

Annual Report 2023-2024



Once again it is my privilege and joy to summarise the work of the trust - this time in its 14th Year. It has been exciting and rewarding to see how The Lord has led and sustained us faithfully through another year. Our progress in fulfilling the aims of the helper trust deed is heartening as we continue to support those with their education until they are qualified to take their place in the world. We continue to assist those needing to gain access to medical care or have some form of family support. The next few paragraphs explain this:

'Starting at the top' we have seen Avida completing her second year at Sokoine University. She is now on holiday, but acting as a classroom assistant in Sunshine TC. Two more students whose A Level grades have enabled them to join university last year are about to complete their first year at Arusha Institute. The student who stepped back from his Pharmacy studies in Dar es Salaam last year has now completed training in Dar es Salaam as an excavator operator and is now fully licensed and trying to find employment. It is unfortunate that one office in particular is currently frustrating this progress.

The two students who went to Teacher Training College last year, graduated successfully and I am delighted to report, have returned to join staff at Sunshine TC on July 1st as the two temporary teachers have become school cooks. We expect their arrival to strengthen the team. In addition to this Aggie returned and is supporting these new staff together with Elisia and Zawadi.

VETA (Vocational Training)

We have one studying Food Management and another waiting to join for Vehicle Maintenance. It is good to have this avenue for the less academic students to achieve a qualification that can lead to employment, later.

Sixth Form

Our 6 A Level Students have all completed Form Six, taken their exams and have their results. They await their offers which are normally issued in October. Their results are good in the main and while we are delighted with their progress, there is also the concern that it will mean a considerable increase in expenses for the trust as they step up to university in all likelihood. During this time, those who did not opt for National Service with JKT are also helping as classroom assistants at Sunshine TC.

Form Five we have none and just one in Form Six, currently.

Form Four we have 13. This is also a joy and concern as if successful, their next step up should be to study 'A' Levels or possibly join a college if they don't make the grades. This may also be a financial challenge as again it will mean some if not all will have to travel and board.

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We have one student in Form 3 and 14 in Form 2 and 9 in Form 1. There are currently 33 students at Sunshine TC and 4 more at government primary schools.

On the medical side

The trust has supported 10 operations carried out at various government and mission hospitals locally, with one going to the national referral hospital in Dar and 2 who of their own volition chose to go to Gitega in Burundi. These latter operations were successful and we have in mind to consider Gitega Hospital again for more serious cases. For the less serious cases such as blood tests, X rays and so on and medicines, there were 3,850.

Family Support:

There are four of these. The first is a widow we have known and supported for some years, another is one of our ex-Sunshine students who is training at a local garage while waiting to attend VETA. He is the family provider hence helper providing family support as he is unable to earn at the moment. Finally there are two Sunshine students we support whose families are in different villages currently.

To finish with a smile, the family of the triplets we supported last year visited the office at the time of writing this report to say thankyou and to show off their three happy babies. They are talking now!

We thank Friends of helper for their contribution to the trust for another year of claiming back Gift Aid and the considerable work they have had put in complying with ever more administrative demands from HMRC (whom we also thank for their generosity) and also for a special service held at St Philip and St James, Walderslade to reinvigorate support.

This report and audited accounts are available on request.



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