



## Winds Africa News, 12.2013

Hello and welcome to the summer and fall Winds of Africa (WoA) News which also brings us into the holiday season. This is the time of the year when I 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 performance. I am also fortunate to work beside some of the finest educators and persons in Tanzania and as a team, we do it well. Education offers one advantage to surmount obstacles and explore choices. It is a rewarding feeling to acknowledge those we've taught 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. *Education is the keystone towards success and dreams can come true...*

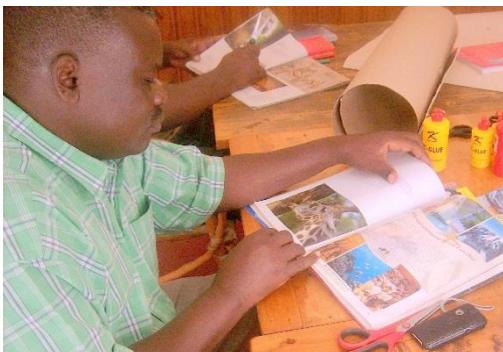
This is also the time to offer warm thanks wishes for Happy Holidays to supporters, family, and friends for their continued interest in what we are doing in East Africa. The following is an update on WoA 2013 accomplishments.



**(Above left) Devun Smith is welcomed by Standard 7 students at the Engikaret Maasai Primary School.**

### Boma' Ngombe Vocational Training Center (BVTC)

Boma' Ngombe is not only a learning center, it is also a place for adolescents and young adults to feel safe, find happiness, and have a normal healthy life. The ABCs for survival are taught at this center, including simple skills to help young people start a business after they leave. Many of the graduating students have begun a thrifty tailor and design business or work for an establish tailor. Others use the computer training, taught at BVTC to earn an income. Those who want to gain more experience stay a few years longer and assist Mama Kitto as junior teachers to the 1st year students.



**Moremi (above left) and Chiwa (above right) are studying English. They are Scouts and part of an Anti-Poaching team with Singita Grumeti Reserve based in the northern region on the border of the Serengeti. Their employer sent them to studying English with WoA. Their goal is to eventually attend a Wild Life Management College in Tanzania.**

Nonprofit Grand Circle Foundation and WoA are working together to enrich Teachers' skills through quality workshops at schools funded by Grand Circle. Workshops are designed to be interactive and to open the creative side of the teachers and their students. Together it forms a rewarding experience.

**(Right and left pictures) A WoA Instructor is working along with schoolteachers and students during an English workshop.**



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### Sponsorship

*We hope to sponsor four girls at the Engikareti Primary School so that they may attend secondary school in 2014. They complete their primary education this year. With help, we can make this happen.*

*(Below) Baraka Kitto (Mrs. Kitto's son) is attending college in Mwanza, Lake Victoria Region, and Tanzania. He is a very good student. If you would like to assist Baraka with his tuition please contact Audra or Tony*

### Empowering Women in Business

*(Below) Mama Sophia grows exotic Red Bananas and makes pottery to sell.*



2013 has been a good year. In addition to teaching, we assist community and health programs and schools in different regions. Recently, we assisted a young boy in receiving a new wheelchair from a local merchant and WoA is sponsoring young women with special needs so that they may receive vocational training. In addition, workshops were held in primary schools, new windows and doors were purchased and put in at the Engikareti Maasai dining hall, and WoA has provided coaching for women's programs and community projects. What touches my heart most is when we supply food, toys, and clothing to kids staying in the hospital while waiting for surgery or in recovery.



*(Right) A Teacher from Dodoma attending a 3 day workshop given by WoA on Career choices and future goals.*



*(Left) Children singing in class.*

*(Below) WoA thanks Alive and Kicking for once again providing youth with soccer balls along with their powerful message on HIV/AIDS awareness.*



**We are very grateful for your continued encouragement and support of these programs.**

In closing, we are often asked how *Winds of Africa* works and what we do that is different from other organizations. My answer to this question is, "We all know that education is the most valuable resource to offer a person. Learning is natural. People feel a powerful sense of accomplishment and internal satisfaction when they achieve a goal and gain a purpose in life. This special feeling of learning something new builds confidence to seek out new challenges. WoA presents students with the necessary tools to achieve these critical goals. Our classes and workshops are designed for those we educate. Our doors are open to all who long to learn and each receives the same consideration. Education is the keystone towards success... and we are teaching people to win. This is our idea and it seems to be working well."