

Newsletter December 2009

Dear All,

Hello. I started as Development Manager in September and am greatly enjoying working at EdUKaid. The last couple of months have been extremely busy and the team have been incredibly welcoming and friendly as I get to grips with EdUKaid's work.

The generous contributions of EdUKaid's supporters have been inspiring. This not only includes impressive fundraising initiatives, but time, effort and expertise given to EdUKaid to support our work with children and schools in Tanzania.

Feeding Programme



I wanted to take the opportunity to give special thanks to Annelies D'Hulster. As researcher for the development of the school feeding programme pilot test, Annelies has demonstrated dedication, resilience, co-operation and much enthusiasm. Thanks to her work with local parents in Imekuwa (a small village outside Mikindani), land is now being cleared for a school farm. Following successful planting and harvesting of sweet potatoes, it is hoped that feeding of nearly 500 children at Imekuwa Primary School can begin as early as April 2010. Annelies has now completed her volunteer work for the project and has left Mikindani. We want to wish her all the very best for her future.

Photos

We'd also like to thank Laila Vaziralli, a professional photographer, for taking the time out from her busy schedule to visit Mikindani and spend time capturing images of schooling and life in this part of the world. As you'll see from some of the enclosed photographs, Laila has caught some wonderful pictures.



Run!

Thank you to [Stephen Deane](#) who raised over £1500 whilst running the Dublin Marathon. At 3 hours and 26 minutes this was quite an achievement both in fundraising and long distance running terms. Thank you for your great effort.

Partnerships with UK Schools

Thank you to Elizabeth Cutter and Year 8 (2008/9) Citizenship Fundraising at Trafalgar School for their donation of £250. St Osmunds school have continued to support EdUKaid and we have recently started up new partnerships with Fordingbridge Infant School and Outward Academy in Adwick, Doncaster. We look forward to taking these partnerships forward.

Fundraising

Thank you to Dubai Cares for their grant of £5904 for the Whole School Development Plan. Kennet, Project Director in Tanzania, and I have been working together on developing proposals for all our projects to secure future funding grants - more on the projects from Kennet below.

Thanks to EdUKaid's fundraising group for standing in the Saturday rain to raise £302 at the Market Stall in Salisbury. Who would have believed so many people would brave shopping in such torrential rain? Thanks go to Sarah Varney for raising £171 at her coffee afternoon, Jane Dench who made some beautiful cakes and to Melanie and Xanthe who brought along their craft stall full of Christmas present ideas. Your donation, ladies, is much appreciated.

Have you thought about holding a coffee morning/afternoon for EdUKaid? This is a simple way of entertaining your friends and raising money for charity at the same time.

Child Sponsorship Programme



Thank you to our child sponsors for your ongoing support. Magalie Callebaut, our child sponsorship co-ordinator in Tanzania, has been busy compiling additional information about the children and schools in order to improve our database and give sponsors more detailed feedback in the future.

We hope to re-launch the child sponsorship programme in the New Year and secure additional sponsors as there is still a great need for support of the poorest families and their children. Please let us know what you think of the existing child sponsorship programme, what you like and dislike about it and what additional information you would like or would be attractive to potential sponsors.

Please email us: admin@edukaid.com.

face appeal



Feed A Child's Education

In November this year we launched EdUKaid's face appeal to raise £10,000 to launch a school feeding program (based on Magalies' work above). For many children in Tanzania, hunger at school is a daily occurrence. Yet it costs just 15p a day to give a child a nutritious, healthy meal.

The face appeal hopes to inspire local schools, businesses, churches and community groups to get involved. Please contact us if you'd like to run an event for EdUKaid. We've plenty of ideas if you're not sure how you can help.

To order EdUKaid smiling FACE badges tel: 01725 514612 or email admin@edukaid.com (Available in packs of 10).

Tim Varney's 10x10x10x10

Our very own Tim Varney, EdUKaid Chair, has offered himself up to run ten 10km races over 10 months to help raise £10,000. To catch up on his latest training and to sponsor him visit www.justgiving.com/timvarney.

Let us know if you want to join him on one of his runs.



