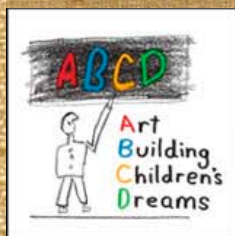


# ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams



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## 2015 Volunteer Trip to Tanzania by Frank Smith

This year's volunteer trip was very successful. Although we were only a team of 4 this year, we were mighty!

Susan and Brenda, our dynamic duo, should be very proud of their list of accomplishments:

- Painting an entire classroom at Makomu PS
- Forming a very active library club at Makomu PS
- Teaching English to the library club at Makomu PS
- Painting a wall mural sign in the library at Makomu PS
- Painting the office door of ABCD Tanzania at Makomu SS

Somehow, they also managed to visit with some ABCD families and Nurse Eva at Makomu Dispensary, hike to two waterfalls, tour the towns of Moshi and Marangu and two local cultural museums, attend a Rotary Meeting, pack the children's school supplies bags, organize very fun games at art day, and go on safari to two national game parks! They also spent a few days touring around Amsterdam on their way home. Whew! Kudos go out for their great contributions to the work of ABCD.

Lynn and Frank were also very busy, attending many meetings with advisory committee members and other community representatives, visiting many schools, students and families, paying school fees, and checking on ABCD infrastructure projects which have been completed, or are now underway, or are yet to come.

It was an exciting, positive trip continuing a tradition of worthwhile and impactful visits by ABCD volunteers to our friends in Marangu West.

**If you are interested  
in joining us for  
an unforgettable trip  
to Tanzania**

**in February of 2016,  
please let us know  
as soon as possible.**

**ABCD Australia  
& ABCD UK  
by Frank Smith**



Group prepares for the trip

**ABCD Canada** is so proud and happy with the work that our friends in Australia and the UK are doing. Ken Wall (Oz) and John de Ronde (UK) have been working tirelessly with their own teams of volunteers to improve the lives of children in Fiji, Malawi, Sri Lanka and Tanzania through education, infrastructure improvement, water and sanitation improvement. Please visit their websites, send them a greeting, and keep current on the fantastic work that they are doing.



# Self-employment – A Sustainable Solution by Terry Maynard



**Fides working on a business proposal**

"Thank you ABCD. To have my own office supply business is important to me. It is an important dream." This is the response from Fides, an ABCD college graduate who has received counselling assistance from ABCD to apply for a micro business loan in Tanzania.

In addition to the business proposal, the local bank requires a "letter of good standing". This was a pleasure to provide for Fides since she has worked hard during the years of ABCD support in secondary school and college. Fides is in the final stages of her business proposal and hopefully she will know soon if she will receive the start-up loan.



**Fides' Quality of Life: self-employment is a sustainable opportunity for Fides that will help her help herself to a better quality of life.**

## The Children of ABCD by Lynn Bird

ABCD continues to support the educational needs of 60 students with an increasing enrolment of students in vocational training and college programs. We are delighted to see more students advancing to higher levels of education and welcome the challenge to inspire additional supporters to help fund their educational aspirations. Meet Mary, Stella, Izak, David, Kennedy and Luca, the six new students that joined the ABCD family this year. All are in secondary school or college and were recommended by our local Advisory Committee. We welcome you to visit our website, [abcdreams.ca](http://abcdreams.ca) to learn more about them.



**KENNEDY**

**Please consider making a donation to help these new students fulfill their dreams for the future.**



**MARY**



**IZAK**



**DAVID**



**LUCA**



**STELLA**



# Our *Senior* Students Need Help to Achieve Their Dreams *by Frank Smith*

Many of the students that ABCD have been supporting through their years of primary and secondary school are now poised to go to college, or even university. Thanks to their hard work and the support from ABCD's donors over the years, these students have been able to succeed in school and look ahead to further education, career prospects and a meaningful life.

These students have faced tremendous disadvantages with poverty, AIDS related illnesses, and underfunded schools. Through it all they have persevered and risen above these obstacles to look ahead with hope towards improving their lives and the lives of their families. Here are a few examples:

**Honest Peter** is a compassionate young man who was raised as an orphan by his elderly grandparents (although he was the one caring for them all through school). He is now ready to be our first ABCD student to go to university; his chosen field is Social Work.

**Josphat** is an orphan and a very kind-hearted young man, who is now ready to achieve his dream to become a teacher by entering Diploma studies in Education.

**Joven, Melkizedek, Miriam, Oscar, Audifasi, Tumaini, Levina and Benson** are all students from very poor families who have beaten the odds and been selected by the government to go on to advanced



**Frank and Honest Peter**

levels Form 5 and 6 and then university. Most students leave school after Form 4.

