



Hello all,

Early next week I will transfer almost 4,500 of your sponsorship dollars over to The New Outlook Centre. This money will pay for school fees, rent and salaries for the matron and one of the kindergarten teachers.

NOCET News

Some of our students have not had the smoothest start to the school year. We had three students, Grace, Daudi and Happiness due to start secondary school this year. In Tanzania students undergo exams in their final year of primary school. We were actually there last year when these exams were taking place.

Our 3 students passed the exam, but so did thousands of others, and as a result, the Tanzanian government realised that there was not enough places in the government secondary schools to accommodate them all. As a result, positions were only offered to students who gained an 'A' or 'B' on their exams. All of our students were graded 'C'.

After many emails between Samuel and myself, I am pleased to inform you that all of our students are now in school. It was decided that Daudi would repeat his last year of primary schooling. Happiness was offered a government secondary position. The reality is many students who gained an 'A' or 'B' would not be able to attend secondary school because their families can't afford the fees. A position has been found in a 'private' secondary school for Grace. The fees are a bit higher but it will be a good fit for her.

Our form 4 student from last year, Amina, has decided to attend a Journalism course in Dar es Salaam.

She starts this course at the end of this month.

Dorah is due to start university in August but as yet I do not have the money to cover the \$3,000 needed to pay for her tuition, books, food and accommodation.

We still have 2 staff at NOCET who don't receive a salary. Samuel helps them out financially as best he can. Adams has a wife and child to support and needs regular income. Jacqueline volunteers as a kindergarten teacher.

Put faces to all these names by checking out the new NOCET website – www.nocet.org.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and helping to give these children some of the choices in life that we take for granted. This is a list of what has been achieved since Loose Change started as a result of your generosity:

- Full time care orphans now live in a secure, safe home with running water and electricity
- Monthly salaries are paid to the matron and one of the nursery/ kinder school teachers
- The nursery/kinder school has 30 local children attending classes
- All of our 16 students are receiving an education
- The full time care orphans have a bed of their own to sleep in
- All children at the orphanage have mosquito nets
- All of our female students receive sanitary napkins when they reach puberty so their education is not interrupted each month.

We have purchased:

- Computer
- 2 burner stove
- Fridge
- Cooking pots

- Kettle
- Cutlery and crockery
- Tables and chairs
- Swing set
- Desk
- Blankets/pillows
- Clothing
- Shelving for food storage.

None of this would have been achieved without your support. Please spread the word about our work. If each sponsor out there could recruit one more person to sponsor for \$10.00 per month, we could pay the salaries of our volunteers!

You might like to host a dinner or collect 'loose change' at work. If you have a club or regular gathering you attend and you are looking for guest speakers ... I work for free!

I will be launching a special fundraising campaign later in the year to raise the \$3,000 needed to send Dorah to university. Please think if there is something you can do or organise to support this event.

Thank you to all of you and especially my husband for the hours of work on designing the NOCET and Loose Change websites, my son-in-law Dan for the printing, Kerry for keeping the Facebook page alive, Jacqui for her women's monthly group, Judy and the U3A, everyone at Mountview Uniting Church and a special thank you to my grandson Lachlan who has teamed up with some classmates and organised a fundraiser at his primary school.

Everybody's contribution helps bring about a little bit of social justice in the world.

Regards,
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