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The Tanzanian elections have seen classes temporarily suspended while people return to their home regions to cast their votes. Tanzanians are electing a new president and parliament. According to the World Bank, the population of 14 – 25 year olds almost doubled in 20 years from 4.4 million in 1990 to 8.1 million in 2010. There is unanimous agreement that education of underprivileged children is key to Tanzania’s future. The BTP has ensured that a small number of street children and orphans in Mwanza have gained qualifications and jobs to help this future, from mechanics to doctors and from wildlife rangers to primary school teachers.

Protecting Tanzanian Wildlife



The BTP’s aim is to help underprivileged children in Mwanza to complete their studies and gain employment so that they can then look after themselves and others. Maduhu is an excellent example of this. After six years of secondary education he completed his Wildlife Management

course this month. Following a successful job interview last week, he has accepted a job as a Wildlife Ranger with the Tanzanian National Parks Authority and begins work immediately. He is extremely grateful for the support he has received and the opportunity he has been given and intends to repay this by helping others in the future.

Exceptional Success

After a difficult start in life, Mazera has seized the opportunities made available to him and has achieved real success. He has been a thoroughly focused and hard-working student throughout his secondary education and has subsequently now been accepted by St Joseph’s University in Dar to study for the five year Bachelor of Medicine and start a career as a doctor. He will be sponsored through university by Affirmation, a US charity which is working closely with the BTP to allow Mazera to access this incredible opportunity. Mazera achieved a Division II in his Form VI exams and then spent two months completing his National Service in the Tanzanian army before embarking on a period of work experience with a sonographer in Mwanza. His medical degree starts in early November.

Futures in Mechanical Engineering

Edward was first supported by the BTP through his Form II and Form IV studies at Sunrise Secondary School. Since then he has been sponsored through his VETA mechanics course and has recently completed his Level 3 qualification. He has now started his final course, in Machine Operation in Shinyanga, which will hopefully lead to employment in garages or with a mining company in Geita. Severino, Brail, Kulwa, Godfrey and Shija will sit their final Level 2 exams in November before completing work experience and looking for employment in Mwanza. I am grateful to the garages in Mwanza that have given these students opportunities to hone their skills and gain experience.



Study Tours

As part of their academic courses, students take part in Study Tours and Field Trips. Most recently, Yuseph has spent three days studying the wildlife, ecology and changing environment of Rubondo Island to help his understanding of Form VI Geography. Yuseph reports that it was “amazing” and that he “learned so many things about geography”.



Thank you

Thank you to all sponsors and donors who are allowing the BTP to continue supporting the children through their studies. The majority of donations come from individuals and this quickly adds up to allow the children to complete their courses. I am very grateful to the Rotary Club of Yelverton for their support. Thanks also to Simon and Jason for running a marathon. Finally, Brian in the US continues to sponsor several students through their education, for which both they and I are very grateful.

Ed Beavington