

## **Winds of Africa Update 6/2020**



*Education is the Keystone towards success, in many ways this approach has been the guidance to our achievements. It joins villages together, establishes friendships and strengthens people's philosophies. Throughout the years we have connected people and surrounded communities through educational programs. Even though our ideas are working well, the many challenges continue, and we are willing to also.*

*We are now into the month of June; we all have been on different schedules with many thoughts running through our minds. We are considering our next steps on our personal lives, immediate family, relatives, and those that are close to us. I stated in my previous news update; it is time to reflect on ourselves, more so, time to comfort those that are most important to us. It is inspiring to read about those within our communities, our country, also around the world that have or are still making a difference in arduous times. Even knowing the difficulties that awaits them they stand up to help; in some way, we are all standing up, communication among friends keeps triumph moving forward. I believe that we hold the strength to stand up together.*

*Throughout the past 19 years WoA has continuously explored options to improve the standards in all arenas of development, specifically, education resources. If we continue to learn the challenges and discoveries to shape the lives of others than we have made a small mark of improvement, that just may, help every other person. We have continued throughout the years, but not without struggle. To understand the dynamics of living in a foreign county, much different than my own, has helped me to observe circumstances that has shaped our world today. I am proud of how we have exceeded our goals to assist others. I am proud of those that have stood by my side. I am thankful for those that continue to stand by my side today.*

*WoA values the inspiration that You offer to our team, to those we assist and that makes what we do happen. There is never a time when I do not reflect on our triumphs, the struggles we overcame and what to anticipate for the following year. I know that the challenges we face help us to overcome daily hurdles and strengthen our performances. I am also fortunate to work beside some of the finest educators and persons in Tanzania. Education offers one advantage to surmount obstacles and explore choices. It is a rewarding feeling to acknowledge those we have helped for their achievements and to appreciate that what we are undertaking is valuable. Each new year offers WoA inspiring choices and we are eager to move forward.*

### **A Brief Update:**



*John and Dr. Abbas*

*Now WoA is continuing to help in the construction of the non-denominational Moyo Comprehensive Charity Hospital, located in the city of Arusha, Tanzania. WINDS has assisted in the ongoing construction since the beginning of 2019; 50% of the hospital has been completed. Their goal is to complete the hospital by Jan 2021. In the meantime, the doctors, associated with the hospital, designed a quarantine center at the Ithnasheri Mosque with 21 beds, a ventilator, and with the necessary*

medical equipment to secure proper care for any person who needs medical attention. The patient's cost is Tsh15,000/- per night, equivalent to \$6.50, which includes the doctors fee, personal medical care, and medicines; offering those with financial burdens a way to receive proper medical care. Impressive!

**As John, WoA Coordinator/Instructor would say,**  
**'It is about team spirit'.**



**An Agricultural Community Program; first carrots, second watermelons, now onions, what's next John?**

John is an innovative farmer; this community-based program is a product of his perseverance to promote team spirit and coordination by using local knowledge and expertise knowledge as well. With more the 300 onion beds now planted in a small rural area near Lake Burunge, also within the region of the spectacular Tarangere National Park, he has once again started a community cooperative by investing into local agricultural practices along with integrating education.



**A perfect way to top off the day, keep us posted John on your onion farm.**

**Notice: We are receiving inquiries on when our 2020 WoA Fundraiser will be held. Once we receive a notice that groups of 50 can gather, we will announce our date. We are hoping for the third or fourth week of August 2020. If you have a question, or advice for us, please feel free to send us an email.**

#### **Further Updates on those we support in Arusha**

In Tanzania as the Corvid-19 coronavirus became active the Minister of Education closed government, also community, primary and secondary schools also Form 5 students will not attend classes. They will remain closed until further notice from city officials. Students that are attending Universities, Colleges and Form 6, which is the final level of education before attending College or University, will resume their classes possibly this week.



**Corina Thorsnes with Susan, Ester, Father Karamuna and myself.**

**Sumi Secondary School, Engikareti Maasai Village**, is closed for Secondary and Form 5 students. Ester and Susan are Form 6 students; they will sit for final exams to complete their advance studies in July. Next step is to be accepted into College or University. Corina has graciously sponsored Susan and Ester throughout the past 6 years; through Standard 1-4 continuing into Form 5 and 6. Corina met Ester and Susan for the first time during her visit to Tanzania in March of 2020. It was a touching experience for all.



**Step by Step Learning Center** is an extraordinary, remarkable school for kids and teens with special needs. Every day new

challenges are won by the students. Their enthusiasm to learn also to share with each other is special. This is one of the reasons I enjoy visiting. From the moment I step inside the classroom or walk around the farm to the fishpond, my smiles remain as wide as possible. Classes are closed until further notice. In the meantime, the staff is watching over the fishpond, goats, honeybee hives, and the property. All are safe, at home with family.



**Highridge Primary Community School (HRCS)**, is closed for now. In the meantime, Adam, Director of HRCS, is taking care of the school to assure that all will be up to standards when given the okay to resume classes. Highridge School is home to numerous students, including a kindergarten classroom and an infant daycare playroom. A perfect setting for all children to learn.

There is never a boring moment at Highridge School when guests are on grounds; the students are all dressed up and dancing to the rhythm of a beating drum!



**Faraja Center** is a safe place for young mothers at risk. Each day begins with a song. The Faraja Center is a temporary residence and vocational training program for young mothers and girls who have faced early pregnancies, child marriage, human trafficking, poverty, abuse, and lack of education. When I visit, I hold the biggest smile which continues throughout the entire day. Most of the daily activities at the center has continued other activities have slowed until further notice.

Your generousities inspire us to move forward. We acknowledge that our friends are a significant part of strengthening WINDS. During the years, our activities have opened a hand to many. You are the root of making these programs possible. Gratitude is an emotion not easily conveyed by words; it will be through our actions. Our ambition is to keep on expanding resources that lead to quality changes, while presenting WINDS an opportunity in building up hope.

*WoA Team and I thanks you for being together Us.*

*Audra*

*Audrey Marie DiMambro*

*Co-Director/Founder Winds of Africa Foundation*



***'Running Wild with the Winds of Africa, come run with me.'***