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AFTER KLSS: What options?

I am often asked what do students do after they finish studies at Katoke-Lweru Secondary School (KLSS).

Are there further courses?

Are there opportunities for employment?

I had emails this week from Lameck Kassano, acting Head of KLSS, and Anna Moir, sponsorship coordinator at Katoke, who told of the first cohort of students who started in 2009 and finished study at KLSS in 2012.

Very few Tanzanian secondary schools have senior years (Forms 5 and 6, or Years 11 and 12) and in 2012 KLSS had not started senior school but 15 of that first cohort got into Form 5 and 6 in other schools. We have now had word of what happened to them after Form 6: fourteen of the 15 have gained places in Universities – in medicine, education, law, engineering, pharmacy, accounting etc. And of the 14, 10 were sponsored by Australians throughout secondary schooling. Isn't that wonderful?

And what about the rest? Anna Moir (sponsorship coordinator at KLSS) has been able to get data on 62 of them. Many have finished (or are finishing) further study and are employed (or awaiting positions) in teaching, agriculture, nursing, IT, secretarial, library, lab technology, mechanics. And eight of the girls are married (it was an older cohort). What a blessing to the next generation to have an educated mother!

Mr Kassano says of the 14 going to university, "They have emerged from extreme poverty to university education. May I salute Katoke Trust and praise the Lord for his love to Tanzania and to our children.... The transformation of our society which was our expectation has become now a reality."

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