

# SEED

Emma Stapley  
PO Box 873,  
Worcester,  
WR6 5ZF

Phone: 07767 411284  
E-mail: enquiries@s-e-e-d.org.uk  
Website: www.s-e-e-d.org.uk

→ 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 and tertiary education and offer vocational training if appropriate.
- 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

### RACE NIGHT

Come and support SEED at our RACE NIGHT

This will be held at The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard on FRIDAY 25th APRIL 2014

Entry includes race ticket and buffet

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!

### Bingo at

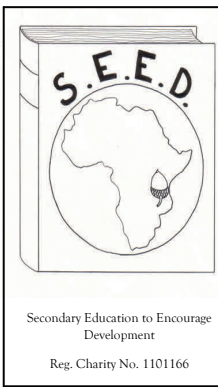
Bishops Frome Village Hall

25th November 2013

Eyes down 8pm

Thank you to David & Rosemary Brice for hosting 'Tea and Scones' in their garden, raising £782.05

Thank you to all those who helped raise the £1016.60 during the 10th Anniversary Celebrations at The Falcon Hotel



# SEED Newsletter

Secondary Education to Encourage Development

Issue 18  
November 2013

## A word from the chairman....

What a wonderful summer! Great weather here and a very successful trip to Tanzania.

I hope you enjoy reading about the latest visit to Tanzania in this issue. We have all been very struck by just how much has changed for us in the past decade. It was fantastic to hear about the meetings with students who had joined us ten years ago and just how much their lives have changed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all (sponsors, supporters and committee members) for everything that you have done over the past ten years to make SEED such a success story.

I will be sending Christmas cards to Tanzania this month and would love to be able to send a card to every child from their sponsor this year, it would be great if you could spare five minutes to help us achieve this.

*Emma Stapley*

## 10th Anniversary Celebrations for SEED

In June we celebrated ten years of SEED with a fabulous meal at The Falcon Hotel in Bromyard, followed by fun musical entertainment by Steve Bishop and an auction.

During the evening we managed to speak via Skype with Deule, our current Tanzanian Programme Manager, Stevo Likunga and some students in Iringa who were having their celebratory meal at the same time as us.

It was wonderful to see so many sponsors and supporters at the evening. A true celebration of all that our students have achieved with your support.

Many thanks to Sylvia, John and Jane Silver and their team who went the extra mile to make this such a successful event, helping to raise over £1,000.

### Inside this issue:

What sponsor money covers	2
Who do we support?	2
Extracts from Deule's reports	3
Visit to Tanzania 2013 by David and Rosemary Brice	4
Tanzanian Trek 2013 by Mary Butt	6
What's next	8



## What does our sponsor money actually cover?

We are often asked what the sponsorship money actually covers, as this has changed over the years to reflect the growing needs of students.

- \* All tuition fees including examination and graduation fees
- \* All boarding costs including food and drink
- \* Mattress
- \* One uniform per year
- \* A gift (SEED t-shirt)
- \* Mosquito net
- \* Medicines and school health care fee
- \* Postage for letters to and from the UK
- \* Annual photograph of student
- \* Secure property box with padlocks
- \* Pocket money each term
- \* Exercise books / other stationery
- \* Vaseline and soap
- \* Sanitary products for girls

## Who do we support?

As well as supporting students on a one to one basis at secondary school, we also support students at VETA (Vocational Education Training Association) colleges, Teaching colleges, University and other tertiary education establishments.

This year we had a generous donation to buy electrical equipment to help set up a business for two of our students who had completed their electrical engineering course at VETA college.

We are always trying to think of new ways to fund raise so that we can support the schools with some basic equipment to make school life easier for both staff and students. If you have any ideas please do let us know.



From then on, each day saw us visiting first a primary school to meet potential children who need sponsors, and then on to meet SEED students in their Secondary schools. We would meet the Headteacher and hear how they were doing in terms of results and then meet the students themselves, who would greet us with singing and dancing and in the case of Kiwere school, a hilarious play about SEED visitors explaining to a farmer why his daughter should be educated, complete with leaf cameras!! We also threw a TAMASHA (party) at each school to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SEED so lots of chicken, rice and soda for the students - a pleasant change from ugali or porridge!



