

HAPO NEWSLETTER



HAPO welcomes back all the kids for Easter vacation!

Rocken Hill:

- All students have received excellent school markings.
- The headmaster is impressed with the students drive and motivation.

"Samaki mkunje angali mbichi."

From HAPO to You!!

Mambo volunteers and sponsors! This newsletter is intended to keep you involved with the events at HAPO as well as give you an idea of how the children are doing.

We are happy to report that 38 OVC's are attending private schooling! They attended HAPO on their Easter vacation for meals, schooling, and fun activities and of course, catching up with their friends.



Mama, Doctor and the children from Rocken Hill.

New OVC's

HAPO has recruited 13 new OVCs. They all seem very anxious and get along well with the others. At this time each of the children is undergoing psychological rehabilitation.

HAPO is requiring all the guardians of the new OVC's to sign a contract regarding the IGA. This will motivate the guardians to become active towards self reliance and earn an income to help support their family.



The new OVC's are eager to be sponsored. They have finally settled into the routine at HAPO and are in desperate need of private schooling.

English: "Bend a fish while it is still wet."

(Children should be given guidance early in life

(before it is too late)



The girls!



The kids from Them in Hill

Elizabethi



Tara saying goodbye to Elizabethi.

Since March 24th, there has been much heart ache among the children and staff at HAPO as well as past volunteers. Elizabethi passed away in peace after having much strength and courage. Past volunteer, Tara Bellman expressed, "Elizabethi was always a joy to be around. She always seemed to have the most energy and spirit when around Jennifer, Sophia and Massele. I remember towards the end of my stay in Tabora preparing the girls for private schooling. The only way to get the girls to "pay attention" was to separate them or be assertive. Being assertive never worked for me because my heart would just melt when they would literally have to shake off their laughter. The only way I can explain it is when you get into a laughing fit over absolutely nothing and tears are rolling down

your face. This happened with the girls on a regular basis." Elizabethi's story, courage and life are inspiring. There is no doubt that she will be missed and always thought of. If anyone has any stories, please send an email and they will be put together to share. This is a time for HAPO staff, children and volunteers to lean on each other, gain strength and come together to help other children that are in need.



Massele and Elizabethi dancing while singing goodbye to the volunteers.

Volunteer Information

HAPO will be receiving new two volunteers from America in June and three more will join in July. Past volunteers will also be making the long travels to visit the children while on break during the months of June and July. This is an exciting time for HAPO as all assistance is needed. HAPO is able to carry out their services and help the children solely because of volunteers. Doctor Sekasua wrote, "Volunteers are more than human beings". If any one traveling to Tabora would mind to bring extra luggage for the children, please contact Tara Bellman.

Other News and Announcements

HAPO is working hard to find how to get funds from their local government authorities. They expect a shortage of volunteers in the upcoming months because of the tough economic times. A fund is in the works for those who are gathering donations and want to directly support HAPO. Please contact Tara if you have any questions or would like to assist!



The children from Saint Francis

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