



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

Maasai Kindergarten about to start its 14th year!

ACT is proud to announce that 2014 was another positive year for the Maasai Kindergarten in the village of Olmuringiringa, north of Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa and we look forward to starting our 14th year supporting the youngsters in 2015. Due to 3 dedicated teaching staff, one of whom has been with the school since it began in January 2002, progress is always on-going and becomes even more apparent at the annual graduation in November when the leaving children entertain the audience with their songs and dances and show off their literary skills in both Swahili and English.

This year 40 students enjoyed the limelight from teachers, parents and friends and although sad to be leaving their caring teachers, Suzana, Leah and Elias, they are excited to move up to primary school. The head teacher of the nearby village primary, Ole Supeet, is also a dedicated educator who has been a volunteer with ACT since the kindergarten began. Thanks to Ole the wheels keep turning in the village

community and he inspires others to get involved to improve both the schools in the surrounding area and the local environment.

Due to ACT's project manager having to take time out of Tanzania for a few

months for family reasons back in UK, Ole has stepped up to fill other roles along with the support of Tropical Trails Safari Company staff, delivering educational supplies and the vital maize and millet for the porridge.



Olmuringiringa Kindergarten teachers and director

Power and Water!

In the western world we take electricity and clean running water for granted but in many Tanzanian villages they are something to wish for. In Olmuringiringa electricity has been a

distant dream and water is fetched from streams or if you are lucky from a single tap shared by many. However in 2015 will hopefully change all that as the government is currently installing

electricity poles and water storage tanks near the village. The rough, single track road leading to the village is also being upgraded which will help the local farmers to get their produce to market.

Secondary Students



Mrutu family with ACT's project manager Ishbel Brydon

ACT continues to support secondary students in government schools with fees, uniforms, shoes, books and educational trips to the game parks.

It is essential that these students are given the chance to see Tanzania's amazing wildlife with their schools as many would never be able to afford such an opportunity with their parents.

ACT likes to keep in touch with former students who have joined the work force and are making better lives for themselves.

Elizabeth Mrutu is now working for a company on the island of Zanzibar and John Njuguna is working in a hotel in Karatu which hosts many overseas visitors on their way to the game parks.

Coastal Village Kindergarten



ACT donated toys and books to a new kindergarten in the village of Kikogwe, near Pangani on the coast of Tanzania.

The school is an initiative between the villagers and a nearby farm project. One of the villagers gave his barn with its sand floor to be used as a school.

Pack for a Purpose

Karama Lodge, Arusha, which sponsors ACT started a new initiative in 2014 with the USA based Pack for a Purpose organisation which encourages travellers to bring educational equipment to schools in many different parts of the world.

They ask what is required or unavailable in that particular country and advise travellers to pack items such as deflated soccer balls and school stationery.

The Maasai kindergarten and the next door primary school have both benefited from this scheme. In 2014 40kg of supplies were donated to ACT's projects.

Even better, several tourists were able to deliver the school supplies themselves to the schools and got an opportunity to meet and interact with the children. This scheme is definitely a winner in many countries. Go to www.packforapurpose.org for more information.

Donations and Fundraising



Kikogwe children love their new toys

ACT thanks all its supporters from all over the world including those who have sponsored us for several years and those who have donated money and educational equipment this year.

ACT's project manager had a huge clear out of her cupboards and raised £160(USD 240) for ACT and a small leaving dinner raised another £44 (USD 66). Not a lot but every penny counts!

Please go to ACT's website for more information and details of how to donate.

www.arushachildrenstrust.org

ACT is run by volunteers in Tanzania and the website is designed and updated by Bob Gray in New Zealand. Many thanks go to Bob and the volunteers for their time and commitment.

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 2014 was £230. The cost of porridge per month (flour, sugar and milk) was £45.

The cost of supporting a student in a government secondary school (including uniform, books, stationery, educational trips etc.) was £165 for the year.

Donations can be made through PayPal or directly to:

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ACT says a huge thanks to all its donors and visitors!