**Josephine, Yumatade, Richardi, Epifania, Jackline and Mary** need help with college fees for programs in teacher training, tourism and guiding, and IT training.

Please read more about all these amazing young people by going to our website. These successes are a wonderful testament to the impact that your contributions have made.

**This is a special appeal to our supporters to send in a cheque for ABCD to put towards the post-secondary fees for these students. On average, fees and boarding costs for one student's post-secondary year are around \$2500. This year, 11 ABCD students need this support. Any amount that you can give is very much needed and welcomed.**



**New computer room and library**

## Technology and Internet Connection in Tanzania

*by John DeRonde in Tanzania*

ABCD has been working with the Headmaster of Makomu Secondary School on internet connectivity, after successfully funding for the school a computer classroom. We have been looking at the possibility of an internet tower at Makomu Secondary School to deliver a signal but have decided now that it is not necessary. 3g signal has improved across the whole of Tanzania and we can pick up 3g at Makomu SS using a Linux-based network server with a flash modem. Much less expensive! We will be recommending this to all schools who are prepared for internet access in the future.



Kitowo/Napaku PS book delivery



Into their library



Happy with their books

This year ABCD funded a primary school library at Kitowo/Napaku Primary School giving 450 more students in Marangu West access to additional text books and general reading material. This is our fifth primary school library and plans are in progress to add more. We were pleased to see the formation of a student library club Makomu/Kyala PS. They are an enthusiastic group of students who will keep the library well organized and enjoyed.

# LIBRARIES

# SCHOOL INFRASTR

# KITCHENS

by Lyn

Investing in new school kitchens is a commitment to the environment, and the health and safety of the cooks. Students now spend less time searching for firewood thanks to the high efficiency stoves installed in the new kitchens such as those at Kitowo/Napaku Primary School.

Any mention of school kitchens must include a mention of ABCDs breakfast programs which continue to feed approximately 4,000 students. What do the students think of their breakfast? “Mmm Mmm Good!”



New Kitchen at Kitowo/Napaku



Cook preparing breakfast



Friends enjoying breakfast





Kiunguni/Komalyangoe PS old roof is off



Kiunguni/Komalyangoe PS roof completed

A new roof at Kiunguni/Komalyango'e PS will be a welcoming sight for both teachers & students.  
No more sitting under a leaky roof there!

# STRUCTURE PROJECTS

n Bird



Komela PS toilet repair project

## TOILETS

During the February visit Frank & Lynn inspected three of ABCD's most recent water & sanitation projects. Recently completed at Kitowo/Napaku PS are 20 new toilets. In progress at Makomu SS is an innovative circular designed bank of toilets for girls. A new septic bed at Komela PS is on its way!



Kitowo/Napaku PS toilet sign



Makomu SS toilet underway



Kitowo/Napaku PS new toilet block



Makomu SS toilet plumbing



If you have recently donated... we thank you very much! If not, and if it's been some time since you last donated, please visit the website to see how easy it is, and to see what your donations actually accomplish for the children. You will receive a tax receipt for donations over \$20. Tax receipts will be issued annually before the end of February but you may request to receive an immediate tax receipt following a donation. Thank you for caring.

## NEW FUNDING CROWD FUNDING

by Shai Laserson



ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams is excited to announce our plan to launch our first ever crowdfunding campaign! We are always looking for innovative ways to do more for the cause we champion: the children of Kilimanjaro. Crowdfunding will enable supporters such as yourself to not only directly support projects we are working on, but also to share them with your co-workers, friends, family and the world.

**Not sure what crowdfunding is all about?  
No problem, neither were we.**

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project by allowing an organization to raise many small amounts of money from a large number of supporters via the Internet. Sharing campaigns is a breeze with built-in connections to Facebook, Twitter & Email.

It is your support that makes the project a success, no matter how small the individual donations. Donate \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 or more; it all goes towards making the project possible. Donations of \$20 or more, made by Canadian residents are eligible for an Income Tax Charitable Donation Receipt.

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams will be unveiling our crowdfunding campaign in the very near future so keep an eye out and help support us by sharing the campaign with everyone at launch.

Got a question about our upcoming campaign or on how crowdfunding works? Email us at:

**[info@abcdreams.ca](mailto:info@abcdreams.ca)**

## Cow Loan Program: Cows for nutrition and income by Lynn Bird

The three families that received an ABCD purchased cow are all happy to report that their cow has delivered a healthy female calf. Within the next few months ABCD's Advisory Committee will decide which new families will receive a young calf. The



cows are producing enough milk for the family however very little is left over to sell to the local milk coop. Dr. Umburi, a veterinarian on ABCD's Advisory Committee, will be meeting with the families to provide them with information on how to increase milk production. The more milk that is produced, the more money for these families to help pay for their children's education.