

help2kids volunteer newsletter

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It has been a very busy time for help2kids in Tanzania and Malawi this year. Here are some highlights from our projects!

Best regards from Africa,

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help2kids Children's Home



We are pleased to announce that thanks to sponsorships, Angela, Winstoni, and Baraka have started attending J. K. Nyerere, a very good private school in our neighbourhood. In addition, Kulwa has started at the Valentine School. They are all settled in and doing very well at their new schools! We have reinstated study time, when the older children do their homework in our little classroom. Study time means we work quietly to finish our homework, we don't distract others, and we do our best! The kids have taken to study time and they are really putting effort into studying- they want to see their names on the Good Job Board! This month we welcomed back Mama Deme from maternity leave with baby Gladness, and we have just said goodbye to Mama Sarah who has gone on maternity leave.

help2kids Partner School

In April this year help2kids took over the running and financial support of our partner primary school and things have been going from strength to strength.



We now have a breakfast and lunch programme running, providing much needed nourishment and energy for the students.



Our volunteers have been doing a great job assisting and teaching classes with the different standards and our computer classes are really starting to pay off, so much so that now the teachers have seen what a valuable skill the students are learning, and have also requested classes!

How you can support this great school project:

We are in need of:

- 15 Computers (used)
- Schoolbooks: USD \$60 for 30 subject books for one class
- Uniforms: USD \$18.25 for complete uniform
- Porridge for 300 students: USD \$465 a month

If you like to support this project please send your email to:

lauren.giffen@help2kids.org

Link Project Information: [help2kids education programmes](#)

Watch our You Tube video [here!](#)



We had a great football tournament recently organized by volunteers Seb and Hannah from the UK, for Standards 6 and 7. Everyone had a great time and the volunteers kindly donated some shoes and t-shirts to the players.



help2kids Kunduchi Nursery School is proving to be a success, with 30 children now regularly attending and their progress in English and Maths basics really becoming tangible. Break time is a lot of fun with the volunteers playing games and singing songs with the children. Our English Corner for the local fisherman is also growing; a challenge at times with their work depending on the tides but nevertheless we have some very keen and motivated students!



Every donation helps us. Thank you for supporting our **help2kids** projects.

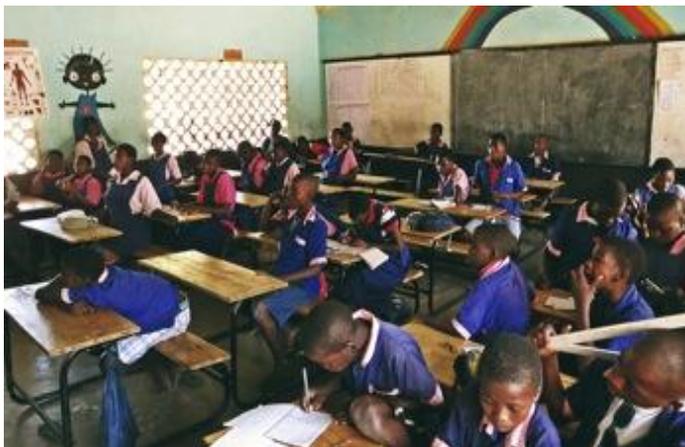


Welcome Jess (left) and Jo (right)



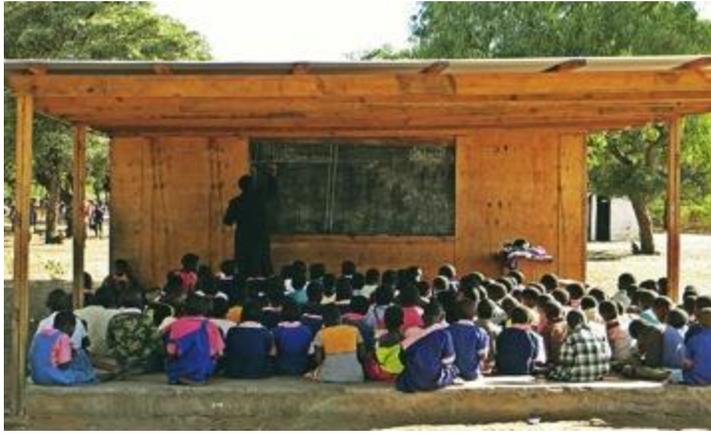
We have also welcomed some new faces to the **help2kids** team here in Tanzania. Jess Isham from the USA started in January as our Gecko Guesthouse Manager and Jess Wentling from the USA and Jo Palfreman from the UK started in July. Jess is the Assistant Children's Home Manager as well as responsible for our marketing and Jo is the Volunteer Coordinator. All three have settled into life here in Dar well and are keeping busy with their new roles. We have had a lot of volunteers over the summer period who have been working hard, but it's not all work and no play. Some have had the chance to visit some of the great places both in and around Dar as well as further afield. We had a trip with the volunteers recently to Kipepeo beach, one of the beautiful beaches in the south of Dar with white sand and turquoise waters. A well deserved break!

Email feedback: volunteer@help2kids.org



help2kids in Malawi

We had a wonderful first year with **help2kids** in Malawi. Many volunteers joined our organization and helped out with different tasks and projects. We enjoyed teaching English and Maths at Kazembe Primary School (750 Students), and organizing extra activities with the students as well as additional English lessons with the older classes. The children of Standard 7 also got the chance to become actors for a few weeks and to participate in the production of the great video 'Lifuwu News'; lots of fun! Football and netball were also a very enjoyable part of the time at Kazembe, and we organized a wonderful



trip to a Cultural Centre in Malawi with some of the best players of our Football Tournament.

We are missing the students this summer, but after having enjoyed their well-deserved holidays, everybody will be back to school in September, and two standards will continue their education in two new classes.

At the Nursery School, the kids are lovely and in need of attention as always, with the exception of the porridge time, when the fight starts! Moreover, teaching English to the local teachers and the youth in the village is very rewarding.

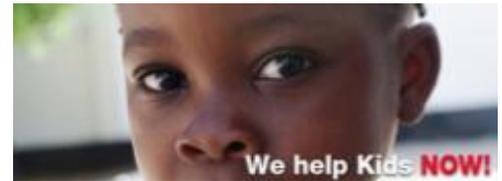
Finally, the outreach programme with the clinic is always very interesting, and **help2kids** and our volunteers are now part of the staff. Along with helping a community in need, our volunteers experience and discover a new wonderful and warm country, the heart of Africa; they form lifelong friendships with the other volunteers and also strong bonds with the people in Lifuwu. More pictures about **help2kids** Malawi on the website: [help2kids Malawi](http://help2kids.com/Malawi)

Would you like to volunteer in Malawi with us? Send us your application:





help2kids thanks all of our former, current and future volunteers for your hard work on our projects in Tanzania and Malawi! Your dedication changes our children's lives for the better. We are thrilled to be able to bring you this newsletter with updates from all of our projects. For more regular news, please check our Facebook and YouTube pages and our website!



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