Children's competition

To celebrate Christmas we've included a children's page at the back with a competition. We have an ipod shuffle as a prize, kindly donated by Revive Vending

Finally, please look out for our [Meaningful Presents brochure](#) on our website. Buying a Meaningful Present means you are not only buying a gift for your loved one, you are helping provide vital resources and assistance to support Children's education in Tanzania.

Have a very Happy Christmas!

Liza Kendall
Development Manager

News from Tanzania

At the end of the year one tends to look both back on the year just past and try to look forward on the year to come. Looking back 2009 has been a year of transition and transformation both in Tanzania and in the UK with new projects and new people. The focus is still on improving access to education and enhancing the quality of education, and looking forward to 2010 and beyond, this focus will materialise through our two flagship projects: The Child Sponsorship Scheme and the Whole School Development Project.

The Child Sponsorship Scheme

As the founding idea behind the charity, most of you already know the Child Sponsorship Scheme where people in the UK will donate a set amount to cater for the education of one or more children. The Government of Tanzania has designed a national strategy on Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) and EdUKaid has adopted this strategy for support. In practical terms this means working even closer together with the local communities, via the MVC committees, as these are in charge of the identification process on children and the follow up visits to the families once support has been allocated.



We hope that we will be able to support a larger number of children to gain an education and to assist a greater number of families by helping them with the costs of schooling for their child or children. At present, EdUKaid is able to assist nearly 250 children but we are operating in one of the poorest and least developed regions in Tanzania where poverty is more the rule than the exception and so we could really use your support in helping more children/families. The Child Sponsorship Scheme is one of the most direct ways of impacting upon the lives of future generations and providing children with a brighter future.

The Whole School Development Project (WSDP)



Our most ambitious project to date, the WSDP will seek to provide children with a better quality of education through reforming 12 Primary Schools over the next three years. It will seek to do this through teacher training, the introduction of pre-primary classes, school resources and school feeding programmes. In turn, this will benefit more than 950 Pre-Primary School children, nearly 5500 Primary School children, 24 Pre-Primary educators, and over 100 Primary School teachers.

Crucially, these key areas complement one another and as a whole they will bring about a transformation which should increase the access to education and improve the quality of education for all. In short, the project is a manifestation of the very core objective for EdUKaid: to improve the provision and quality of education.

We have already seen some early success with the opening of EdUKaid's first pre-primary class in August this year. The first six months were spent getting the resources ready, refurbishing the classroom, recruiting the pre-primary teacher and her teaching assistant, and working with the parents to secure their involvement from the very onset. Through a shared effort between EdUKaid, the teachers at Imekuwa and the parents the schedule was kept and registration for the class could take place during the semester break in June. This was only made possible because parents volunteered as carpenters, masons, painters etc. for the refurbishment work on the classroom. It was an absolute joy to see their dedication and commitment and their want for giving their children a better start on their life in the school/education system.

With the teacher and teaching assistant's dedication and patience, they are brimming with happiness and after only 3 months they all know the alphabet and can count from 1-20. The 98% attendance rate indicates the children and parents satisfaction with the project.

We are currently working to secure the necessary funds to undertake the WSDP. It is an ambitious project indeed but it provides such a strong tool for creating lasting improvements to the education in the schools in Mikindani. Should you be in a position to support us in achieving any of these improvements we would of course love to hear from you.

Kennet Christensen
Project Director

Upcoming Events for your diary, 2010

January - October 2010

Tim runs ten 10km races. The first is January 3rd at Somerly. The second will take place in Tanzania in February. Visit www.justgiving.com/timvarney to sponsor him and for further updates.

Wednesday 31st March

Abseil down Wiltshire College, Salisbury (further details to follow).

Saturday 11th September

EdUKaid Ball

Sunday 10th October

RACE for FACE, EdUKaid's own 10km race

Please keep checking our website for further upcoming events www.edukaid.com and let us know if you'd like to run a fundraising event to support EdUKaid.

Children's competition

Welcome to our children's page. To enter our competition print and complete this word search and complete the phrase below. Then send it to our address below. Complete the phrase:

I would support EdUKaid because

(Entries limited to 11 years and under).

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We also have a wealth of information on our website and you can sponsor a child and make online donations.