These visits are very important as every student is interviewed to hear about how they are getting on and any problems they may be having that SEED can help with. As you can imagine, these were also extremely emotional times with some of the stories we heard. For me, one such interview was with a young man called Obedi who had lost both his parents and was working hard to try and fund his own education. He was desperate to be sponsored, such is the high regard that the work of SEED is held in.

I could go on and on with so many stories to tell, memories both sad and happy, but my lasting memory is of the difference that SEED is making to the lives of over 100 young people in Tanzania who would not otherwise be able to access education and training. The trip was a fantastic privilege and to be able to come home and share this with churches and especially the children in my own school has had a profound effect and hopefully will result in more children being sponsored in the weeks to come so that the amazing work of SEED can grow.





# Tanzanian Trek August 2013

## A report by Mary Butt

Imagine my shock when, the day after playing the family game “Top Five” around the meal table with our visiting French exchange student, and I had said Africa as one of the top places I would love to visit, Aunt Rosemary (Brice) rang up to say, “We would like to take you to Tanzania to see the work of SEED!!!!” I actually had to ring her back to make sure I had heard her right the first time!

So, on the 21<sup>st</sup> August I set off very excitedly for Tanzania with the Brices. My school sponsors a child with SEED and does a lot of fund raising for the charity so there were 210 very excited children at my school in Oldham too!



We travelled via Dubai to Dar Es Salaam and then on to Iringa, arriving on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the very friendly MR Hotel. Our work started straight away the following morning with a visit to Nyamihuu Village where the whole project began and WOW... it was a moment I will never forget. Even writing about it has made me emotional. We stopped at the primary school where over one hundred children, singing in the way that only Africans do, came running and clapping up to the car and surrounded us. Their happy smiling faces are still etched on my memory. The children loved

the fact that I was from Manchester! (Many of them being Manchester United fans!). We were then treated to a performance of “He-He” dancing and singing to welcome us, ably led by a young choirmaster who had the most patched up pair of shorts imaginable! We were so impressed by him that we stopped off later in the week with a new school uniform for which he was SO grateful.

We went on from the school into the village itself and met Maria who welcomed us into her home, fed us and gave us a tour, including Emma’s old house and the village well. This was one of my saddest memories. The well has become a trickle and many children were sat down at the well waiting patiently with their buckets for their turn to get some precious water. We were told that they had been there for hours YET they were still smiling- a very humbling and emotional experience. From there we visited a new secondary school to look at suitability for SEED students in the future. And that was only my first day!!



# 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 of the extracts from those weekly reports.....

## October 2013



I visited **Kalenga** secondary school for their graduation was ....it was very good and beautiful time and I had the chance to meet school committee, ward chancellor and other village leaders. One of our students, **Baitha Mkwambe**, received the gift of being best student in geography she was the school head girl too. Our form four students were very happy to graduate and to reach their goals that they dreamed for almost four years. **Obed Ngalya** and **Edwin Malangalila** also received gifts as best form two students. I had the chance to meet **Baitha Mkwambe** many parents and guardians as well, they sent their gratitude to SEED UK as they see their children completing secondary school education.



**Idodi graduates**

At **Idodi** secondary school graduation ceremony one of our students, **Ghuhen Mramba**, received the gift of being best student in three different subjects. **Scout Nyamahanga**, also received the gifts as the best form one student.



**Hosenja happy with his relatives**



**Deule with graduates**

During the graduation at **Kiwere**, **Fatuma Juma** received the gift of being ‘good leader’ from 2012-2013, she was the school secretary to represent students to the staff.

*Deule Jamhuri SEED Programme Manager*

# Visit to Tanzania 2013

## By Rosemary and David Brice

In August we once again travelled to Tanzania, this time we had our niece Mary with us. It was four years since we had last visited Iringa and we were looking forward to seeing Stevo again and to meeting Deule, (who replaced Stevo as the Tanzanian Programme Manager in October 2011) for the first time.

