



Dear all,

In this newsletter you can read about the expansion of our board, the development in Tanzania and as most important subject: the special **construction trip next January** for dormitories at Mbaashi Primary school. Would you like to know more or to contribute to our work? Look on the [website](#) or [email us](#)!

Board expansion

After Marianne and Johan Groenewoud founded Tanzania Support almost five years ago, the time had come to - both literally and figuratively - 'give it more hand and feet', as a Dutch expression says.



As the first change *Jacqueline van Dijk* (France) was appointed as treasurer in March. In April *ing. Cynthia de Beer* (Almere), *dr. Peter Reinsch*

(Amsterdam) and *mr. Niels Staal* (Nijkerk) were appointed as additional members of the board. The next step is the application for the 'ANBI-status' (status by the tax authorities as Public Benefit Organisation). We hope to achieve this before the end of this year.



Project dormitories Mbaashi

The BIGGEST project we've been working on so far, is the construction of dormitories at Mbaashi Primary school, in the outer area of Selela. There are many children there who can't attend school because they live up to 24 kilometres distance from the free school. There are no roads or public transport in the area. Boarding facilities for 50 girls and 50 boys would make an end to this continuous situation of illiteracy. For quite some time we've been trying to get sufficient funding, but for several reasons this appears to be difficult: either Tanzania is not regarded as so-called project country, or construction costs are not eligible for sponsoring or there are doubts according to certain quality standards. This is all the more regrettable because the local population + the regional authorities + Tanzania Support joined forces.

It is therefore a great boost that employees of ATOS Netherlands (ICT & Business consultancy) will help to build the first dormitory plus sanitary facilities. Under the flag of ATOS Foundation every year a construction trip is organized for usually 15 to 20 people. After a presentation by Tanzania Support as many as 23 people signed up. Participants pay for their own transport and accommodation, plus vacation days, and also raise money for the construction materials. Fantastic!!



Last July, Johan has held consultation on different levels about this project in Tanzania.



Johan and Lowassa

The most important was the conversation with Edward Lowassa, the former Prime Minister of Tanzania. Lowassa probably will run for president next year. He is a Maasai himself, knows the area around Mbaashi well (describes it as one of the most remote parts of the Monduli district) and promises his full cooperation. Besides this, Johan also consulted the *District Education Officer* Andrew Malisa, the *District Engineer* Daniel Sebiga and the *District Chairman* Edward Sapunyu Kone.

Conclusion of all consultations is that we better first focus on a girls' dormitory and sanitary facility. Illiterate Maasai girls are usually still at serious risk of being circumcised and married off from the age of 12. The people from ATOS will already have more than enough work on 2 buildings, but the limited financial resources most of all forces us to postponing the construction of a boys' dormitory. Even though the tickets have been booked and in Tanzania they already take care of the ground work and foundation, *the full financing hasn't been found yet*, which is something that's in our minds day and night; we've accomplished so much already, now the only thing missing is sufficient money.



Mbaashi is located in 'wildlife area'



This is why we hereby strongly appeal to everyone now: do you have contacts that you can approach for donations, do you have ideas for fundraising, are there people among you who want to develop activities? Consider approaching service clubs (Lions, Rotary, Round Table, etc.), schools, businesses, sports clubs (sponsor run), churches and the like. Please, let us know via email info@tanzaniasupport.org. With your help, we can give 50 extra Maasai girls a future as from next year!

Visit of Dame Alice Owen's School

During the summer, 19 students and 2 teachers of Dame Alice Owen's School from London visited Oltinga school for two days. This school sponsored Oltinga before, among which the roof of the 'science' classroom. This time, Dame Alice wanted to meet the staff, the students and see the living conditions at Oltinga. Together, they attended lessons in English and Civics class, visited Selela Forest and of course they played a game of football. The British guests also visited the Enaboishu Maasai Women's Group.





The successful meeting got even better when Dame Alice fulfilled some of Oltinga's needs, namely by donating money for the purchase of lacking desks and chairs for five teachers, permanent metal goalposts and materials for installing the very first library space. Because Johan was on the spot, he could get started right away with the sponsor amount, as you can see below.



library under construction



desks and chairs for Oltinga



new goalposts, thanks to Dame Alice

Visit by Montessori Lyceum Flevoland (MLF)

Last April, 9 students and 2 teachers (among which our new board member Cynthia) of the MLF from Almere (NL) made a roundtrip through Tanzania and they camped for some days at Oltinga school. For the school they took a great 'book gift': the group bought in Arusha for about € 1,000 worth! Per subject per year, they have a shortage of dozens of textbooks. No one has its own textbooks, standard is to share one book with a group of 6-8 students. See the [filmed travelogue](#).





buying school books in Arusha



Monduli hospital

At Monduli hospital, Johan divided the items of the medical transport of last April from Amsterdam, together with doctor Benela. Part of it was delivered at the dispensary in Selela of doctor Msalu. And the largest part of the 32 depreciated microscopes from the VMBO Trias school in Krommenie (NL) has been taken to Oltinga school.

Construction of the new Monduli hospital building is ready for a large part, so they will get a capacity of 150 beds. For this purpose, an industrial laundry company, [Newasco Textielreiniging De Hoop](#), offers a lot of good bed sheets and medical clothing. The question now is who would like to sponsor the costs of shipping to Tanzania (ca. € 500)???



new buildings of Monduli hospital near to completion



microscopes from Krommenie



Doctor Msalu was very happy with the supplies



Doctor Benela



blankets and sheets are threadbare