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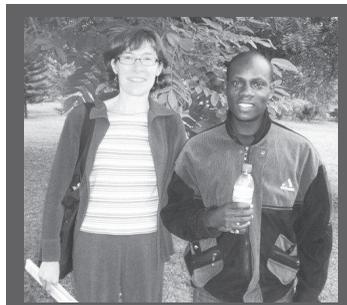
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Karibu, Wandwe!

Wandwe Masebe joined the Project Zawadi team last year as the new Head Counselor. As Counselor, Wandwe is responsible for visiting the schools on a monthly basis. He is available to students, parents, and teachers to answer questions and to provide guidance.



Dr. Fran Vavrus and Wandwe Masebe

This July, Wandwe attended a Teaching in Action program in Moshi organized, in part, by Board Member Dr. Fran Vavrus. Teaching in Action is a teacher-to-teacher mentoring program designed to bring student-centered, critical thinking teaching methods to secondary school curricula. While in the area, Wandwe visited a number of vocational training schools. He gathered information on programming and course offerings to help improve future vocational opportunities for Project Zawadi students.

Wandwe is a secondary school graduate and one of the founders of the Nyamuswa Drama Group. This is a group of mostly young people who perform traditional dances and educational plays for the local community. The plays are used to teach HIV/AIDS prevention among other things. Wandwe brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the position and is a great addition to the Project Zawadi team. Karibu (welcome), Wandwe!

Project Zawadi makes a long-term commitment to our students. We hope our donors will match our commitment in one of two ways: multi-year sponsorship of a student or annual donation to our general fund.

Sponsoring a student is just \$16.67 per month or \$200 per 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.

Donations of all sizes are needed and appreciated. Donations can be made by check, credit card, or online at www.ProjectZawadi.org. Thank you so much for your support.

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EDUCATING TANZANIA'S CHILDREN FOR SELF-RELIANCE

Dear Zawadi Project,

Here are my promises dear sponsors of mine:

- 1) I promise to work hard in school and to perform good as well.*
- 2) I also promise to get a good job that I was dreaming and working hard upon it. My job will lead to the next promise.*
- 3) I promise to help 3 children from the street who are living like the way I was living. I will pay their school fees, take them to school, take good care of them just like the way you did to me.*

Yours, Elibariki

Must-see Video!

Project Zawadi would like to extend its sincere thanks to GoodMakers Films and its founders Cris Blyth & Tilo Ponder for donating their amazing talents and expertise to create a short film recounting the origins of Project Zawadi as told by our first student, Adam Musa.

GoodMakers traveled to Tanzania in May of 2009 and had the opportunity to film and interview the faculty and students of Project Zawadi. The resulting short documentary *Adam's Story* tells the inspiring and courageous story of Adam Musa who nearly died of infectious diseases as a young boy, but through the support of Project Zawadi has been able to excel in his studies. Adam is a first year student at Kampala International University in Uganda and continues to mentor other Project Zawadi students during his school breaks. Be sure to visit www.ProjectZawadi.org to view this compelling 6-minute film on the homepage and to sign up for our e-newsletter and updates.

Education: A Privilege or a Right?

In 1994, while I was living in Tanzania and before Project Zawadi existed, 7-year-old Adam Musa asked me to put him in school. No kidding. A 7-year-old wanted to attend school but could not simply because he lacked a uniform and basic school supplies. *Who could say no to him?* Over the years Adam has shown an extraordinary dedication to his studies and is now attending Kampala International University.

But without our help, there is a very good chance that Adam would not have attended primary school, let alone finished high school. To me, that would have been an injustice. Not because Adam is such a bright and serious student, but because the opportunity for an education should be a right, not a privilege. Unfortunately, in too many parts of the world, a basic education is a privilege and thus many children are denied the opportunity to attend school. Project Zawadi will never solve this problem for everyone, but year after year, child after child, and with help from hundreds of donors, we are doing our part and offering education to a few hundred students. You could say that we are doing them a favor, but really I feel like we, who are more fortunate, are just doing what we should be doing - helping children receive what should be theirs by right.

Educating a child (like raising a child) requires a long-term commitment. That's why we must continue our efforts for many years to come. Not only because what we're doing works and makes a difference, but also because all children have a *right* to enter a classroom, open a book and study.

-Brian Singer, Board President and Founder



PZ students at Mihingo Primary School with their guardians

Building for the Future

Each year Project Zawadi sets aside a portion of sponsorship money in a construction fund to improve the facilities at our cooperating schools. These construction projects are a joint venture between Project Zawadi and the local community and are done on a rotating basis so that each school has the opportunity to benefit. Project Zawadi provides funding for materials and professional carpenters, masons, and builders. The community provides locally available materials like sand and water for making bricks and in-kind labor.

This year, Mihingo Primary School was selected to construct a new classroom outfitted with desks. Mihingo currently has ten Project Zawadi students. The community prepared the foundation in the spring and the project is scheduled to be completed this fall, providing new facilities for the 2011 school year.

Profile: Chukista Malima

Chukista Malima is a second year student at the St. Anthony Vocational School in Musoma. She struggled in the traditional academic track in primary school but has found her calling with vocational training. Chukista recalls *"I had nowhere to go, nothing to do because my (exam) result was not good at all. But now I have 100% (chance) to get a good job after completing my electrical training."* Studying to become an electrical technician, Chukista is first in her field of study at St. Anthony and her counselors describe her as a very hardworking girl who is happy in her studies.



Profile: Kiratya Webiro



Kiratya Webiro graduated from his Ordinary Level studies this year at Hunyari Secondary School and has started Advanced Level at Songea High School in the southern Ruvuma region.

Achieving the highest marks on his Ordinary Level exams, Kiratya is studying a Physics, Chemistry, Math combination course. *"Through your assistance I completed Form 4 without any problem. I scored Division I (A+)...my choice is science combination but I also scored well in art combination. I promise you that I will study hard in Advanced Level so that I can join University."*