

# The Banana Tree Project

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## Mid-Year Exams

After six months at Sunrise Secondary School, having had a disjointed education at primary school over the previous years, the Fonelisco students have gained some excellent results.

Maria Barnabas finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her year group of 57 students. She earned 96% in her Maths exam, 94% in her Physics exam, 88% in History and 85% in Civics. Maduhu Nkinga finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year group with high A grades in Maths, Physics, History and Civics.

Jumanne Magembe came 10<sup>th</sup> with his best results in Kiswahili and Civics while Esther Emmanuel, who struggled at Lake Secondary School, finished 15<sup>th</sup> with 86% in History and further good marks in Physics and Kiswahili. 7 out of 11 Fonelisco Form One students finished in the top half of the year group.

Benedict Daud struggled with his exams having suffered from a variety of illnesses. When I visited him in March he had both typhoid and malaria, and the orphanage had no funds for medicine, that would later cost



Fonelisco children and staff with some of the school materials bought by the BTP in March.

Anitha Sprian in her Sunrise uniform. She finished 18<sup>th</sup> in her year.



## [An Interview with Dr Andrew Kasambala, Director of Mt Zion Orphanage](#)

*I was born in Dar and have 3 brothers and 3 sisters. My parents divorced when I was 4, and my father was unemployed. By the time I was 12, we had moved to Iringa and we were so poor that I was almost on the streets. I lived with my brother and helped him run a fruit stall. I used the money from this to pay my way through Bagamoya Secondary School. I achieved high results and gained a scholarship to study A-Levels in Moshi. I was then sponsored through university in Norway, studying medicine and specialising in cardiology. I am now working as a doctor at the hospital in Mwanza. I am now able to fulfil my promise to give something back.*

Dr Andrew (2<sup>nd</sup> from top right) with the children of Mt Zion Orphanage.



Dr Andrew pays for all food, staffing and accommodation from his doctor's salary. The children have all come from the streets of Mwanza. The BTP will continue to support these children through their schooling at primary and secondary levels.

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