

African Leaders of Tomorrow

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Dear Friends,

The seven months since our last newsletter has been a time of great change for many of ALOFT's young people. Robbie, JJ, and Ivani have all finished Form 4 and written their exams for the completion of the Ordinary level of secondary school.



JJ, Robbie, and Ivani with Lyn in August

This is the British system of educational organization which Tanzania continued with after independence in 1960. Standard 1 to 7 is what they call Primary and is equivalent to Canadian Elementary School. Forms 1 to 4 are the Ordinary Level of Secondary School and Form 4 is the end of school for most students. Forms 5 and 6 are the Advanced level of Secondary School and preparatory to University.

However, there are "back doors" into University as well, and these are the routes our three recent Form 4 graduates have taken. The back

doors are Certificate and Diploma programs offered by most Universities. Ivani has successfully completed a Certificate program (3 months) in Civil Engineering at St. Joseph's University in Dar es Salaam and has been invited to join the Diploma program (2 years), which he will start in September. Diploma program graduates may or not apply to Degree programs, the same as in Canada.

Robbie has chosen to improve his English before he goes farther and is in the middle of a Certificate program in English expression at Jomo Kenyatta University in Arusha. This is a Kenyan school with its main campus in Nairobi. We expect Robbie to go on to a Diploma program at the same school, perhaps in Law.

JJ, also known as Jerry Junior or Keyfa, is starting (in September) a Certificate program in Introductory Law at the University of Dar es Salaam. JJ is very much interested in International Law and has been preparing for University by reading in the free United Nations library in Arusha for the past few months. He will be sharing a room in Dar es Salaam with his brother Stephen because the University of Dar es Salaam is next door to Aardhi University, where Stephen has been attending his first year in a B.A. program in Economics and Accounting.

Stephen has just received his exam results for first year and has done very well. He achieved an A, three B+, and 3 B's. These are very good marks in a system where grade inflation has not occurred, as it has in North America. Stephen starts his second year at Aardhi in September, and is beginning to talk about this as his "first" degree.

At this point, we have only one student in Secondary school, and that is Fortunatus, who is in Form 3 in Arusha. Next year at this time, he will be preparing for the dreaded Form 4 exams and beginning to think of Post Secondary as well.

Our four Primary kids are still in Moshi (at the foot of Mt Kilimanjaro) and all at the same school, Moshi Academy. Angel and Winifreda will be writing end-of-Primary exams in the fall, so we will be looking for secondary schools for them soon. Cecilia and Karim will continue in Primary next year.



Angel, Cecilia, and Winifrida in January

Sadly, we have recently lost one of our students . Joseph, who was one of our rural kids, raised in a village on Mt Kilimanjaro, has dropped out of school and returned to the village. Urban life proved a little too challenging for Joseph. Fortunately, he is one of our group who has some extended family, so will be cared for until he can care for himself. He is now in his late teens. We wish Joseph well.

The Canadian End

At the Canadian end of our operation, the fundraising end, we have decided to forgo our fundraising event this year, and are planning the next one for September of 2014.

How can you help?

We are asking that those of you in the Victoria area, who attended our 2012 event, consider making the donation you may have given at a fundraiser.

Regular contributions

What any charity strives for is regular contributors. Many of the folks who attended last September's event decided to sign on for Pre-Authorized (PAD) debits, and we now have a total of ten contributors who regularly support our work in this way. Our bank provides this service free up to a limit of twenty PADs, so that is our short term goal. If you value the work we do and want to be a part of sustaining it, I ask that you consider setting up a PAD by emailing us at info@africanleadersoftomorrow.org or telephoning us at: [778 440 3851](tel:7784403851). We will then mail you a form for you to fill out and return to us (by a self addressed envelope we will provide), and you will enjoy the great satisfaction of being a regular contributor to the education of African orphans and the advancement of the African continent.

One time donations

You can also donate by sending a cheque to our mailing address below or you can pay through our website africanleadersoftomorrow.org using PayPal.

All contributions go directly to supporting the education of ten future leaders.

Contact us any time – see below.

Until next time,

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