



Arusha is in the north of Tanzania, East Africa.
ACT is a small educational charity
operating since December 1999

Who did we help in 2012?



Happy graduates with teachers, Elias, Leah and Suzana and ACT project manager Ishbel Brydon

This year in January 2012, the Maasai kindergarten built by ACT, celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Over 80 children aged 4 to 7 attend the kindergarten and we thank the dedicated teachers, Elias, Suzana and Leah for their nurturing care.

In December, 49 seven year olds graduated and they will start their primary school education in the local schools nearby in January 2013. ACT continues to provide all the educational materials, salaries and breakfast porridge for the kindergarten.

Youth and Secondary Schools Programme



Elizabeth Mrutu at Graduation

football career with the added support of Arusha Football Club and the encouragement of his college team.

Elizabeth Mrutu graduated from her first year in the Arusha Institute of Accountancy, certificate course, and is now being sponsored by ACT to complete a two year Ordinary Diploma in Business Management.

ACT is currently supporting four students (one boy and three girls) in secondary schools. ACT pays for fees, uniforms, books, lunches, other educational supplies and educational trips to the national parks.

This year ACT sent seven youths on a basic computer course. Three youths completed the advanced course. ACT is currently providing accommodation and food for these youths (former street boys) who completed their secondary studies, thanks to



New Accommodation for the Boys

ACT continues to sponsor Mohamed Miloho in his third and final year of a Bachelor of Business Administration course at Mbeya College. Mohamed is also pursuing his

sponsorship from ACT, and who are now seeking employment in Arusha.

In Appreciation



Hope Yungblut surrounded by students and their new text books



Dutch fundraisers Claudia and Dyana



New Windows for the Kindergarten

Hope Yungblut, a Canadian fundraiser, came to visit ACT's projects in May 2012. She was thrilled to see how her donation had been spent on books, desks and sports equipment for a Maasai primary school outside Arusha.

Later the headmaster said attendance at the school had improved thanks to Hope's generous donation.

Two Dutch friends, Claudia and Dyana visited in August 2012 and brought a large bag of educational toys for the Maasai kindergarten.

Claudia has visited Tanzania many times and is no stranger to ACT and the Maasai culture. Her love of the country and its people is demonstrated in the way she fundraises for disadvantaged children's education and her support of a Maasai community in the 'bush' several hours drive from Arusha. Claudia supports the Maasai women and their families by helping them to set up their own initiatives.

Marion and Cees Steendam-Buys, Dutch visitors, who visited the Maasai kindergarten in 2011, will be happy to know that the renovation work funded by them began in December 2012. With their generous donation new windows and doors are being added and the classroom will be redecorated. The work should be completed by the middle of January. The whole community thanks Marion and Cees for their support. ACT thanks Ole Supeet for his voluntary work as director of the kindergarten and for procuring and organizing the building materials. Photos will be posted later of the completed work.



New volleyball equipment



New netballs and stands



New footballs and goal posts

How can you help?

Please visit our website www.arushachildrenstrust.org for more information and details of how to donate. ACT needs your help in order to continue to support underprivileged children in the Arusha region of northern Tanzania.

The Maasai kindergarten cost £225 a month to run in 2012. This includes porridge which costs £42 per month. The Youth and Secondary Schools Programme cost £240 per month in 2012.

Donations and contributions to the Arusha Children's Trust can be made online or to:

Bank of Scotland
43 Comely Bank Road
Edinburgh
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United Kingdom

Arusha Children A/C
Sort Code 80-11-05
Sterling Account No. 06002520

Thanks

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