

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM

A Christian outreach program to provide education for children in the African village of ILULA, Tanzania

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My Visit to Ilula 2011—by Stephanie Graber

I was one of fifteen individuals that had the opportunity to spend two weeks at IOP in February. Three of the fifteen had been to Ilula before. In November of 2010, our community filled a 40'x8' container and shipped it to Tanzania. We filled it with many supplies that would be useful to us during our stay. Well, God had other plans for the container. While waiting for its arrival, we did several other jobs around the Center. We painted all the rooms at the Internet café, did repairs on doors and windows of different buildings, poured new concrete at the front of the preschool, made concrete blocks, planted trees, and taught the women how to can tomatoes. The container did not arrive to IOP until 2 days before we left. The eight men in our group built the pole barn in one day! Everyone at IOP was so impressed with the men's hard work; they decided to name the building "The Mennonite Barn." Several members of our group sponsor students through IOP. We were able to meet them. I had the privilege of going to my student's house for a meal. It was a wonderful experience meeting my student and her family. I am so grateful for the opportunity I had to go on this trip. The memories will last me a lifetime.



Stephanie and her student Suzana



Stephanie and some of the girls at IOP Center

Stephanie is now a member of IOP-USA committee and is helping with Student coordinator duties. We appreciate Stephanie serving on the committee. Sponsors may be getting emails from Stephanie so we wanted to introduce her to the IOP community.

Group from Montgomery IN
Working at IOP in February



Mennonites Build Pole Barn in One Day

Here are pictures of the 8 men building the barn for the tractors etc. after the materials arrived in the container that was sent from Montgomery Indiana. Another tractor was in the container too.



IOP-LUX Reports good news—by Margot Botzem, Ch.

After nearly three years of red tape, the Luxembourg Ministry of Cooperation (Ministère des Affaires étrangères - Direction de la coopération au développement) has granted IOP-LUX the status of a non-governmental organization (NGO).

This recognition is important for two reasons:

--It allows IOP-LUX to make requests for financial aid to the Luxembourg government to help fund officially authorized projects in cooperation with IOP-Tanzania

--It further allows IOP-LUX to issue its sponsors with tax-deductible receipts for their donations

IOP-LUX Student Raises money by Reading

Evie O’Dea, Sam’s daughter(Sam is an IOP-LUX sponsor)who is 11 years old, decided she wanted to raise money for charity. She is an avid reader and so decided she would raise the money by reading books. On Saturday 19th March she started reading at 7 o’clock in the morning. She continued reading until 7 o’clock in the evening. She read a total of 16 books. Authors include Enid Blyton, Megan McDonald, Cathy Hopkins and Betty G. Birney. She raised 500 Euro for IOP, all on her own.



Coupon Booklets sold to Sponsor Students—by Linda DuCett

Donna, Curtis and Brian Hagan and others from the Berean Ministry group in Jasper Indiana, have been selling coupon books at a local department store in Jasper to raise funds to sponsor students in Ilula.

The number of booklets sold is 167, raising \$835. That means that 7 orphans are paid up to July of this year with

Nov. and Dec. of last year also paid. A HUGE THANKS to all who sold and bought coupon books and especially the Hagans who sold 5 separate times in the store (total of 10 hours). They prayed before they left to sell knowing that God wants us to take care of orphans and did He provide!

Students Graduate

Many students are graduating in June and throughout this year. To date the following will be graduating. University BA graduates: [ZAIRO KIVEGA \(IOP since 1998\)](#), [MGUDE NGWAYA \(IOP since 1998\)](#), [OVERNIKE KOKO](#), [REHEMA MSOLLA](#), [DAGRAS SANGA](#). College Diploma-Laboratory Chemistry: [SHUKURU KIBEKU](#). Diploma Secondary Teacher: [GOD MHOKA](#), [FARAJA SALUFU](#), [JEREMIA KALOLO](#), [ONESMO KIGULA](#). Montessori Teacher Training College: [PELESI TEWELE](#), [MICKNESS NGWAYA](#).

SELECTION FOR ADVANCED LEVEL SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training announced that almost all students who had scored good marks were selected for advanced education. We had eleven students with qualification to continue with Advanced Education. It was a grace to hear of them!

Eight will study in the Sciences. Out of the eleven students going on to Secondary education five are girls and three will be studying science.

Thank you for all the sponsors for continuing helping IOP and its beneficiaries (students)

Atilio Mbungu,
Students Advisor

Sponsor information

Reminder notices for 2011 are being sent out. 2012 student fee notices will be sent out in Oct. or Nov. this year. Thank you for your patience as we get reorganized in our bookkeeping. When sending in your student sponsor fees please include the name of your student and/or student number on your check or a note also state if you are sending extra money for your student, where needed or other projects. Also send us your email address to cut down on mailing expenses. Thank you for all your support of the orphans.



INTERVIEW DAY, MARCH 26, 2011

One to one interviews took place at the IOP Center with guardians, students and interviewers. Many students applied and over eighty students were approved for the IOP student program. Now, IOP committees all over the world are seeking sponsors for these students.

“During the interviews, people worked carefully, with a very slow but audible voice when conducting a one-to-one person interview. Here are some interviewers and interviewees on March 26, 2011” stated Atilio



New IOP-USA Committee Members

We are blessed with several new members for the IOP-USA committee. They are Pat Porter—Treasurer, John Windell (Vice-Chairman), Steve DuCett, Ed Beedle (Student Coordinator assistant), Sara Hamdan, Stephanie Graber (Student Coordinator assistant), and Gwen Steyskal (newsletter assistant). Other members are Mary Lich, Ron Porter—Student Coordinator (Until Aug 1), Susie Singleton—Recording Secretary, Carole Thompson—Corresponding Secretary, Margot Rust—Assistant Student Coordinator(AZ/CO). Lynda Drake—Historian, and Jan Wahl—Newsletter Editor. We are always looking for more people to join the committee and fill spots for special projects, fundraising, publicity etc. If you would like to help contact us at Christ United Methodist Church 104 N Meridian Washington, IN 47501, 812-254-3864 or support@iopusa.org.