



Spotlight on our Amazing Grads by Frank



Benson in grad dress



Benson — supervisor



Levina — teacher



Honest Peter —
social worker

Every time one of our grads contacts us with news of their success in their post-secondary studies, it is a re-affirmation that all the support from our donors and all the work by our volunteers and our Board is paying off!

Those young children who came to the ABCD program from poverty-stricken family situations in their villages are now graduating from colleges and universities all over Tanzania! Some are still seeking career positions in their fields and some are hired!

Benson's qualifications in the transport industry have secured him a supervisory position with a fuel company. Levina's qualifications in education have secured her a teaching position with a private school. Honest Peter's qualifications in social work have secured him a position with a social agency.

We congratulate them and look forward to more good news from Tanzania as we hear that the economy is improving!



Audifas on graduation day

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Join the private group "[Friends \(Marafiki\) of ABCDreams](#)" on Facebook to connect with other supporters, volunteers, Board members and current and past students. We also have our website [ABCD - Art Building Children's Dreams](#) which is another great way to peek into Tanzania and stay current on events.

ABCD CARE Tanzania Sets a Record! by Lynn



This past year, Mama Eva and the ladies of ABCD Care Tanzania set a record in supplying personal care kits to girls...approximately 250 girls in Makomu Secondary School and Mlang'a Secondary School received a kit along with workshops on the use of kit components and menstrual health education. These attractive kits are a safe and washable solution for managing menstruation.

ABCD Canada Director John provided the transportation of the several containers of personal care kits to the schools along with the ladies and noted the high level of excitement in the air when they arrived.

With concern for the spread of COVID the mamas also sewed masks and supplied Makomu and Mlang'a secondary schools with 100 litres a month of liquid hand washing soap.

The wonderful accomplishments of ABCD Care Tanzania are only possible because of our donors. Thank YOU.

Canada Africa Partnership (CAP) Fundraising Ride 2022 by Megan

The ABCD Dream Peddlers are tuning up their bikes and getting in shape for the annual CAP (Canada Africa Partnership) fundraising event. In early June, we will ride to raise funds for the 80 kids in 8 villages we support in Tanzania. This event was our biggest fundraiser in 2021 and contributed to our many children and programs in Africa.

- Become a Dream Peddler! We are looking to expand our team! Can you join us?
- Become a fundraising team member and receive an ABCD TShirt! Contact Captain Frank for more information (fsmith@abcdreams.ca)
- Ride with us on the day of the event - in person or on your own
- Sponsor the team or one of the team members!

Find our [Dream Peddlers team here](#) to bring us over the \$15,000 finish line!



Volunteer in Tanzania with ABCDreams!

January 2023. On the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro! Contact us for more details... info@abcdreams.ca

Progress by ABCD UK by John

ABCD UK works with students and families in a village to the North-West of Moshi (ABCD Canada works to the North-East - about the same distance!). ABCD UK now concentrates on the local secondary school where students' costs are twice as high as in primary school.

ABCD UK also supports the school lunch program with a 'Seed4Feed' project whereby land around the school is cultivated to grow corn and beans. Students spend 4 days of school planting, cultivating and weeding!

With the help of UK Rotary Clubs Morden and Callington, ABCD UK has funded 2 new toilet blocks and a handwash stand. This picture to the right is of the interior of the girls' toilet block. ABCD UK continues with its work bringing much needed development to the community.



Reflections of an ABCDreams Donor

by Franca

Our relationship with ABCD began in September 2009, when my husband and I were invited to sponsor Gabriel. We also give to other, bigger charities such as the Red Cross, but our relationship with ABCD has helped us stay grounded in real help for real people — with real results.

Over these past 13 years some pretty terrible things happened in the world: extremist politics, war, disease, oppression. The thought of pushing against this tide can be overwhelming: it would be easy to think any "help" we offer is a drop in a world-wide bucket of suffering.

But though all these years, from very challenging beginnings, Gabriel has continuously and patiently worked hard at his education. Today he is in year 2 of accounting school, on his way to realizing his dream of helping his family, making the world a better place for others. This inspires us so much! That is why we continue our support.



NEW! The Repair and Maintenance Project by Frank

ABCD Tanzania and ABCD Canada have been discussing the details and planning a project which should improve the teaching and learning environment for teachers and students in the schools of Marangu West.

Funding for the Repair and Maintenance Project would pay for a fundi (local builder) and a team of unemployed youths from the area, to carry out repairs to schools. Some members of this R & M team are ABCD graduates from trades schools!

So this project is a double-barreled approach to poverty alleviation in that it addresses the deterioration of school infrastructure AND brings some employment opportunities to the community. The first project is window glass and shutter replacement at a primary school where the winter rains have been blowing in on the little ones.



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 \$15. Tax receipts will be issued within 30 days. Thank you for caring.

Thank You from Marangu West by Sebastian



We are pleased to inform you that despite of invasion of the Corona virus, we managed to accomplish most of our plans.

ABCD Tanzania distributed SCHOOL SUPPLIES to all ABCD secondary students: 10 counter books, 10 pens, 10 pencils, tooth paste and skin cream to ABCD students. They were so happy to receive these.

According to the headmasters and headteachers, the attendance of students increases because of the very important BREAKFAST PROGRAM project. It helps much in the nutrition of these young boys and girls and increases the academic performance too!

We are starting a MAINTENANCE and REPAIR project. We will be starting with Kitowo and Napaku Public Schools as the pilot projects. We will be repairing windows, walls and floors for 12 classrooms!

BIG THANKS to our friends in Canada for making these things possible. The people of Marangu West are so proud of you and their prayers are on your side every day.

Asanteni sana wote (Many thanks to all).

Life in Tanzania by John (Reporting from Tanzania)

People here in Tanzania consider Covid as history now. However some still wear masks and handwash stands are still stationed outside shops and public places. The political climate is stabilizing with the new president, locally called Mama Samia. Democracy is being reinforced and the previous controls over the media alleviated. People on the street are happy, as usual, just to get on with their lives. Elections are still somewhat fractious but only because everyone feels so passionate about a fair and just process. Tanzania is known for its peace and stability. Long may it last.



Mama Samia