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From the classroom to the workplace

The central aim of The Banana Tree Project is to help children from the orphanages and streets of Mwanza become employable and hence self-sufficient. We now have a good number of young people who have gained qualifications and subsequently moved into jobs. With VETA qualifications under their belts, Brail, Shija, Severino, Kulwa and Godfrey are now working in garages around Mwanza. Edward has his course results and is able to start applying for good jobs in the mining industry. Witness is working as a classroom assistant while waiting for the government to assign her a full time teaching post somewhere across Tanzania. Donald is completing his final Teaching Practice before qualifying as a secondary school science teacher. These successes add to Yakobo, Maduhu and Eliya, who are now fully engaged in their careers, to show that The Banana Tree Project has had a real and significant impact on many young and deserving lives.

Letters

Mazera was supported through his secondary schooling by students at St Albans School in the UK. Having achieved outstanding grades, he is now sponsored by Affirmation through his medicine degree at university. His first semester university grades were As and Bs:

*Hello,
I am happy to write you this mail to inform you that I*

am now in one month of holiday after completing my first semester of university studies. Though it was tough I thank God everything went well and I did well in the Continuous Assessment Tests (CAT) and finally we did the end of semester exams. I thank you for the support you are giving me.



*With Love,
Mazera Justine,
(The Upcoming Doctor)*

Form VI

Yuseph will finish his Form VI national exams in May. The results are due out in July. He earned a Division One in the mock exams for the Lake Victoria Zone in March, so hopes to repeat this great success in the real exams. He is waiting to find out whether he must complete national service before deciding his next move. He is looking to gain a temporary job in Mwanza while he waits for his results.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has raised funds and made donations to The Banana Tree Project over the last few months. In particular, the Year 7 students at Plymouth College have done an amazing job of raising funds and have beaten the records set by previous cohorts. On behalf of The Banana Tree Project – thank you. Regular



donations from supporters in Australia and the US as well as from across the UK all quickly add up to ensure that the children can complete their school courses and get ready to look after themselves. Many excellent role models have gone before them and they know that with hard work they can achieve success.

Ed Beavington

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