



Tumaini Fund Canada

bringing support and hope for the future to AIDS orphans and poor families in Kagera in the northwest region of Tanzania

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MAJOR EVENTS FROM A BUSY YEAR

FIRST TRANSFER OF DONATIONS

January: Through the generous support of its donors, Tumaini Fund Canada was able to send its first transfer of \$12,000 to Kagera. The funds were designated for child sponsorship, secondary school fees, goats, bicycles, solar lamps and a new Tumaini house.

DR. SUSAN WILSON visits KAGERA

February: Dr. Susan Wilson, CEO and Founder of Tumaini, made her annual visit to Kagera.

Here, she opened 2 new Tumaini offices,



Kayanga Office

attended ceremonies at new water bore holes,



and distributed clothing and blankets made by Tumaini Fund Canada Crafters and Friends.



Dr. Wilson also visited new areas of extreme poverty where families were living in terrible conditions....



This family was supplied with food, clothing and mosquito nets and will now be supported for the future by Tumaini with the promise of a new Tumaini built home.

BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER and WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

May: A fundraiser was held at St. Mary's Church in Nanoose Bay. Sponsored by Parksville Bottle Depot and with generous donations of bottles, books and articles for the White Elephant tables, a very successful day was enjoyed by all.



Dr. WILSON VISITS CANADA

May: Tumaini celebrated Dr. Wilson's visit to British Columbia, with a Wine & Cheese Evening & Silent Auction. Dr. Wilson preached at church services in Nanoose Bay and Parksville and gave a presentation and update on Tumaini's work in Kagera to Tumaini Crafters and friends.



Dr. Wilson & Tumaini baskets made by widows in Kagera

Dr. Wilson also visited Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria, to agree on the available donated items for inclusion in the planned container to Kagera.



THE GIFT OF A 40' CONTAINER

June: This generous gift of the container and shipping costs to Kagera, Tanzania was made by ICROSS Canada through Billy Willbond and filled by Compassionate Resource Warehouse through Dell Marie Wergeland and her team of hardworking volunteers who packed every cubic inch with school supplies, tools, hospital equipment, sewing machines, medical supplies, wheel chairs, clothing and IZZY dolls for the children. The container sailed from Vancouver on June 17th.

TUMAINI CRAFTERS and FRIENDS

Every third Wednesday in each month, Crafters meet at St. Mary's church hall in Nanoose Bay. Toting sewing machines, scissors, crochet hooks and knitting needles, they work against the lovely background music provided by Graham Gates. Beautiful cotton dresses, shirts and pants are sewn, sweaters knitted and blankets crocheted to be shipped to Kagera for Tumaini orphans.



Tumaini Crafters and donations

PERSONAL CARE KITS (DaysForGirls design)

A recent addition for Crafters has been making the Personal Care Kits, using the DaysForGirls design, to provide sanitary protection for secondary school girls who lose valuable school days for lack of sanitary supplies. Many new volunteers have joined in making these kits.



First PCK/DfG's kit distribution

NEW VANCOUVER CHAPTER of Tumaini Crafters at Holy Trinity Church

We were so pleased to announce that thanks to the leadership and efforts of Grace Tanaka, Tumaini Fund Canada has now expanded to Vancouver under the sponsorship of Holy Trinity Church. This new group of volunteers has been knitting sweaters, blankets and toques and plans to add sewing dresses too.

SECOND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

July: Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and generosity of many donors, a second transfer of \$15,500 was made to Kagera. Donations were designated to be spent according to the wishes of the donors, for child sponsorship, goats and shelters, child registration, solar lamps and a new house. Undesignated general donations were assigned to Secondary School fees at the request

of Dr. Wilson. The annual cost of \$100 for each student is a huge undertaking to fund each year.



Some of the 8,000 Tumaini Secondary School students

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

This very personal commitment has been made by a growing number of people, who have undertaken the permanent sponsorship of a child or family of Tumaini orphans. At a cost of \$100 per year per child (or \$8 monthly), the personal sponsorships are so welcome to help support the thousands of orphans under Tumaini care.

CONTAINER ARRIVAL IN TANZANIA

September: After many anxious months of prayer, as this huge container with its precious cargo sailed across the seas with the final phase of the journey past Somali pirates, we all sighed with relief when it safely arrived in Dar es Salaam on September 8th.

Little did we know it would take a further stressful 5 weeks of worry and prayers before Tanzanian customs officials would release the container to continue its journey to Kagera.

OVERLAND TRANSPORT

October: Finally securely loaded on a truck, the container began the arduous journey over difficult terrain.



Typical sandy road made treacherous in the rainy season

A few days later came the first problem as the truck suffered a mechanical breakdown and the container was transferred to another truck.

The further problem arose just a few kilometers from its destination in Muleba, when a wheel became deeply mired in the sandy road. The local Tumaini team awaiting the container decided to unload the container at the point of breakdown.



Volunteers were summoned to assist with the unloading.....



Eventually all items will be unpacked, sorted and distributed, with further updates to follow.

CONTAINER TO FINAL BASE

December: After waiting for a suitable crane to handle this large 40' container, it was finally unloaded from the truck and placed on a permanent base near the Muleba office.



Boxes were carried by hand or by head....



The container will provide invaluable storage for Tumaini for many future needs.

Thankfully the rains held off as the container contents were all transferred to the safety of the vocational school.

A happy end to our Container journey!!

SUPPORT FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH

From the introduction of Tumaini to Canada in 2010, St. Mary's has been an essential part of the establishment and approval of Tumaini Fund Canada as a Canadian registered charity.

Actively supported initially by Rev Ron and Danni McCluskie and by subsequent church Councils, St. Mary's has generously allowed Tumaini to use the church hall for monthly meetings of Tumaini Crafters. Everyone from the community is welcomed to join us for tea and a fun social afternoon, whilst working to assist Tumaini's orphans and poor families.

St. Mary's also extended a warm welcome to Dr. Wilson on her several visits to BC & appreciated her thoughtful sermons and presentations on the work of Tumaini in Tanzania.



Dr. Susan Wilson giving a Tumaini presentation

November: In appreciation for the use of the church hall, Tumaini Crafters and Friends donated generously to St. Mary's Christmas Fair.



Tumaini donations to St. Mary's Christmas Fair



INTRODUCTION TO ROTARY

November: Tumaini was invited to speak at a Lantzville Rotary breakfast meeting and Terry Shepherd and Val Davies attended to talk about Tumaini and provide a power point presentation which was well received by Rotary members.

WATER PROJECT: BioSand Filters

With the urgent need for clean water, Tumaini has been working with the CAWST group in Calgary on a potential water project early in 2015. This will involve a pilot project and workshops in Muleba.

Tumaini's cost will be about \$6,000 and funds must be raised to pay for this.

HELPING TUMAINI

A "Gift of Hope" to a child in need

Please consider helping Dr. Susan Wilson and her team with her vital work in supporting the thousands of AIDS orphans that Tumaini cares for in Kagera, one of the poorest regions in Tanzania.

For information on gifting please:

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