

SEED

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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



As some of you will have seen at the African Fun Day, we have banners printed on canvas, which are copies of the original alphabet banner made for Nyamihuu school.

These are for sale for £65, of which Iris Prints will donate £15 to SEED. These can be for your own use or you can sponsor one to go into one of our other primary schools. The schools loved receiving these from David and Julie in September.

We are always very grateful for donations for prizes for our 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!

We are holding our usual Christmas Raffle this year. We would be very grateful for help with selling tickets.

We would like to thank the following fund raisers:

Highworth Warneford School for raising over £1,000, an amazing achievement.

Heswall Rotary Club for their grant of £1,520 for books for the library at Kalenga School.

Brockhampton Primary School for letting us sell goods at their fun day and help to raise awareness of the charity.



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A word from the chairman....

Wow, what an exciting few months. With Japhet visiting the UK and two trustees visiting Iringa! It's been busy at headquarters in the very best of ways.

I hope you like our new logo above—many thanks to Adam Allen for his design, which we are replicating on t-shirts.

I hope you enjoy reading Julie and David's notes from their visit. There have been so many exciting changes in our schools, creating a much improved life for our students.

Japhet has been absolutely wonderful in all the work he has done making us welcome in Iringa and being a perfect house guest here. His enthusiasm and fresh ideas have been a real inspiration for the UK team and have flourished with your support into real projects which are touching the lives of so many Tanzanian students.

Emma Stapley

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Christmas Cards

Our fabulous Autumn is nearly over and it's time to think about sending out Christmas cards to the students. It would be wonderful if all our sponsors were able to write a card to their sponsored student. It is often the only card they receive and is treasured for years to come. We are also often asked by the students for a photo of their sponsor, which is another precious item for them to keep.

We also have a number of students who are supported by the charity rather than individuals or groups. If you are a supporter and would be willing to send a card to one of these children, it would really light up their Christmas.

Please send all cards via Mrs Emma Stapley, PO Box 873, Worcester, WR6 5ZF. I will then send these on to Japhet to take to the students.

My deadline for sending the final parcel of cards will be 19th November 2018.

Food for All Christmas Card Scheme

Food For All, a bookshop in Bromyard, runs a fantastic Christmas Card Scheme each year raising money for local charities including SEED. If you live in or near Bromyard, in exchange for your donation to charity, they will display your name and Christmas Greeting in their shop window and in the local magazine, saving on paper and postage of Christmas cards to your neighbours.

Julie and David's trip to Iringa, Tanzania September 2018



Makifu village parents and students.

By Julie and David Jenkins who travelled out to Tanzania on September 25th 2018.

We spent an amazing 10 days in Dar Es Salaam and Iringa working with the local SEED team. During this time we met past and present SEED students, we met with Tanzanian Education Officers, we visited a number of schools supported

by SEED and spent some time with parents of SEED students. Some of the highlights of the trip

included a visit to Nyamihuu Village (the birthplace of SEED) where we saw the primary school and met some parents of SEED students.

The school is delighted with SEED's gifts of the Alphabet Banners and a Drum Kit, both of which were clearly shown to be of use! The parents voiced their sincere appreciation for the support provided by SEED and asked that this should continue. We also discovered that a

water supply has been established in the village since the last SEED visit two years ago. This has clearly improved the lives of the residents.

The appreciation of the parents was echoed by those we met at Makifu Village. SEED has a history of sponsoring a number of students from this remote village, many of whom attend Idodi Secondary School and then continue into Tertiary Education. The quiet dignity and generous hospitality of the village community were truly humbling.

The Tanzanian Education Officers were very pleased to learn of the support that SEED provides to 100 students. They readily granted permission for us to visit the schools. They highlighted the problems faced by many girls who have to travel to school on a daily basis and stated that they see more school hostels as the solution to this. SEED has always chosen to sponsor both girls and boys to board at the Secondary Schools in order to keep them safe and allow them the greatest opportunity to study. We visited the three secondary schools currently supported by SEED. We interviewed our students, all of whom appeared to be happy with their education. A few medical issues were identified and plans were made to address these. A number of students identified the need for access to English-Swahili dictionaries.



At Idodi school the new SEED logo was launched. Kalenga school proudly showed the newly refurbished library facilities that have been provided by SEED. We also were very happy to present many text books funded by the generosity of Heswall Rotary Club. Kiwele school now has a water pump (funded by SEED) and is building a



new hostel for girls. Following a request from Japhet at each school we provided the SEED students with education about the importance of using mosquito nets at night. This was reinforced by a play (in which the students took part) and a poster. Our slogan "Don't Forget - Use your Net" was born. This seemed to go down very well with students and teachers alike. There are plans for the local SEED team to act as ambassadors and roll this out to all students at the schools.

In both Dar Es Salaam and Iringa we were also able to meet a number of SEED supported students who have left secondary school and are now in higher education, work or awaiting government posts. We were pleased to learn that a number of students have recently obtained work. Wasalimu works in the Tanzanian Standards Bureau, Abraham works with the Dar Es Salaam bus company, Jackson has a research post with the Ruaha Carnivore Project and Azizi is a teacher. Stephin and Epiphanyo run their own businesses. We were pleased to learn that many students plan to form a SEED Beneficiaries group to provide additional support for current SEED students.

We also visited the graves of Adelphina (with the Idodi students) and Joseph Kwama (with his father). We explained to Joseph's father that SEED has undertaken to continue to fund a specific student in memory of Joseph.

We became aware of the following issues:

Delays in creating posts for qualified teachers because of the government's focus on infrastructure projects.

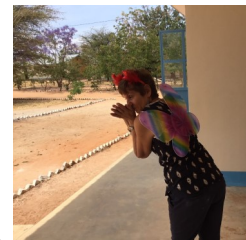
Need for more hostel places at schools, especially for girls.

Need for improved library facilities at Idodi and Kiwele to bring them to a similar standard to that of Kalenga School.

Need for each student to have an English-Swahili dictionary. We purchased an ideal example to show the SEED committee.

Better Wi-Fi access for the SEED team and schools. We will attempt to make contact with a U.S. charity which specialises in I.T. Projects in Tanzania.

We left with the impression that Japhet has blossomed in his role. He is dynamic and well-organised and has excellent rapport with students and teaching staff. He also receives excellent support from Samson who continues to co-sign the cheques as well as offer support to the students.



Don't Forget, Use Your Net! Julie plays the mosquito!