

President's Report to the Annual

General Meeting April 2014 Katoke Trust for Overseas Aid

Patron: Hon. Robert McClelland
Former Attorney General of Australia

Some wonderful outcomes in Tanzania and in Australia have given great encouragement in 2013. The Katoke-Lweru Secondary School has continued to be our biggest project but other initiatives have continued well and are making a difference, giving hope in a remote community of a nation that is itself fighting vigorously to eliminate poverty. I was honoured to have a 45 minute audience on July 25 with the President of Tanzania, Hon Jakaya Kikweti, who was pleased to know about our program and who spoke of the wider efforts of the government and people to bring about development. With some of the Board I also had a meeting with billionaire Andrew ('Twiggy') Forrest and his wife, Nicola, in December. Andrew heads a movement, *Walk Free*, to eliminate modern slavery. He commended our work and promised to walk with us.

Katoke-Lweru Secondary School.

Sid Moir as Headmaster and Rowena Bragg as Deputy have formed a strong working relationship and the school is functioning very efficiently with Form 5 (Year11) planned to begin in 2014 and with excellent results in national examinations. See details below. More important than exam results, however, is that we see students growing in Christian character and going on to serve others with the skills they have gained by seizing the opportunities their schooling has opened up. One example of this is Mary Prudence who was expelled from another school when she fell pregnant, bore her child, came to KLSS where we accepted her and found her a sponsor. She worked hard, succeeded in Form 4 exams, studied to be a pre-school teacher and now has a career teaching in a pre-school near KLSS. She can support her child and is glowing in gratitude to those who helped her and thanks God.

Rowena and Peter Bragg have settled in to the work of the school and are making a strong contribution to its well-being. Rowena is strengthening teaching through her work with the staff and is helping to plan and project the school into the future. Peter, as Business Manager/Logistics, has overseen a host of minor building works and maintenance, has saved the school in many emergencies when there have been cuts to water and electricity supply and has set up an IT network that teachers are using more and more effectively.

Sid and Marilyn Moir, who are ably assisted by Anna, are in their sixth year of service at Katoke and leadership succession is a major issue for the School Board assisted by the Trust.

Total Enrolments and Staffing. January, 2014 335 students

Classes in each year

Forms 1-5.

Form 1: 3 classes (110),

Form 2,3,4: 2 classes each.

Form 5 enrolling to start in July 2014. Possibly 60

Boarders on site: 305

Full time teaching staff 13

Part time teaching staff 3

Administration staff. 5 in admin, 2 in library

Other staff: 2 gardeners, 2 storekeepers, 3 fundis doing repairs and maintenance, and others as needed (such as truck driver, labourers, tradesmen when building or painting, - something like 30 at present)

Form 4 Results in National Examinations

Results are excellent and have improved from 2012 to 2013

Division 1 is the highest, Div 5 is failure

Division	2012	2013
1	Nil	7
2	5	19
3	10	37
4	77	42
5	33	1
In the Region	In top 10.5%	In top 8%
In the Nation	In top 12.5%	In top 8%

Subject ranking in the nation. In the top %

CIVICS	9%
HIST	8%
GEOG	11%
KISW	8%
ENG	6%
PHY	19%
CHEM	7%
BIO	12%
MATHS	7%

Other Forms Exam Results are excellent. Rank in the District - of 45 schools
2nd in Form 1, 3rd in Form 2 (in 2013 National), 3rd in Form 3.

Building: No new buildings were started in 2013 but construction is about to begin with builder, Gary Dillon to go on May 1 with his wife Sue and with Peter Simpson. The program includes a second boys' dormitory, teacher flats, the Dining/Assembly Hall and two more classrooms. Total cost of these buildings will exceed \$250,000.

Other Projects.

Malaria Reduction, Vanilla Growing, Improved Palm Oil cultivation, AIDS/HIV Prevention have all continued strongly. Much support has also been given for secondary school students who do not go to KLSS and for tertiary students who are studying to be teachers, nurses, lab technicians, clergymen and tradesmen of various kinds. In these ways we are training leaders for all levels of life and so making perhaps our most important contribution to the wellbeing and future of Tanzania.

In Australia.

Many have worked very hard to produce our most successful fundraising year ever with over half a million dollars raised for projects. Credit goes to all who have helped in this great effort, especially the Communication and Fundraising Committee chaired by David Lefcovitch. We now have 208 sponsorships and over 1000 supporters. But with sponsorship funds following graduating students to other courses, only 44% of students at KLSS are sponsored so we need to raise more sponsorships. For this purpose we have created a Sponsorship Committee which is chaired by George Ward. Because we are all volunteers and our administration is lean and mean, virtually all funds go to Tanzanian projects. Congratulations to all our supporters. We thank God for the way he has prospered our work in his Name.

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