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LVC NEWS LETTER

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“ Light on my Books”

Between July –Sept/2015 , a total of 522 children have benefited receiving solar lights, this is a project has been supported by Smiles To Tanzania for the last two years, it helps vulnerable children do their home work and see their beds at night, A boy in one village when asked what the Solar light meant to him he simply said ‘**Light on my Books**, This has now become the name of the project,



*In above photo **Costantine** (10) lost both parents to HIV. He lives with her aunt who can not provide enough for him, LVC has been helping him for the last three years, we helped him get enrolled into school and start a new life there, with help of Solar light which helps him do home work and study at home, like many others his academic performance has improved a lot, he is getting better marks*

(Light on my books allows me to do my home works , am now getting better and better in my class , in the last exam I was in position 5 out of 45 I want to improve that in next exams)

Back to school campaign

Our Back to School Campaign is growing in its capacity to reach as many vulnerable children in as possible remote areas on the Island, with support from **Kids Aid Tanzania** and **Smiles to Tanzania** we have in the last three months **449 children** have received uniforms and managed to continue with their education, more than **1,200 children** have received exercise books and pens to help them with writing and take notes



Yusuph and Josia (Wearing uniforms in photo above) live with their father Emmanuel who is HI and V positive, their mother passed away with similar illness, Emmanuel falls ill often and can not provide all basic needs for his 9 children, LVC support s the children with Education materials and uniforms, before LVC found the family Yusuph and Josia had dropped out of school due to not having school , uniforms shoes and exercise books, they are now back in Education and doing well

HEALTH

We continue to advance our efforts to fight malnutrition in our community through Kids Aid Tanzania support we have between July-Sept helped **106 children** with highly nutritious flour which has shown incredible achievement, has improved and changed so many children's health ,

LVC needs further support to expand this project and reach as many children as possible



Emmanue 9 (In uniform) and his three young brothers live in Bukindo village, *their father abandoned them 2 years ago, their mom who lives with them often leaves home to go and work in fishing sites which keeps her away from the children for weeks and months, During that period Emmanuel is forced to miss school to provide for his brothers, he labors in farms and goes fishing down the lake, it is a dangerous job for him but he must do it for the family who depend on him, LVC helps the family with Nutritious flour as they all suffered malnutrition their health has now improved, we also help Emmanuel with Education support*

Sanitary towel

This project was funded by Smiles To Tanzania has shown enormous success in helping keep girls in school during periods, Girls tend to miss school when they are in this state to avoid embarrassment if their classmates found out, with sanitary project Girls benefited from this project say they are now able to stay in school without worrying and pursue their studies through out the month, LVC continue sourcing many items in the Tailoring shop and distribute them to needy girls in primary schools

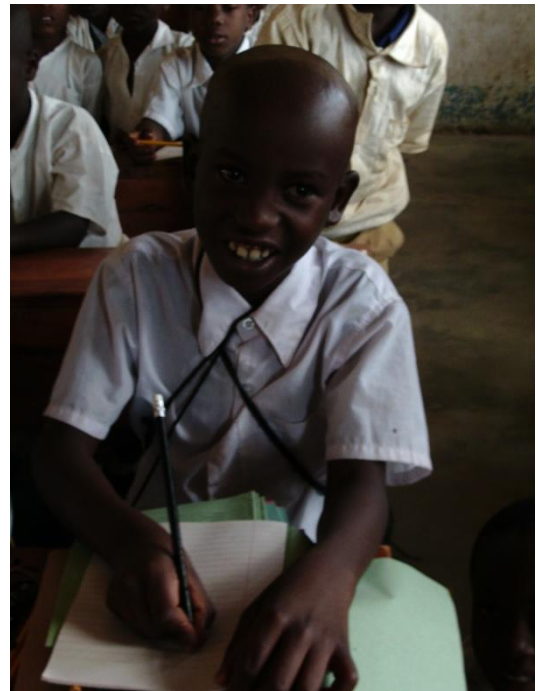


Some of school girls who are beneficiaries of the Sanitary towels project

Emergency Medical Fund

We recently received a very generous support from Kids Aid Tanzania for our LVC Emergency Medical support, this has helped reach a total of 19 sick children in the last three months by enabling them get Medical care they otherwise would never get, Most of the children were treated for Malaria , malnutrition, diarrhea etc at Nansio Hospital , Meanwhile we have also helped three children who needed support to go to Referral Hospital on the Mainland for major operation, two are still in process of treatment, one has been operated and returned home

Kulwa was going blind at age 9 , he returned to the Island after a very successful operation to remove Bilateral eye cataract in both eyes at KCMC hospital in Kilimanjaro Moshi, He is still going through total recovery but he already can see again !! he is now a very happy boy , his mom said immediately after operation on first eye when the bandage was removed he turned to her saying *mom I can see again !!* he spent three weeks at Hospital with mom and one of our staff was there for one week, total budget **Tshs 1,175,700** was spent for his treatment including operation, accommodation , food, transport etc, Kulwa is now going to school again after he dropped out of school for almost a year as he couldn't see on the blackboard, he is now a very happy boy



LVC buys a piece of Land

We have purchased a piece of land where we can eventually build a permanent LVC centre and do away with paying so much money in rents, this has been LVC dream to purchase a piece of land and look for support to build the centre, this was generously funded by Kids Aid Tanzania who are now also looking into ways to hopefully support us if possible with funds for the construction of the centre, this is not guaranteed yet but having the piece of land itself is a huge steps forward for our Organization



LVC Executive committee members standing in front of the LVC land

LVC community computer class

We have set up a community computer class with idea to provide free basic computer training to girls in the community living in vulnerable conditions and from disadvantaged background , they are mostly girls who either finished Secondary schools and didn't get the

opportunity to proceed to higher learning some of them didn't even make it to Secondary schools due to their disadvantagedness , the LVC community computer class provides them with second chance to learn computer skills which will help enhance their knowledge and increase their chance of getting employment especially where computer application is necessary, the current class has 9 girls, they need at least 6 months of training to be competent enough, they are enjoying the training and they all feel they are achieving a lot a teacher has been employed specifically for the community computer class .



A computer class going on at LVC

The Goat Project

The Goat Project was funded in July by Canadian Lady in , friend of LVC , the goats were given to most vulnerable children's families as an income generating project for each of those families , these are children LVC supports in Education, Healthy etc the goat project was an additional help to make the families sustainable, each family was given one female goat, the idea was that when the breeding time comes they will borrow a male goat from neighbors to breed their goat, this is a normal practice in the community, so it is better to have a female goat than male goat as you can always borrow male goat or take your female goat to where there is male goat for your goat to conceive ,

Total of **15 families** received goats one each, the families were so happy to receive the goats , when the goats produce and they have many they could sell some goats for some money to spend in the family this generates money for the family,



Our Children Centre



LVC Children Centre continues to be an excellent place in the community for children living nearby to come and enjoy themselves while benefiting from Education and other services provided to them by the Organization, the number of children is now **47 with 24 boys and 23 girls**

Thank you !

We would like to say a big thank you to all our supporters, for your generous support which continues to make a huge impact in our community and so many lives continue to benefit and change for that matter, we know we can do very little without your incredible support, we hope to continue updating you on our work as we look forward to growing our capacity to reach and change more lives.

Alex Magaga