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The busy enrolment period at the start of the Tanzanian school year is now coming to an end. All the children passed their national Form Two exams with flying colours. The exam highlight was Donald Mussa (right) in the Form Four exams where he was beaten by only five fellow students at the best school in Mwanza. I am also pleased to report that the children previously sponsored by The BTP from Hands of Mercy orphanage will now be sponsored by a new Canadian charity called Masomo for Children. This allows The BTP to focus on children at other orphanages.



UK students sponsor kids through school

Year 7 students at Plymouth College are fundraising to sponsor Gabriel George through Form One. Their ideas include a school-wide non-uniform day and a sponsored run dressed as bananas! St Albans School students have yet again stepped up to the mark to sponsor a fellow teenager through school. Mazera Justine is continuing into Form Three at Sunrise because of the magnificent efforts of Mrs Offord's Year 9 tutor group (below).



Primary children given a Secondary opportunity

Five new children are being sponsored into secondary school by The BTP, starting this month. Rajabu Mussa (pictured in The BTP banner) has started at Sunrise Secondary. After an eye test he was given his first pair of glasses which should help him achieve ever more highly! Sadicki Petro, Gabriel George, Kulwa Enos and Julius Mchuni (his primary school report is shown here) have all started their Form One studies at Lake

WISARA YA ELIMU NA MAFUNZO YA UPINDI BEMBA A BEMBA YA MINGO MAFUNZO YA KIMWAZA MWA WA 2010 JINA: JULIUS A. MCHUNI				
DARASA	MURABA	MWAKA		
SONO	ALAMA ZA SHINDI	ALAMA ALIZOPATA	SAPATI	MAWAZI YA MWALIMU WA DARASA
HABARI	49	C		Mtaji
KISWAHILI	83	B		Mtaji
KINGOREZA	91	A		Mtaji
KAYANSI	90	A		Mtaji
WZA KAJI	92	A		Mtaji
HITOFORI	---	---		Mtaji
JOKRATA	---	---		Mtaji
UKAIA	---	---		Mtaji
KUSOMA	---	---		Mtaji
KUSOMA	---	---		Mtaji
MICHAFA YA KIMWI	99	A		Mtaji
HABARI YA MCHORO	---	---		Mtaji
THESMA	---	---		Mtaji
IBU	---	---		Mtaji

Secondary where they will also get their meals. The big increase in food costs in Tanzania is causing orphanages major problems. The extra help with school meals has become even more important.

Kids move in to the new Kiseke Orphanage

Children at Mt Zion Orphanage have now moved out of their cramped house in the centre of town and into their new building set in plenty of open space on the outskirts of Mwanza. The new building was funded and decorated by St Albans School CCF cadets. Further work remains to be done to finish things off, but the new site is a major improvement, with land for growing crops and playing football.



Updates

Yakobo Willison is continuing his apprenticeship at a car garage in Mwanza. He is hoping to get a full time job by the end of the year. Emma Nehemia has moved on from BTP sponsorship at Sunrise Secondary and is now studying a tourism course for which his fluent English, affable nature and streetwise credentials make him an excellent candidate. Maria Barnabas finished her Form Four studies at Sunrise Secondary with excellent results. Sunrise Secondary was ranked 66th out of 3196 schools in Tanzania in the national exams. Lake was ranked 168th.

Thank you

There are always an enormous number of people to thank for their interest in, and fundraising for, The BTP. Many donate on a monthly basis which allows The BTP to pay for exercise books, school shoes and stationary which isn't very glamorous but is very important for the children. Redbourn Methodist Church put in a tremendous fundraising effort at the end of 2010 which has now been converted into school materials for orphanage children. Students at Edinburgh University continue their sponsorship of children at Sunrise Secondary who they have met on their visits to Mwanza over the years. I am particularly grateful to Ruth and Barry Clement for all their help over the last month. The former Headteachers of the International School have done a wonderful job of liaising with schools, orphanage staff and children to ensure that 2011 has started as smoothly as it has for The BTP. Very many thanks!

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