

TRUSTEES

The Board of Let Them Shine is delighted to welcome a new trustee, Steve Ehrlich. We look forward to working with him to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. Principally this is funding the increasing year on year number of children in our care. Welcome Steve!

CAN YOU HELP?

Vicensia Tahiro is 5 years and she's living at the Centre full time without a sponsor. Vicensia has had an incredibly challenging time for someone so young.

Her mother is blind (as is her younger brother) and unable to care for her. Her father vanished. At the age of 2 she broke her leg, and broke it again aged 4. Both times the break failed to heal properly and probably needs attention. We will find out soon. She often asks her mother *"when will you and my younger brother open their eyes and see my notebook as I write?"*. She asks her teachers



the same question of her mother and brother.



Sponsorship will ensure Vicensia receives the permanent care and support she needs, not just at the Centre but in primary and secondary schools. The chances are you are already a sponsor so please ask your family and friends if

they are interested in giving Vicensia the chance she deserves.

*ENVIROMENTALLY
FRIENDLY TRAVEL*



The latest zero emissions Harley Davidson makes Tanzania debut ... it's ULEZ compliant.

YOUR MONEY

All our administration, travel and other costs are met personally. Just a reminder that all sponsorship income received is sent in full around the middle of the month. Just over half is spent on salaries with the remainder on food, water & electricity, primary school expenses (lunch, books, pens, uniforms etc.) We are running a tight ship and to repeat their phrase 'we share the bread'. This is demonstrated well with Vicensia (story above) but unsustainable when she goes to primary school.

YOUR FEEDBACK

We never know whether you receive the right amount of information, too little or too much. Please feel free to let us know. In fact, please get in touch with any feedback, thoughts, or suggestions.

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