

## Christian care

Dentist **Stephen Diakatos**, photographer **David Lefcovitch** and GP **Colin Glendinning** have just returned from Katoke. Stephen checked all Forms 1 and 2 students, some in Form 3, teachers and other workers. Unfortunately, he had to extract nearly 40 teeth due to malnutrition, lack of money for dentistry and lack of dental education. David acted as dental assistant and student humourist, as well as keeping busy with photography. Colin worked with the school nurse in her clinic and liaised with leaders of malaria, AIDS and agricultural projects. Our school continues to thrive under the outstanding leadership of Rowena and Peter Bragg, in partnership with local teachers, administration staff and site workers. *Colin Glendinning*



Dentist Stephen Diakatos, GP Colin Glendinning and school nurse Emilia. *PHOTO: David Lefcovitch*

## Local leader Kassano



The strength of the work at Katoke is local people, who contribute and grow as they participate. Relationships with local leaders and students are one of the great joys. **Lamech Kassano**, who has died, was a founding member of the KLSS staff and grew to play a key role at the school as Civics teacher, Deputy Head and community liaison person. On December 15 last year, he died unexpectedly. Aged 62, he brought a maturity, wisdom and understanding of local culture to the school that both heads, Sid and later Rowena, highly valued. He was greatly respected by students and staff. He understood and explained the school's Christian vision. Not long before he died, he wrote thanks for enabling the poor to access equal education with the rich. He will be sorely missed. He leaves a widow and many dependent from his extended family. *Alan Watson*

**Idda Raulin** in Year 8 National Exams placed among the very best students in Tanzania. She is a sponsored child, because her parents are poor, aged subsistence farmers. Her diet as a child was boiled bananas and beans. She arrived at KLSS with little English but worked hard. She loves the school: the teachers, books, electric light, time for reading and running water. Without sponsorship one of the cleverest children in the nation would not have gone to secondary school



**EQUAL ACCESS: This has been the reason for our sponsorship program that some 200 Australians have supported. Children from poor families often excel, but without help that talent would be lost. KLSS has supported many such students, such as Idda Raulin, above.**

## Advera, humble helper



**Advera Kabaita** cleans toilets at Katoke-Lweru school, all day. There have been outbreaks of typhoid and strict cleanliness is vital. It is not the most appealing job, but she is grateful for work and does it with great thoroughness and care. She is described as a "darling, a beautiful lady". Advera was widowed 15 years ago and wants her 5 children to be educated.