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House Parties for Hope

Host Your Own "Gathering of Friends"



Last fall, Project Zawadi supporters in the Twin Cities held a series of house parties called Gathering of Friends, raising awareness and funds for the most vulnerable children in Tanzania. It was a great way to let friends and family know about this beautiful country and the work Project Zawadi does there.

Want to host your own Gathering of Friends? We'll send you a party kit with invitations, brochures, donation forms, thank-you cards, and a simple PowerPoint presentation. Contact Karen at kstupic@projectzawadi.org for more information about Gathering of Friends.

Project Zawadi makes a long-term commitment to our students and we hope our donors will match our commitment in one of two ways:

If you choose to sponsor, we ask you to commit to supporting your student through at least a few years of school, not just one. The cost to sponsor a student is just \$16.67 per month, or \$200 a year. In photos and letters from your student, you will be able to see your support make real changes in his or her life.

If sponsorship isn't right for you, consider making a one-time or recurring donation. Your support helps Project Zawadi continue to partner with all of our students in Tanzania, educating them for self-reliance. Donations to Project Zawadi can be made by check, credit card, automatic monthly donations, or online at www.ProjectZawadi.org. Thank you so much for your support.

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Visiting Project Zawadi

In January, I went with Brian Singer to visit Project Zawadi's partners and students, in Tanzania.

I had never been to northwestern Tanzania before, and I was surprised at how difficult daily life there can be. The local roads are very bad, almost everyone is a subsistence farmer, and water is scarce.

There are many school-age kids, but not enough classrooms and teachers. Some classrooms have dirt floors, no desks, and fill up with 90 kids at a time. The need can seem overwhelming.

But I also noticed something undeniably positive, something that makes me realize how important it is that Project Zawadi keeps working here. Among the adults and the kids, there is an incredible spirit of hope, cheerfulness, and making-do. The students we help



are appreciative and serious about getting an education.

Let me share some details from my trip. In Nyamuswa, we saw our sponsored kids receive their supplies for the year. It was quite a sight! Several hundred school kids streamed into Nyamuswa, some from miles away, to receive a package that included two pairs of shoes – so important when you walk to school every day – two school uniforms, underwear and socks, a book bag, notebooks, and pens.

Afterward, there was a ceremonial distribution of supplies by a local

government official; village leaders were in attendance, and Brian and I were honored guests. But the real stars were the kids: In this picture (*see left*), one of the school kids is receiving her school supplies, and I'm sure you can see the appreciation and happiness in her face.

In Mugumu, we met with the leaders of Okoa, our partner



organization there, and with some of the sponsored students. In this picture of six primary school students (*see above*) we helped sponsor, you can see their huge smiles. We also visited schools

where we hope to expand our program, sponsoring even more kids and improving some really dreadful classroom facilities.

Although the need in Tanzania and many parts of Africa may seem overwhelming, I saw firsthand that Project Zawadi is making a huge difference in the lives of the almost 400 orphans and students it sponsors. You and others enable it

to provide opportunity and hope to these kids and their villages, giving them all a chance at a better life and a brighter future. Thank you.

-Malcolm Morris
Chairman

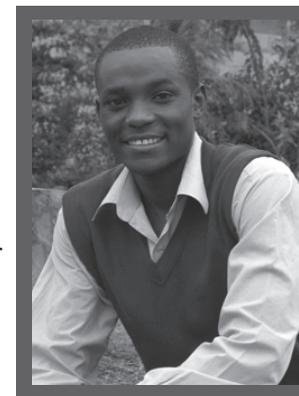
Profile: Adam Mussa

This year, Project Zawadi and Adam Mussa – the first student PZ ever sponsored – celebrated a milestone: Adam graduated high school. This fall, he'll start studying law in Dar es Salaam, his dream since primary school.

Adam, now 21, first met Brian Singer when he was a child. His father had died, his brother was working with Brian, and Adam noticed that Brian, then a teacher with the Peace Corps, was doing a lot of good for his village. Adam decided to ask for something for himself.

"One day, I asked Brian to take me to school," Adam says. "So he started with us. I was the first."

Today, Adam is confident and friendly, with a gentle and winning smile. He's spending the summer working for Access 2 Tanzania in Arusha, and he is continuing to volunteer with Project Zawadi.



A lot of his work is hands-on: Adam frequently travels to Nyamuswa to visit orphans who are sponsored by Project Zawadi. He checks to see that they have what they need – uniforms, shoes, school fees. He also provides something else very valuable: encouragement, and a role model.

"I tell them that, if you do well, you'll go to a good school, and you'll speak good English, and you'll get a good job and you'll help your family," he says with that trademark smile.

Today, Adam says, he would be nowhere

without Brian and Project Zawadi. And Brian says Project Zawadi wouldn't exist without Adam.

"When I was in primary school, I told Brian the first thing which I do is I will support Project Zawadi," Adam says. He's already fulfilling that promise.

News From Tanzania

Want to know more about Project Zawadi, its local partners and its students?

We've got more information on our website, ProjectZawadi.org, including the rest of Malcolm's letter, photos of the kids and of volunteers, stories of students whose education you're supporting, and more information about Project Zawadi's partners in Tanzania.

Let us know if there's anything else you'd like to see on the site, and thank you for your support!

*Dear Sponsor,
Your help indeed is the reason that I study with effort. I was first in my class in the first semester exams. In the second semester I was first in my class again. I really appreciate very much your help.*

*Yours, Mkona
excerpt from student letter*