It was so exciting to be back in the bustling town of Iringa, in our usual hotel, which has a balcony from which we can watch the world go by! We had travelled from Dar with Stevo, and Deule was waiting for us at the hotel to give us a warm welcome. It was Mary's first visit to Africa, so we thoroughly enjoyed showing her what a wonderful place it is to be.

During the ten days we were there, we visited three of our feeder junior schools. We spoke to the final year students to tell them that SEED would be able to support some of those who did well in their exams. It was great fun to be with the younger children who are so cheerful and full of life, despite their impoverished lives. The Head Teachers at these schools work so hard with such limited resources – for example one English text book amongst fifty children.



We were welcomed to the offices of the District Education Officer and District Executive Director, to discuss the work of SEED. They all said how grateful they were for SEED's support as one of the largest charities working in Iringa for children's education. They emphasised how much they would like the work of SEED to expand.



We have three secondary schools where our sponsored students go. Our first visit was to Kiwere School, which was built just before our last visit in 2009. We met the new Headmistress there Madam Nkondola, and then went to see our sixteen students, who were waiting in a classroom for us. They put on a wonderful play – Sheria is definitely on the way to stage stardom! This was followed by their amazing singing, which always brings tears to my eyes. Each student had a personal interview, when they can tell us confidentially of any problems they have. Because we were celebrating SEED's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we enjoyed a tamasha (party) with balloons, banners and super food. Chicken and rice is the staple party dish, and the piled high plates were rapidly demolished. Stevo told us the students would always remember this special day with its wonderful food. Each student wrote a letter to their sponsor and had a photo taken, and some were lucky enough to be given a letter from their sponsor. These letters were carefully read and other students who weren't so lucky asked to see them too. The letters were then put in a very safe place to be kept and treasured. (A hint to all you wonderful sponsors - I would love to be able to go with letters for all our students next time – it really means so much to them).

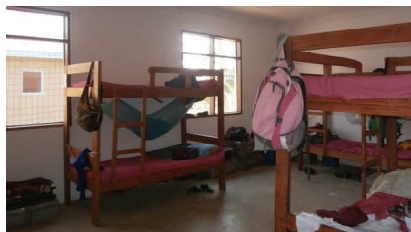


Kalenga School was next on our itinerary, where we again met a new Headmaster Mr Kachenje who had only been there for one week. At each school there is a teacher who looks after the SEED students, and whom Deule can contact easily. At Kalenga it is Madam Simbili who has this role, and she had not only prepared all the food for the tamasha but had beautifully decorated a room for us to have the party in. Again, we enjoyed a play and some dancing, before the interviews and letter writing and photos got underway.

We had taken some gifts for each student - a ruler printed with the SEED logo; a wristband in bright colours with "I am helping SEED to Grow" in English and Swahili; a baseball cap; Beanie hats knitted by some kind ladies in Runcorn and some dictionaries for each group.



Our driver discovered a puncture just as we were about to set off for Idodi School, so we were delayed starting our long journey from Iringa, and even in our 4x4 the roads were challenging for the two and a half hour journey. Mr Mlasu had been headmaster at Idodi School for very many years and we had great respect for him. We were very sorry to hear just before we left UK that he had died. The students were still feeling very sad, and I think our visit helped to cheer them up again.



We have over forty students at Idodi, so it was a very busy day making sure they all had private time with one of the UK team members. The day took the same format as at the other schools, after we had visited the grave of Delphina, our student who was killed in the tragic fire in the girls' dormitory at Idodi four years ago. We were impressed by the new girls' dormitory which was spacious and bright.

The last day in Iringa was very special when eighteen of our students who have either completed, or are still in further education, came join us for lunch at a restaurant in the town. We had met all of them before over the years, and it was really exciting to see them again. Some are now trained teachers. Daniel, who is teaching in Dodoma, travelled for two days see us and to say thank you to SEED. There are trained accountants, welders and electricians, amongst the group, as well as some training to be nurses, secretaries and cooks. It really made everything seem worthwhile as we talked to these happy, confident and well educated young people who have the enthusiasm to make the most of their lives in the future. The students are now living many hundreds of miles apart, so don't often get together. They were all so happy to meet up again that they decided to arrange to go to Iringa once a year for a SEED reunion.

