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As Tanzania prepares for a tense presidential election, the sponsored students are focused on their studies. Having achieved a Division II for Form IV, Stephen has now started Form V. Eliya is half way through his work experience placement in Arusha as part of his Hotel Management course and Mazera (right) is completing a shortened period of military service before being allowed to start a university course. Ngusa, Sadicki and Julius have just started their Form V courses while Yuseph B., Chacha and the VETA boys are preparing for their November exams. Maduhu is due to complete his Wildlife Management course by the end of July.



Yuseph starts Form VI

The Form V results have been published and Yuseph J. has performed strongly with B+ grades in History, Geography and English and an A grade for General Studies. This equates to a Division I overall, the highest possible score. This is particularly impressive as he received treatment for both malaria and typhoid in April, both prevalent on the shores of Mwanza's Lake Victoria (below). Yuseph now moves into his final year to prepare for the national exams. Form VI started on 8th July and his final exams will be in May 2016.



Making an excellent impression

In May a group of the BTP students volunteered to help at a local school fair in Mwanza. The School Manager's report is impressive:

They were fantastic and I can honestly say that we could not have managed without them. They helped set up during the day, they manned stalls and they were there to clear up at the end. People found them courteous, respectful, cheerful and very willing to do whatever was asked of them. In short they were BRILLIANT. You should be proud of them.

Witness – Newly Qualified Teacher

Witness has now completed her Primary School Teaching Certificate and has embarked on her probationary year of teaching at primary schools before becoming fully qualified towards the start of 2016. Impressively, she finished second in her cohort with a GPA of 4.0. Witness has fully grasped the opportunity given to her by BTP donors. Once fully qualified she could be sent by the government to fill a primary school teacher vacancy anywhere in Tanzania!



Thank you

In the last two weeks the BTP has had to make the very difficult decision not to send two students to school simply because funding is limited. This highlights the enormous importance of all contributions to the BTP and the impact that donations have on the lives of the young people. The fundraising efforts of individuals and groups is critical in helping to keep the sponsored children in school. In particular I am very grateful to Robbie Lockyer for running the London Marathon and raising such a large amount. Thanks also to Buckfastleigh Primary, the former students of St Dunstan's and Tash Turvey. Children have directly benefitted from your support.

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