



## NEWSLETTER, MAY – JUNE 2009

### 1. NGO Registration

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Give a Heart To Africa obtained its registration as a Non-Governmental Organization with the United Republic of Tanzania. This allows us to operate anywhere within the geographic boundaries of Zanzibar island and mainland Tanzania. The registration was issued in Dar es Salaam by the Ministry of Community Development as well as approved by the local government of Moshi, Kilimanjaro region. Having both approvals also guarantees the ability to issue school certificates upon student's completion of each semester.

In order to form a Tanzanian NGO, Give a Heart To Africa (GHTA) was required to add two new board members who are residence of Tanzania.

Give a Heart To Africa would like to welcome:

Mr. Collins Tamimum, founder of Small World Initiative For Women Security and Children Orphanage



Mrs. Pamela Kimario, board member and employee of Small World Initiative For Women Security and Children Orphanage



## 2. Classrooms

Give a Heart to Africa is renting 3 classrooms adjacent to the Kilimanjaro Baptist Church on Lema Road, Moshi, Kilimanjaro. Originally, the classrooms were equipped with nothing but a few benches and a table. With your generous donations, we purchased seven desks and seven benches (made by a local carpenter), each seating up to four students.

## 3. Student Sign Up

With the help of many of our friends in the Moshi area, namely Anesti (pastor of the Kilimanjaro Baptist Church) and Collins and Pamela (GHTA's Tanzanian Board Members), the number of students signing up for our classes far exceeded our expectations.

Between June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, over 50 adults and 48 children registered. Given our limited resources at this time, we were able to register only 26 adults. Originally our aim was to register 24 students, however, once sign up was completed, we were informed that two young women traveled all the way from the Kenyan border to study with us, thus we chose to enroll them as well. (note: 1 student who registered did not make it to class again, so we in fact have 25 students). Students were selected based on their academic background and socio-economic status, priority was given to students who were unable to complete secondary education primarily due to their family's financial hardship. However, turning students away and/or enlisting them on GHTA's waiting list, proved to be a rather difficult and emotional task as turning hopeful students away caused some to shed tears, others to become very sombre.

In order to accommodate as many children as possible, we decided to split them up into two groups (Monday - Tuesday and Wednesday - Thursday)



#### 4. New Semester Begins

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Give a Heart To Africa began its first semester, offering classes in English as a Second Language, Business and IT. These three courses were selected with a purpose in mind, which is to provide targeted skills to students who may: a. enter the workforce in the administrative field b. enter the workforce in any other capacity for which knowledge of business and IT is required (IT is becoming more of an increasing requirement by most employers) c. current and/or future small business owners.

Our semesters are 3 months in length and classes run from 9am to 12pm, Monday through Thursday. Friday is dedicated to prep work for the following week, this includes developing and adjusting lesson plans as well as translating all materials to Swahili.

Classes are divided into four groups. Two groups (up to 13 students) study English while third group (up to 7 students) studies Business and fourth group (up to 6 students) studies IT. Class sizes were determined solely based on resources -> 3 classrooms and 6 laptops, which greatly limits the number of students per IT class as well and became a determining factor of the overall number of students.



#### 5. After School Program

Children between the ages of 3 to 12 were welcomed to Give a Heart To Africa's After School Program. With your donations of toys and other supplies, our young students have an opportunity to play with toys, colour, play games, learn how to read, write and count, and some to even improve their oral and written English language skills.



## **6. Sustainability**

Give a Heart To Africa's classes are free of charge, unlike classes offered by local private and public schools. To encourage our students to value free education as well as to promote volunteerism and giving back, each student was required to sign a pledge agreeing to volunteer 10 hours in one of the three following areas a. teach 10 classes in the next GHTA semester b. work in a local orphanage c. work for a local women's group.

## **7. Goals for July/August**

Emancipation and empowerment of women and children is one of the fundamental goals of Give a Heart To Africa. However, each group and gender does not exist in isolation, which is the sole reason why our classrooms accommodate both female (60%) and male (40%) students. In order for the local community to advance, education must be available to all and dialogue be opened up for both genders to participate in.

In the months of July and August, GHTA aims to offer a minimum of two presentations on the issues of Human Rights and Women's Empowerment. To accomplish this, we have affiliated with the Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange and Consultancy Organization ([www.kwieco.org](http://www.kwieco.org)). GHTA will be invited to attend their various educational sessions and meetings taking place in nearby villages. Kwieco speakers will present to GHTA's students on related topics. GHTA will also continue to develop partnerships with other organizations representing issues such as health and nutrition and governmental structure and governance.

## **8. Volunteers**

In order for Give a Heart To Africa's teaching and other resources to be sustainable, we continue to search for volunteers who are able to give three or more weeks of their time and assist us in teaching one of GHTA's 3 subjects. Understanding this may be a daunting task to many, we offer a comfortable accommodation nearby our school as well as easy to follow lesson plans. We also receive help from local volunteers who assist with translation of lesson plans and in class translations as required.

If you, or anybody you know, may be interested in volunteering and/or should you have an opportunity to post one of our fliers at your place of work, school, church... or intranet (such as the teacher's board), please, contact us at [monika@giveahearttoafrica.org](mailto:monika@giveahearttoafrica.org). We very much appreciate your help in this matter.

## 9. Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of Give a Heart To Africa's donors. Your donations are making an enormous difference in the lives of men, women and children who would otherwise not be able to afford education.

The following items were purchased in the months of May and June

- 7 wooden desks and benches
- Classrooms 3 month rental
- 6 laptops
- Extension cords (for laptops as each classroom has only one plug)
- MS Office
- Registration fee
- 30 work books for adults
- 10 work books for children
- Pencils
- Flip Charts
- Photocopies, printing and binding

Note: we also intend to purchase two blackboards in the very near future. We are currently in the process of shopping around for the best price.

**Thank you kindly for all your support**

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to visit our website [www.giveahearttoafrika.org](http://www.giveahearttoafrika.org)

Or contact us at [info@giveahearttoafrika.org](mailto:info@giveahearttoafrika.org)

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Sincerely, Monika Fox  
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