

Supporters Update Autumn '24

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Seven of the Hope Home Family are now in Higher Education

Will, Nancy, Ibrahim and Happi have been accepted for degree courses starting this month, joining **Wema, Emmanuel and John** who are already studying. We can hardly believe the headline. Seven! They are all happy to be starting at university.



Nancy, Ibrahim, and Happi at Kitaa in 2024

Will starts a Bachelor course in Labour Relations and Public Management at the Institute of Social Work in 'Dar'.

Nancy begins a BSc in Information Technology with Business at Mzumbe University, which is about 100 miles east of Dar es Salam.

Ibrahim begins a BA in Project Planning and **Happi** a BA in Education, both at Mwenge University in Moshi. They will live on campus as it is about seven miles away from Hope Home, along many dirt roads.

Wema's long break from Dodoma University this year was spent in field work. She worked in the Kilimanjaro Governor's office in Moshi. This will be her final year.

Emmanuel 's long holiday from his accountancy degree in Dar es Salam was marred by illness. He went to visit relatives in his village but collapsed with stomach ulcers and typhoid. He had to return to convalesce at Hope Home. Now well, he will begin his second year.

John, who is studying for a diploma course as a Laboratory technician, had a shorter holiday and joined his brother, **Will**, at Kitaa. This will be his second year, too.

The brothers were able to visit their mother in Dodoma, through the kind finance of Kerstin. Wonderfully, Kerstin in Sweden continues to support Wema, Emmanuel, John and Happi.

Neema Update

The 10-year-old girl who has a terminal diagnosis because of her brain tumour, continues to thrive. "We are happy because Neema's health encourages us," writes Eva, in the first sentence of her August report to us. Neema (below) is smiling, at school and gaining weight. She encourages us, too. Thank you for your interest and concern for her. As we often write: if you are a praying person, please continue to pray for her.



Will, John and mum.

Neema

Higher Education cont'd....

In the normal course of things, our four new University students would not have been amongst the 2024 cohort.

Pressure on University places is high. As the economy grows, well-paid jobs are sought after, and the need for qualifications to secure these is understood. Add to this, the Tanzanian birthrate is rising so University places are at a premium.

However, those who have been abandoned, abused, bereaved or impoverished are often denied the opportunities available to other students. With all Hope Home offers; the best primary and secondary education we can afford; the dedication and encouragement of Eva, the manager, in supporting the students through the application process - the opportunity is now theirs. We love it!

That is not to say we can afford it.

No, we haven't any sponsorship or additional finance for them. Costs will be less if Eva manages to secure someone a government loan, but these are few.

If you would like to be a part of their future, do drop us a line at hopehometruster@yahoo.co.uk or speak to the Trustee you know best.

How much are we talking about?

The average fees cost £500 p/a
Maintenance (including accommodation) costs £850 p/a.

It is a lot in the context of the cost of life at Kitaa, quite reasonable compared to the UK, and essential to provide for their future.

A Little Xtra

Extra tuition for years 3 to 6 proved to be a brilliant success! You may remember that Eva employed a teacher from their school Moshi Academy, to come in for two hours every weekday after school and teach the children.

'The children love him and understand him. Being taught by him has helped the children to be calmer and raise their academic standards.'

Graduation Day

Graduation Day is an important time of celebration for year seven students at Moshi Academy. Parents all attend. There is singing and dancing, new clothes, food and special cake, and gifts for the graduates. In our case this meant Careen, Bryton and Yohanna below (finish in Nov).



Little Irene attending with Mama

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