

When thinking of the right words to express our gratitude for all that you have been to us and the children, we just find ourselves in total awe of God. The feeling is like every word that comes to my mind, should be accompanied by a facial expression that reveals our inner deep down heartfelt gratitude. Most children have gone away to relatives, guardians and families for the holiday. We still have about 20 who remained and they are now at pastor's house in Machame where we will be bonding by spending time with them. It has been a great blessing to be with these amazing children during the Christmas season.

The children have been excelling spiritually, academically and healthy. We are so grateful to God.

Blessings

Glorious and Josephine Shoo New Life Foundation



"I owe a great deal to my sponsor who has faithfully sponsored me to be in NLF from Nursery school to Form 4. That's a huge sacrifice. I respect that"

"NLF is making a change in the lives of students. This is where world transformers are transformed"



"I was one of the naughtiest pupils but God has changed me greatly at NLF. My mum passed away but at NLF I felt I had a mother and father"

# New Life in Images ...

### Graduation

Graduation this year was a festive event with parents blown away by the performances of students as they expressed what their time at New Life has meant to them (quotes from our graduates below). We loved having our friends from America - Sharon Savage and her team with us for the ceremony.





## **Expansion for the Primary School**

One of the things that breaks our heart, is when people are looking for admission of their children, relatives or neighbors who are needy or orphans, unfortunately most of them can't be admitted because of our small infrastructure capacity. Our inadequacy in meeting the needs of these ones and having to send them away, is one of the hardest thing I encounter around this time of the year. At the same time many of the people who can afford for their children to be part of the 30% fee-paying admission are turned down for the same reason.

## .... Great news!!

It was resolved that we open a door for a day school that will be available for people from the vicinity who have younger children below the age of 7.5.

The reason for only younger age admissions is the ability to mould younger ones; we feel older ones will be influenced greatly by their home environment. So day school will be for locals who have the ability to pay while boarding remains 70% needy and orphans and 30% fee paying students.

To accommodate this, we needed an immediate expansion plan. We do not have a dining hall, library or a conference hall.

We will be building a six story building at the primary school and it will have additional classrooms, library and offices. We thank God for a Christian builder who is willing to build with a very minimal profit margin.



The total cost for building will be USD \$330,885. We will be building in four phases over three years.

The first phase will be only the ground floor. November 2016 to March 2017. The second phase 1st Floor June 2017 to December 2017 - Dining hall. The third phase will be the 3rd and 4th floor January 2018 to June 2018 The last phase 5th to 6th floor July 2018 to December 2018.

We have found a contractor who is willing to build the first phase for us on a loan then we pay them by March next year. The cost for the first phase will be about USD \$75,000.

We will be using part of our income from agriculture to pay for the first phase and we will be raising the rest through various means.

If God gives you guidance and means, we will appreciate your seed in this amazing soil.

# **Giving Back**

You might wonder what happens to our New Life students once they've left. Many stay in contact with us and we are now seeing alumni students having a big heart to give something back. Recently former student El-Shaddai Mathias united with friends to provide much needed resources including textbooks for our primary school. This was a huge blessing for us, and there was more to come.

Christine Abel joined New Life as a volunteer, helping in Fountain of Love and spending quality time with our children in the dormitories. I asked Christine what motivated her to become a volunteer:





"New Life is my home because I have been here since I was five years old and it was always there for me. Therefore, I thought of always paying back for what they have done to me, but it was something difficult because materials or words are not enough for thanking New Life. So I thought of spending my time with children, the motivation behind this is the love that the Lord has given New Life, which was poured to me and I learned that. So it was very simple to do the same to the children."

## In with the new ...

Our junior students have 'new look' classrooms full of colour and fun, and they love to show off their work.

With a new junior curriculum being implemented now in Tanzania we're on board with new learning areas, and opportunities to learn through play.



## **Baptism Day**

With over 60 students ready to be baptised we knew we were heading for a huge celebration of what God has been doing in the lives of our children. One of our secondary students from a Muslim family testified how while praying God encouraged him to be baptised and take a stand for who he is in the Lord ...then the Holy Spirit led him to check the calendar, baptism day was to be the very same day as his birthday.





## Miracles in our midst!

Secondary students at New Life recently learned how to do a different kind of treasure hunt - finding God's treasure out on the streets of Moshi.

Students learnt how God's treasure is people and He wants to bless and heal His treasures through us. Faith Frank Kileo in form two shares her treasure hunting experience...

We first prayed and asked God for the direction we should go and who is the person to look for. It was my first time to be shown a person by God and then I went to the place and I found her. This was a miracle to me. She was a Grandma sitting begging by the side of the road. She couldn't work to earn a living because she had been hit by a motorcycle and all her body got hurt - fractured leg, backbone, she couldn't bend, even standing on her own was impossible. We spoke to her about Christ showing her love and encouraging her. At last we prayed for her although it was hard for her to believe for her healing. Then she stood up and she began walking a long distance, she walked without falling and with no pain, I was right beside her. At the end she believed in Christ and was saved. At that point I couldn't hold my happiness and joy to the Lord for the miracle He did that day.



# 2016: We're just so thankful

As I asked students and staff for comments on the past year 'thankfulness' just kept coming up. So it's with a thankful heart that we end up the newsletter for the year. Thank you to all our readers for being part of a great year at New Life.

Melanie Bell, Communications Coordinator.

'We thank God for our Sunday service...we listen to the voice of Holy Spirit and spend time with Him, we love to worship and praise. And now we can do our times tables'.

Grade 2 Fountain of Hope primary class.

An awesome moment this year at secondary was a change in meals. The coming of the food container with the rice and soy meals greatly contributed to children enjoying their food, it's wonderful. Also the growing spirit of students to do ministries in and out of the school. We are really transformed and still being transformed. 2016 Secondary school President: Eliya Lucas

We thank God for this year 2016, we managed to start income generating projects like chickens, vegetables: - carrots, onions, cabbages, tomatoes, eggplant, hydroponics, it's what we've planned for a long time. I am encouraged by the word from Genesis 26:22b "now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land".

Highness Kasasa, Projects manager.

I like the way children have grown spiritually, they are now experiencing God's presence for themselves. We've had all the teachers we need this year and the children's performance has been good both in secondary and primary.

Martha Hizza, 2016 Primary School Principal



### Asanteni sana ...

Our gratefulness is also extended worldwide as we consider everyone who supports NLF in prayer, practically (with their skills, supplies, food etc) and financially. God has given us a connection with you all and we are so grateful for His generosity and love that flows from all of you.

We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year full of the love, hope and peace of Christ.

