



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

Youth and Secondary Schools Programme

ACT has continued to support Elizabeth Mrutu in the Accountancy College in Arusha where she has completed a diploma in business management. This year she will complete her first year in a degree course in banking and finance. ACT supports her sisters, Anna and Zena in secondary school. A donation of Shakespeare stories donated by Qasim Ravat resulted in Elizabeth being sponsored to climb Kilimanjaro in October 2013. Ishbel decided to sell the books and use the money for Elizabeth's climbing gear and other expenses. Although Elizabeth didn't make it to the top she had an amazing experience and has never been so cold in all her life!



Mrutu Sisters- Anna, Elizabeth and Zena Mrutu



Amini family Issa, Hawa and Ally

Another family of three Issa, Hawa and Ally Amini have received secondary school support from ACT.

Issa completed his fourth year while Ally completed first year and Hawa her

second. The family struggles to pay their house rent and ACT has given assistance with this. Issa is now attending a 3 month computer course. Hawa is receiving sponsorship from a family in the Netherlands.

All the secondary students have enjoyed educational trips to the game parks and other places of interest paid by ACT.

ACT continued to support six boys aged between 18 and 21 from January till the end of August 2013 with food and accommodation while they were job seeking in Arusha. ACT paid for their secondary schooling up to Form 4. However due to lack of funding ACT is no longer able to support them and they have returned to their families, some a whole day's bus journey from Arusha, to try and seek employment elsewhere.

ACT for Action



Happy Graduation Day for 43 children

Following a well-attended graduation for 43 excited youngsters in November 2013, the Maasai kindergarten reopened in January 2014 with over 80 children from 4 to 6 years.

The community is lucky to have the same three dedicated teachers who have been with the school for a total of 26 years.

Elias Samson has been with the school for 12 years since it opened in 2002 and before that, he ran the school under the shade of a nearby tree. Elias has 3 children of his own now. His oldest daughter, Shalom

aged 6, graduated from the kindergarten in November and is now in Standard One in the nearby primary school which ACT also supports with desks, sports equipment and educational supplies.

The kindergarten has seen a few visitors this past year who have brought gifts of educational supplies and donations.

The children love to sing welcome songs in both Swahili and English to the visitors. This is a credit to their teachers as the children enter the school with only their mother

tongue, Maa, the language of the Maasai. ACT continues to provide educational supplies, the teachers' salaries and porridge for the children.

In August 2013 a group of Dutch travellers brought six large bags of clothes on their flight to Tanzania as a gift for the children and families in the community. Belgian visitors brought lots of baby clothes.

The parents pay a small sum of just under £10 per child (orphans are free) per year which pays for a small salary for the two ladies who make the porridge every day and the gardener.

Both the kindergarten and the primary in the village of Olmuringiringa will benefit under a new initiative started by the manager of Karama Lodge which supports ACT. Pack for a Purpose (UK) encourages travellers to support projects in many countries and to take educational supplies which may be hard to find in the developing world.

So far three visitors have brought supplies of crayons, markers, puzzles, flash cards etc. - a total of 13 kg worth of supplies in their suitcases.



John prepares breakfast for his practical

John Njuguna was sponsored by ACT through 4 years of secondary and in 2013 was sent on a hotel catering course for one year.

John graduated with flying colours and has since been employed by a well-known Tanzanian company to work in one of their hotels. He was spotted by the hotel's owners while on a practical placement on the island of Zanzibar. They were taken by his ready smile and personality and offered him a job right there.

ACT congratulates John on his perseverance as he was once an orphan living rough on the streets of Arusha. John is now able to live a new independent life.

In Appreciation



Ole Supeet and Ishbel Brydon

ACT thanks Ole Supeet, the head of Olmuringiringa Primary school, for his valuable assistance and time given to ACT and he is seen here accepting football equipment from ACT's project manager Ishbel Brydon.

Ishbel celebrated her 60th birthday in September 2013 and raised £430 for ACT at her party.

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How can you help?

Please visit our website www.arushachildrenstrust.org for more information and details of how to donate.

The cost of running the Maasai kindergarten for one month in 2013 was £222. The cost of porridge per month (flour, sugar and milk) was £42.

The cost of supporting a student in a government secondary school (including uniform, books, stationery, educational trips etc.) was £162 for the year.

Donations can be made through PayPal or directly to:

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