

# SEED

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➔ **Could you give a child a brighter future?**

SEED (Charity number: 1101166) aims to:

- provide education, board and lodgings for as long as each student is able to stay in secondary education
- keep administrative costs down to an absolute minimum by using internet correspondence and volunteer workers to run the charity wherever possible
- improve opportunities for sustainable school development
- facilitate correspondence between sponsors and students to enable friendships to prosper and bridge the cultural gap.

## Dates for your diary

### Talk and Meal

Come to a joint talk and meal with two other Tanzanian charities.

This will include information about what the charity is currently doing and the views and pictures from the recent visit to Iringa.

**SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2013**  
7.30pm Bromyard Public Hall, HR7 4 DU

We are always very grateful for donations for prizes for our bingo and fundraising evenings as this helps us to raise even more on the night.

For more information about events please call Emma on 07767 411284

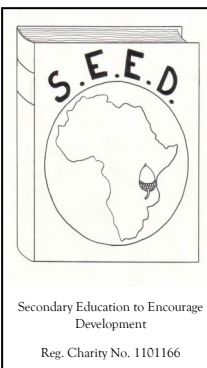
If you have fund raising ideas for SEED please do let us know!

### SEED AGM

You are all very welcome to join us for our **Annual General Meeting** on

**SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2013**

At Bromyard Council Chambers at 3pm



# SEED Newsletter

Secondary Education to Encourage Development

## A word from the chairman....

It is always an exciting moment for a charity when it is time to make some positive changes.

Our students are now getting to the stage where more are completing A-levels and are being offered places at University. We have decided to extend our support to those students who receive a good grant from the government but are unable to find the rest of the money to help support them through University. We are also piloting a scheme for those students who leave school after form 4 (GCSE level year) to set up their own Income Generation Projects in their home villages using knowledge acquired at school and through Deule's entrepreneurship lessons. **Finally it is time for the Christmas card reminder. Our students love to receive cards from you, it really makes their Christmas. I will be sending them out mid November and with your help, would love to be able to send one to each child this year.**

*Emma Stapley*

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## A new perspective — one committee member's thoughts on her recent first trip to Iringa

I would go back to Iringa any day, meeting Deule and our students was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. I think it is so important that those of us involved in helping to run the charity have first hand knowledge of Tanzania and those we are in partnership with as it enriches all our lives. Far too much to say in such a short space but very briefly....



Fran with Deule and Japheti's mother

We had a very warm and moving welcome from the children and staff of Nyamihuu Primary School where they had gathered especially for us on a Saturday. The way that everyone wanted to honour SEED in this way was impressive and we were particularly pleased to share a meal with Japheti's mother, SEED's first ever student! Meeting the students and staff at the Primary School here gave us an insight into how important it is to be able to offer the chance of a secondary education to these children.

## A new perspective continued...

Our visits to the secondary schools were interesting, informative and moving. At Idodi school we met staff and teachers who showed each other mutual respect and there was a real sense of caring. The buildings and grounds were very well looked after and the new dormitory block to replace the one damaged by the fire was impressive. We had a very moving time at the beautifully cared for and enclosed cemetery where the girls who had died in the fire were buried. SEED students gave us a performance of dance and music before we left which they obviously had had much fun preparing with Deule.



Kalenga student

Kiwere school is in a stunning situation and there is a sense of space and openness that is welcoming and attractive as were the staff and students! This school had very strong links with the local community and despite a lack of staff their results were impressive. The mission statement of this school really reflected our hopes in SEED – ‘education is the cornerstone of success’.



Idodi students with Deule and UK group

Meeting the students and interviewing them individually is a very humbling experience. They achieve so much with so little and have such a positive outlook on life with a determination to succeed and make the most of their opportunities. It became clear that they will continue to need our support to achieve their

potential after they complete their basic secondary education so that they can continue to grow and develop. For those who cannot make Year 5 and 6, with encouragement they could use their education to improve the lives of the villages to which they return. For those who can go further they need to know that they can go all the way and make the most of their gifts and abilities maybe on a VETA course or at university. We witnessed what a huge difference education has made to these children and I am keen that we can encourage them to achieve their full potential for themselves and their communities.

I look forward to going back and in the meantime to share with others how they can make such a difference.

*By Fran Binding*



Students at Kiwele with the UK group

## Extracts from Deule's reports

In addition to almost daily e-mails, Deule writes a weekly report of all the activities he has done for SEED. These are some extracts from those weekly reports.....

**August:** “This has been the week for annual primary schools visit just to take the names of vulnerable standard seven pupils who wish to join secondary education by next year 2013, I visited those eight schools of which they feed our three secondary schools.”

“...visited schools with main aim to meet students so as to provide pocket money, students were so happy and grateful to receive it, as they said other amount will be used for bus fare back to their homes for the census from 26 August 2012. I also provide gift to best students.”



**September:** “I attended graduation ceremonies at all three schools as our form four students are leaving next month, they wish to seat for the final examination from 08 October 2012, so schools prepared ceremonies to say goodbye to them. ....very impressive at Idodi our SEED student Sinar Mbata and Edbily Fonzila received certificates as best students in two different subjects ....also very impressive at Kiwere our SEED student Barick msigwa received lots of awards as best student in 5 different subjects and the Head mistress decided to give him tshs 20,000/= as a special gift to him.”

Kalenga form 4 graduation ceremony

Deule held Parents' meetings at each school, taking some of our university students with him as examples of where sponsorship can lead to.

“... we had the meeting with parents at Kiwere secondary we had a good support from Headmistress, second master and Academic master of the school....parents responded very positively to the meeting. Here also I started with introduction of SEED organization, leaders, short history as well as head office and where we are at Iringa office, parents introduce themselves



Parents of SEED students at meeting, with ex-students.

and where they from, after short introduction I started talking to them giving them terms and condition of SEED which govern our sponsorship system for our students. ... also I give them the schedules of what we provide per year at each students. Here the head mistress asked the parents to have unity between school, SEED and parents so that to improve student performance.”

**October:** “...it was a week for interview for new applicants at veta college after that they visited seed office for short talk, they told me this year veta had a multiple applications they were 600 students in the interview while the ability of college is 250 students.”

