



Dear all,

In this Newsletter and on our [Facebook](#) page (from October 2013 the items are also published in English) we present you the main activities of the past months.

Kilimanjaro/Safari's/Selela/Beach

Last June Oscar, Job, Sandra, René, Karin and Johan climbed the 5,895 meter high Mount Kilimanjaro. It was a beautiful experience for all of them, while five out of the six have actually achieved the highest point in Africa.



Apart from the physical effort, there was also a great side effect for Tanzania Support: € 2,300 in sponsorship money was collected! Especially the companies Ecolab and Newasco made a nice contribution. The sponsorship money will be spent on improvement of the medical dispensary in Selela.

Visit [Kili-experience](#) for a day-to-day story of this extraordinary adventure (in Dutch but photos also tell a lot)! After the climb, the group went to Selela, made several safaris and finally stayed on the tropical Zanzibar.

That the participants were very satisfied is evident from their quotes : "The whole climb exceeded expectations" and "All the staff - tour company staff , guides and drivers - have been very reliably, helpful and responsible during the whole trip", "Perfectly organized", "Un-for-get-ta-ble!".

Also interested in a 'Kili-climb? With your own company, a period and difficulty of the route to your choice, whether camping or staying in mountain huts? And safaris, being guest in Selela and/or beach stay afterwards? Tanzania Support gladly organizes your personal trip.





Medical equipment

On May 6 this year a special transport left from Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam, which was made possible by [Luchtvaart Zonder Grenzen](#) (Aviation Without Borders). Prior to that, the four pallets of materials were professionally packaged for transport by [Special Cargo Services](#) in De Meern. Road transport was provided by use of a van from [Jeremiasse Bicycle and Fitness XXL](#) while [JenS Jeremiasse](#) (both in Goes)donated ten wheelchairs and ten walkers.

This magnificent initiative was made possible thanks to the selfless commitment of the four

companies mentioned!

In June Johan was in Tanzania, and he transferred half of the items to the Selela dispensary, the other half went to the Monduli district hospital.



Those items are lacking in the Selela dispensary, the Mbaashi dispensary (under construction), a temporary home for rehabilitation and the district hospital , both in Monduli .



Currently Tanzania Support is trying to find other lacking medical equipment: for example incubators, anesthesia equipment, midwifery supplies, hospital furniture, physiotherapy and laboratory equipment. Your suggestions are welcome!



Microscopes

With the transport of wheelchairs also 24 microscopes have been sent. Those were donated by the secondary school [De Goudse Waarden](#) from Gouda.

Two of the microscopes are being used at the Monduli districts hospital, one has gone to the Selela dispensary and Johan took one to the Mto wa Mbu Health Clinic,



doctor Kisiri of the Mto wa Mbu Health Clinic

about 25 kilometers from Selela. The latter is the small hospital where the population has to go if the primary care in the Selela dispensary is insufficient. The remaining 20 microscopes will be used in the first 'science classes' (physics, chemistry and biology) at Oltinga secondary school.

Children's books

The [Biblione](#) foundation from The Hague donated two boxes with English children's books, which could also be sent with the medical transport. Half of the books have been given to Selela primary school, the other half to Mbaashi primary school. Teachers can use the books to read to the lower classes and to lend to the

children of the top two classes (where they get English lessons). Depending on the needs and use in the schools, in the future more free books can be obtained, among which a special AIDS information booklet in Swahili.



Head teacher Aisia Ihoello of Selela primary school with the Biblione books

Metal cupboards and school desks

The new science classroom at Oltinga secondary school needed a good, lockable cupboard for teaching materials and safe storage of chemicals.



The primary school of Mbaashi had a similar wish, but for storing exams and other important administrative papers. Therefore Tanzania Support had two large metal cupboards produced in Arusha.

The same was done with another 70 school desks: 22 for the primary school of Selela itself and 48 for the one at Mbaashi, which is 16 km away. Now there still is a deficit of 30, that will cost around € 1,000. On the page 'Campaign for school desks' of our website you can read more about this.



Mbaashi

Mbaashi is located in an arid, vast plain at about 16 km from Selela. It only consists of a large primary school with scattered Maasai bomas and it belongs administratively to Selela. The school was founded in 2001, because the distance to Selela was too far to walk for many of the children.

Founder Johan of Tanzania Support was shocked by the inhumane conditions in which most teachers had to live. In a double cabin for four teachers most of the window glasses were broken, the cement floors were in a bad condition and most of the ceiling boards were missing, which allowed insects and bats to fly across the room. Also there were such gaps near the doors that occasionally dangerous snakes came inside the rooms. In a quick action



Mbaashi is located in a remote area



Mbaashi teachers house

Johan ordered the most important materials, like window glass and putty, doors and posts, ceiling board and necessary wood, bricks and cement. Local carpenter Allan already carried out the restoration work so that the conditions are at least back to a kind of minimum level, although they may still be qualified as 'poor'.

Just as the funding of school desks and cupboards, this has all been made possible by the sponsorship of [RKPWA](#) school in Ermelo and ['Kringloopwinkel Overnodig'](#) in Putten.

Laptops for advocacy of the Maasai

Last year, Tanzania Support came in contact with the 32-year old Amani Laizer. For this Maasai man his career began when he started attending primary school for the first time at the age of 19 (!) and now has become *Organization Program Officer* of the Tanzania Pastoralist Community Forum (TPCF). Amani is originally from Nadosoito, which is part of Selela, but lives and works in Arusha with his wife Martha. Their 3- year old son Dani is permanently housed in Selela with his grandmother, which is a very usual situation in Tanzania.

TPCF is an organization that works



Amani in his traditional Maasai outfit ...



... and Amani in his three-piece suit

to advance the (especially legal) rights of five indigenous peoples in Tanzania that are indicated as nomadic herders and hunters & collectors: Maasai, Barabaig, Akie, Taturu and Hadzabe. TPCF has, among other things, contributed to the fact that these so-called 'pastoralists' for the first time will be included in the new Tanzanian Constitution of 2014. So far, these peoples formally did not exist. As a result, they always drew the short straw when it came to rights, such as land ownership. Both under pressure from commercial parties and the Tanzanian government, these people in recent decades lost more and more of their habitat. The hope and expectation is that their rights will be better guaranteed under the new constitution.

On behalf of Tanzania Support, Johan created TPCF its own [website](#), which has become active on their 2nd national meeting day on September 5. With this support TPCF now has a free tool, that they can deploy and maintain by themselves.

TPFC has a staff of eight people, who had to share one single laptop. Tanzania Support has provided a second laptop, partly because Amani acts as a contact for Tanzania Support in Selela. Because TPFC exists only by the grace of donations, we are looking for more good used laptops so that the other volunteers can work optimally too.

Do you or does your organization have depreciated LAPTOPS you would like to donate for this purpose? We are happy to hand them over locally to the people of TPCF!



New Belling tours

Every year in September and October a mighty primeval event takes place in the Veluwe region: the mating season of the red deer. On 28 and September 29, 2013 again two so-called 'belling tours' are organized to experience this extraordinary natural phenomenon. Both tours were already fully booked when writing this newsletter. For all our nature tours in the Veluwe region, please contact b.nieuwland@online.nl.

Brocantes

As usual every summer Tanzania Support again sold used items and Maasai jewelry at brocantes (flea markets) in France. These are intensive days of displaying everything, lots of talking and repacking it all from 6:30 to 19:30. Many things, usually with small prices, resulted in a proceeds of € 300.



And finally:

Oh how happy were the Oltinga students with this gesture of football club Feyenoord from Rotterdam!

