



the helper (msaidizi) trust

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The initial vision of helping grandmothers by enabling access to medical care and educating their grandchildren so that they can help their 'bibi' when they are older is alive and well. Our desire to see these grandchildren grow up into Christ is being fulfilled by the presence of The Holy Spirit in how we do what we do. I am encouraged. Once these students have earned their own educational qualifications and are in paid employment, our job is done. It is slow steady work as is raising any family. As at 2024-2025, another student completed university. She is working unsalaried at the moment, hoping to be taken on by The Tanzanian Seed Institute. There is another student who has finished his training and is getting occasional unpaid work and hoping to be given full-time paid work as a JCB excavator operator. He stood against corruption all last year with commendable strength and patience. It is such as this that helper is committed to doing its bit to raise up - to see Christ glorified by their eventual upright citizenship. Two more have had Vocational training in hairdressing and have (this year) gone into business together and another who has finished a Certificate in Early Years Education.

On the medical side, we have been seeing, on average, 18 sick people a day and have selected from those the ones who believe are in genuine need. Most of these are referred to local clinics or even just to chemists, being required to bring back the official receipts for any services and medicines they have bought. More serious cases, however, we sent to a German-run mission hospital, mainly, and an Adventist hospital, occasionally, both about an hour away up into the hills. Occasionally we will send one to the government hospitals in town. Last year we had the privilege of helping 4,135 folk get to medical help, including 20 operations of varying sorts.

In Sunshine we had 43 children from chekechea through to Standard 7 (11+ examination year). We also supported 47 students from government primary, through to A Levels (some are ex-Sunshiners). 4 did Vocational Training and 3 more went to college. 8 were and are at university.

I am so grateful for all the folk who are still supporting us for all these years, having agreed to switch from supporting me for 12+ years as a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship and get behind the helper (msaidizi) trust. It is amazing how The Lord has sustained us these 15 years, largely through them. Our thanks go to Friends of helper who have diligently claimed back the tax from those who support through Gift Aid and so on. And I am proud the British Government generously support charitable work in this way; their commendable generosity deserves international acclaim.

As I look ahead to the next few years, the need for Friends of helper UK to turn their minds to income generation initiatives of their own and the widening of the support base will be essential if we are to sustain the success and growth of the helper trust in Tanzania. This will become all the more pressing as we continue to support these students through Secondary, Further Education and Vocational Training.