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## **Amani Orphans Centre Kilolo**

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### **Management Report 2013**

#### **Household unit:**

We are now supporting the following children (November 2013):

| <b>School Class</b>         | <b>Boys</b> | <b>Girls</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Not yet at Kindergarten     | 0           | 1            | 1            |
| Kindergarten                | 4           | 2            | 6            |
| Standard 1                  | 7           | 2            | 9            |
| Standard 2                  | 2           | 7            | 9            |
| Standard 3                  | 1           | 3            | 4            |
| Standard 4                  | 4           | 8            | 12           |
| Standard 5                  | 5           | 3            | 8            |
| Standard 6                  | 1           | 5            | 6            |
| Standard 7                  | 5           | 4            | 9            |
| Form 1                      | 2           | 4            | 6            |
| Form 2                      | 1           | 6            | 7            |
| Form 3                      | 1           | 4            | 5            |
| Form 4                      | 4           | 2            | 6            |
| Form 5.                     | 0           | 0            | 0            |
| Form 6                      | 0           | 0            | 0            |
| Vocational training         | 1           | 7            | 8            |
| at AC awaiting training     | 1           | 0            | 1            |
| University                  | 0           | 1            | 1            |
| <b>Total children</b>       | <b>39</b>   | <b>61</b>    | <b>97</b>    |
| Children living at AC       |             |              | 74           |
| Children boarding elsewhere |             |              | 23           |

We have taken several new children this year, who have come from very sad family situations. All have been made welcome by our staff and the other children and have settled in well. Several of these children are still very small or arrived too late to start school this year, so we are happy to have 6 children in Kindergarten. Ziwire, the Kindergarten teacher, grew up at AC and has come back after training as a Kindergarten teacher

Ten of our children sat for the National Examination for Standard 7. This week we received the news that 9 of them have passed. Unfortunately, one of the boys had to be sent home to his family, as he has repeatedly behaved in a way not acceptable for our staff and the other children. We wish him well in his future life. For the one boy who failed the Examination, I will look for a training possibility as fundi. He is a well behaved boy and still very young. One boy in Standard 7 is very intelligent and will be sent to a private school next year. All other children will start at Kilolo Secondary School.

The standard of the Kilolo Secondary School is improving steadily but still not very good. For this reason I have decided to relocate 2 of our children to St. Michael's Secondary School if they

pass the National Examination after Form 2. Another girl now in Form 1 will also be transferred. One boy at Secondary School wants to change to Ifunda Vocational college for training as an electrician or metal worker. This boy has caused many problems in the past years so we will continue to pay for his school fees but expect his relatives to care for him during holidays.

Six children sat for the National Examinations after Form 4. We are optimistic that 3 of these children will pass and go on to Form 5. If the others pass, they will also continue school, otherwise they will go to vocational training. One girl would like to become a nurse so I am already looking for training for her.

The boy who failed Form 4 last year has been working at AC, giving extra tuition to the other children and helping the staff with other work. Next year he will go to St. Michaels and repeat Form 4.

All children attending external schools for vocational training are doing well and come to AC in the holidays to help. The girls training in our Tailoring Unit also help in the children's houses in their spare time. One of these girls is particularly talented and has been sent for extra training in Iringa.

One of the girls at University, for whom we have paid school fees from Form 1 to 6, is now being supported by her family. The other girl is doing well and often comes to AC in holidays. This is her home and she also has 3 younger brothers and sisters here.

One boy from the Amani Orphans Home at Kitwiro has been transferred to Kilolo where he is now being trained as a carpenter in our Carpentry Workshop.

All children are taken for regular health checks and HIV-Tests. One small boy had TB but has now recovered. Otherwise we have had no major health problems this year.

In our playing area near the slippery slide we have installed two swings, a carousel and a see-saw, which are enjoyed so much by both big and small children that we have decided to order a second swing.

### **Schools**

In the last years we have been spending an increasing amount of money to support our local schools, trying to help raise the standard of education for our own children but also for the children in the surrounding villages.

At Kilolo Secondary School we have installed and continue to maintain a library as well as buying equipment for the Science laboratories. This year we donated a professional photo-copying machine so the teachers can prepare material for lessons at the school instead of walking 2 km to the next photo-copy shop. The fifth generation of volunteers from Germany is now at the school to teach Mathematics. In the coming year we will donate more books and perhaps help to fund the building of a second dormitory for girls.

