



NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2009

1. Second Semester

The week of November 23rd, 31 Beginner and 8 Intermediate students wrote their final exams. Of those, 9 graduated with Honours, 20 with Merit and 10 unfortunately failed. However, those who have failed will be able to repeat the course next semester. Our top Beginner student this semester was Ms. Salma Mohammad with 93.7% average. We are very proud of our students' accomplishment as half of them have only primary education and have not been in school for a number of years so calculating a profit and a loss is very challenging for them. They studied with great determination and surpassed our expectations. Those who finished the Beginner's course will resume with their Intermediate studies on January 4th, 2010. We would like to thank our students for believing in the importance of education, for being patient and understanding of having several different teachers and for being generous and hospitable to us during home visits.



2. Adopt a Family

Three months ago, Give a Heart To Africa introduced to you the Adopt a Family Program with which GHTA strives to raise funds to further support some of its students. With your very generous donations, our students Happy and Neema will be able to start their own coffee business in January; Calvin and Happy's daughter Helen will be able to start Secondary School. Words cannot express our immense gratitude to all those who donated toward our Adopt a Family Program. It is the difference in our students' lives you were able to make that is truly unmatched. Thank you on their behalf. Thank you from the bottom of our heart.

3. Future Plans

Give a Heart To Africa is currently working on its registration as a Business Vocational School with the Tanzanian Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA). If approved, this registration should take place in the first quarter of 2010 and provide a greater credibility to the school certificates issued by GHTA and thus, a greater probability for our students to obtain employment in the Administrative field.

4. Volunteers

Give a Heart To Africa would like to thank its International Volunteers for their support and dedication, for volunteering their time and warmly embracing our students.

Ave – Malta/Canada

It has been Ave's dream for a long time to travel to Africa and GHTA was truly honoured to share that experience with her. Ave taught English for 5 weeks and was absolutely adored by her students. She had an immense impact on them with her enormous patience and dedication and they all still miss her and speak of her with fondness. She also cared for the children in GHTA's after- school program and made sure they were safe and had fun every afternoon.



Joanna – England

Joanna was volunteering in Tanzania for over 3 months and with GHATA for two months teaching computers. She took it upon herself to develop and print daily exercises for her students to ensure they continued to practice their newly found computer skills. She also participated in GHATA's weekly home visits and was truly an enormous help to our organization and students. Joanna also volunteered her time in a home for street children in the afternoon where she surely had a great impact on the children as well.



Sandy – Greece/USA

Sandy is a member of our GHATA team and a great supporter indeed. With her tireless support and dedication, she fundraised all summer and was able to secure funds for our Adopt a Family Program. Thanks to her and her very generous friends, some of our students will have an opportunity to attend Secondary School in January. For that, GHATA will be eternally grateful. Sandy was also a self proclaimed Computer Teacher Assistant 😊, but her love for children is unmatched as she truly developed our after school program. She taught the children to read and write, played games with them and gave them a lot of love.



Janice – Canada

Janice has returned to Moshi for the third time where she continues to support the community. Even with her very busy schedule, she took two weeks off work to spend with GHTA, during which time she taught English. Despite her apprehension to teach, she put herself out of her comfort zone and supported our students.



Daniel – Canada

Daniel visited GHTA as part of a business visit and kindly volunteered his time as well, teaching our students English and participating in home visits. Considering that he has lived in Dar es Salaam during his formative years and visited Moshi on several occasions, this was a bit of a home coming for him. It was also wonderful to have a male volunteer so our students can see that men treat women with respect and are willing to help those who are less fortunate.



Marianne – England

Marianne joined GHATA for four weeks and truly immersed herself in the local culture from day one. She was eager to learn and experience as much as possible. She was an excellent English teacher to our students (teaching them body parts that made some blush 😊), marking final exams, visiting our students in their homes and sharing stories. Marianne truly cared about our students and is still very much supporting the mission of our organization. She was instrumental in ensuring that our second semester came to a successful end.



International Volunteers are vital to the sustainability of our organization, so should you or anybody you know may be interested in volunteering, please, do not hesitate to contact GHATA for more information.

5. Board Members

Give a Heart To Africa would like to welcome a new Board Member, Mrs. Ave Bartolo, who will act as a Treasurer, replacing Mrs. Janice Vawter. GHATA would like to thank Janice for her support over the past year, for communicating with our volunteers and for ensuring all deposits and finances were in order. GHATA would also like to welcome Mrs. Ave Bartolo who was a great supporter as a volunteer and will continue to be so as a Member of the Board.

Thank you kindly for all your support

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Sincerely, Monika Fox
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