

# Hope Home Trust

Serving orphans in Moshi,  
Tanzania. Resourcing Kitaa  
Hope Children's Home..  
Registered Charity 1126415

## Supporters Update Spring 2024

### “A revelation”

Andy and Helen had a happy and successful visit to Hope Home in February, bringing six first-time visitors with them. Were they impressed? (We knew they would be!)

‘It was a privilege.’ ‘A revelation.’ ‘Uplifting.’ ‘Amazing.’ ‘I’m smitten.’ ‘A fantastic place.’

Our guests’ surprise and happiness at what they experienced delighted and humbled us yet again.

‘What I witnessed was a safe, loving, well-run home, that in fact is a strong family unit that pulls together, helps each other, respects each other and loves each other,’ writes Vicci.



Daudi, Precious & Alvina welcome the visitors



### Daniel & The Lions Workshop

The visitors, led by Wendy, ran activities for the children on the Saturday afternoon. Daniel, lions, a play, a song, crafts, games, balloons, treats: we all had a lovely time.



Vicci, Andrew, Helen, Peter, Wendy, Wendy, and Andy, with Malcolm behind the camera!



Each evening we were able to join the time of prayer & worship we shared a message from the Bible. On Daniel Day we learned a chant: “I am brave like Daniel because Jesus is with me.”



Daudi, Precious and Irene making lions

## The visitors mentioned these words about Hope Home:

enthusiasm

smiles

structure

security

nurturing

dedicated-staff

well-adjusted

welcoming

love joy

kindness

family acceptance  
safety

Malcolm (right) writes:

‘What did I expect when I first met the children of Hope Home? I’m not sure, but Helen had already explained that they ranged in age from 18 months upwards, most had no contact with any direct family members, and Neema has an inoperable brain tumour. So, I had expected to find children who were psychologically damaged by their experiences in life so far. However, those preconceptions were quickly dispelled when I met the children.

‘I was immediately struck by how well adjusted and content they all seemed to be in the Hope Home environment. As you would expect, there was a wide range of personalities from the quiet to the exuberant and slightly mischievous, and they all seemed to enjoy meeting and interacting with this strange group of visitors from England.

‘It was fantastic to see how much enjoyment can be had from simple things, like throwing a stone in the air and clapping your hands before catching it, or playing with balloons. It was clear that they viewed Hope Home as a safe, loving environment, and the staff and other children of Hope Home as their family. They were clearly thriving in an environment which provided love, security, and structure for their young lives. Hope Home is undoubtedly making a huge difference to the children who live there. It was a privilege to be able to spend a short time with them.’



Merry waits patiently for Malcolm.



‘Here you go, Issaya.’



Andrew (left, with Daudi) writes:

‘My first impression of Hope Home was one of neatness and tranquility. There are lots of tall, shady trees and everything is kept clean and tidy.’

Sarah is the cleaner but adults and children alike take care of the environment. The walls are washed fortnightly, the children helping.

‘It makes them more careful,’ explains Mama Esta’s daughter, Dorah.

# In and around Hope Home - an update in pictures



Growing bananas



Newly decorated worship room



The dining room, kitchen and prayer/homework room have been refurbished in the two years since our last visit and each is impressive in its own way. New cooker, sink and tables above. **We promised we would ask if anyone could contribute to a new fridge freezer, £600. Their freezer has broken and the fridge is small.**



'Freedom and Unity'



This winter it has been too hot (35C!) to grow greens for the evening meals, but bananas and sugar canes are nearly ready and the courgettes are coming along well.



# Time for some Big Thanks

## Big thanks to ... our Sponsored runners

Kevin Barnes and Andy Bousfield (Chairman Andy) who ran the Moshi half-marathon

Alex Barnes, Johnson Barnes and Wendy Walker who ran the Moshi 5k.

## Big thanks to ... all who sponsored and donated goods.

Our eight strong group carried a large amount of aid for the children.

## Big thanks to ... first time supporters *Southborough C of E Primary school,*

who raised over £500 and gave some beautiful books, shoes and clothes for the children. We were so grateful for their 'Dress in colours of the Tanzanian flag' out of uniform day and impressed by the rich African learning experience they offered the children.

## Big thanks to ... *Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School*

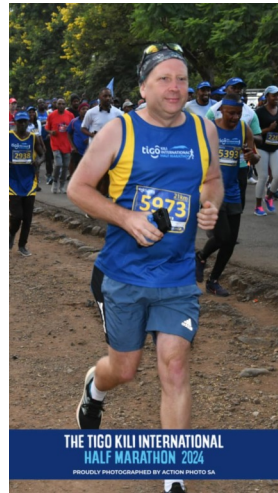
in Rottingdean and Woodford Valley C.E Primary Academy who made donations of pre-loved library books.

## Big thanks to ... *Sal's Shoes*

which gave shoes for each child in Hope Home and at Daycare.

**Big thanks to... friends** and friends of friends for books, clothes, donations, prayers and words of encouragement.

And, of course, **our grateful thanks to** supporters, new and regular, and long-term. We are so happy we are sharing together in 'the enormity of this amazing work.'



'Fun run' - Kilimanjaro Marathon 25.3.24



## KEY YEAR FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN - seeking sponsorship -

The three children in their last year of primary school, Careen, Yohana and Brighton, have asked to be allowed to board at school for their final term, July -October. There are more extensive programmes for boarders and success in the end of primary school exam would allow them access to a good secondary school for a four year O level course. This is going to cost a very expensive £400 each. But they asked and we promised we would pass on the request to supporters.



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