In the past, we have donated books, tables and benches to the Kilolo Primary School and now we are waiting for a list of books needed urgently for the new school year.

At the same time, we realise that it will take many years before the standard of these Government country schools can compete with private schools in town. For this reason we are sending an increasing number of our diligent students to private schools.

These necessary efforts are a great strain to our limited financial resources and we are very grateful to PMK that you have found a donor to support our investments in the education of our children. Only through education will our children be able to lead a better life.

**Farm and gardening unit:**

Once again we had a record harvest of maize and will be able to sell our surplus to Amani Kitwiru. We have also harvested some other crops e.g. sunflowers. Beans do not grow very well at Kilolo and we always have to buy most of our need from the surrounding villages. The District Agricultural Advisor has not been able to help us find out why beans do not grow well. Perhaps it is because Kilolo is 1800 meters above sea level.

The garden has been extended to include the area previously used for livestock. All garden beds have been newly laid out. Many banana trees, which were giving too much shade, have been removed. In October we had a shortage of water because we had no electricity for the water pump due to repairs to the hydro electric power plant. The garden workers and children carried many buckets of water from the nearby river, but we lost most of our vegetables. Now we are waiting for the rainy season so we can start planting again. We are very optimistic that the garden will do well in the coming year.

**House-keeping unit**

In our 6 houses for children, the house mothers have their own room with a small bathroom. The helpers sleep in one of the 3 children's rooms with 3 children. Originally our helpers were young girls but now most of the helpers are older and for some time they have been requesting that we find a possibility to make a small room for them, where they can sleep alone. We are very grateful indeed that the PMK has found a new donor to support our project and we can use this money to change a small store room in each house into a room for the helper.

We have had the ceilings in the living rooms of some of the houses newly painted and will continue to repaint the other rooms once the building work for the helpers' rooms has been completed in about March next year.

All other repairs have been done by our housekeeper.

The water supply was very reliable except for the one week where the hydro electric plant was under repair.

**Administration unit:**

Our staff situation remains very stable. One helper got married in October and we are looking for a replacement. Our housemothers and helpers not only look after the children very well and keep the houses and grounds at AC clean and tidy, they also help in the shamba whenever necessary. In fact at the moment all staff and children at AC are waiting for the first rains and looking forward to preparing the the ground for sowing the new crops once our driver has finished ploughing with the tractor.

In the last week of November our new car arrived and the old car has been transferred to the Amani Orphanage Centre at Kitwiru.

**Tailoring unit:**

In the tailoring unit we employ 2 permanent staff and have 4 girls from Amani Centre learning sewing. We not only sew all school uniforms and knit sweaters for AC Kilolo but also for the Amani Orphans Centre at Kitwiru.

**Carpentry unit:**

The carpentry unit continues to work well and sometimes contributes a small income for Amani Centre. We employ 5 Tanzanian carpenters and 2 volunteers from Germany. One boy from the Amani Orphans Centre at Kitwiru is now training there.

**Volunteers:**

Our volunteers from Germany always stay for 13 months. In August this year the last generation

was replaced by one boy to teach at Kilolo Secondary School and give additional tuition to our staff and children and one boy and one girl for the Carpentry Unit. It is always interesting to see that so many girls in Germany learn carpentry.

**Benefactors and Visitors:**

Our true guardian, the Rt.Rev. Tarcisius Ngalalekumtwa, Bishop of Iringa, continues to hold a protecting hand over the Amani Centre, which gives us a great feeling of security for our work. Brother Christopher Chavalla, Chairman of the Advisory Board, continues to advise us in our daily business.

We were happy to welcome many guests from Germany and Tanzania this year, who showed great interest in our work and brought us generous gifts..

**Plans for 2014:**

With nearly 100 children to care for, each year brings enough unplanned surprises to keep us all busy at the Amani Centre Kilolo

One main issue in the first months of the coming year will be to ensure that the children from Form 4 are sensibly occupied until the examination results are published and then find suitable schools and vocational training for them.

Later in the year I will visit all schools to monitor the progress of our children boarding outside Amani Centre.

In addition to the construction work for the new rooms for helpers, we will do a general check-up of all buildings at the beginning of the year, including the fresh and waste water systems. Many buildings will need repairs to the foundations. Windows and doors will have to be painted on the outside, walls inside the houses. One building may need a new roof. The waste-water-system may have to be overhauled.

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