

Tumaini Fund Canada
CANADIAN CONTAINER SHIPMENT 2014

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FOLLOW UP

The Difference the Donated Items make in Kagera

Back Ground: In late October the truck loaded with the 40' container travelled from Dar es Salaam overland to Kagera. It was the rainy season, when narrow dirt roads become treacherous and the terrain difficult. A few kilometers from its destination in Muleba, the truck broke down with a wheel deeply mired in the sandy road.

The contents were unloaded and hand carried by volunteers to safety in the nearby vocational school.

Several weeks later, Tumaini obtained a crane capable of transferring this huge container to its final destination.



Container arrives at site



Crane attached to container



Moving to the new base slabs

With the container settled permanently on the prepared slabs, it will provide Tumaini with much needed storage. Shelves will be installed for use by the Tailoring School and to store baskets and handcrafted items made by the village women.



Safely on the ground close to the Muleba office



Dr. Susan Wilson inspecting the container with items stored and waiting for transportation to Kayanga



DISTRIBUTING THE CONTAINER CONTENTS

Clothing & Blanket Distribution

The Tumaini team of social workers and parish workers transported boxes of clothing and blankets to communities where poor families were in the greatest need.



Social workers set out the clothing



The distribution begins



This widower has been left with five children and is so grateful to receive new clothing from the Social Worker in the previous picture.

The Hope that comes with new clothing

These "before and after" photos show how new clothing from Tumaini bring happiness and confidence in the future, to the parents, grandparents and the children in their care.



On the left: an AIDS widow and four children in ragged clothes arrive at the distribution area.

On the right: the new clothing bring smiles to the children's faces - and a teddy bear completes the happy occasion.



Arriving with hopeful faces



Happy with new clothing

This distribution was a huge event for this community, as they gathered under the shade of the trees and waited patiently for their turn to receive their new clothing.

In ragged and dirty clothing, the adults and especially the children are ashamed to go to the local village or attend church. Their new outfits give them respectability and the confidence that life will be better under Tumaini's care.



Waiting patiently in the hot sun



Arriving in ragged clothing



New clothes include knitted T-top sweaters for the boys and dresses for the girls

The Gift of a New Piano

This piano miraculously survived the long sea voyage from Canada and the overland journey to Muleba. Now with a place of honour in this church in the Diocese of Lwera, it is played at every church service.



Many children are gathered here in the church to greet Dr. Susan.



Bishop Jackson Lugumira is just seen in his red robe before he addressed the crowded church .

At this special celebration for Dr. Susan's visit, the piano was pushed against the wall for safety, but in his address Bishop Jackson Lugumira expressed how much the church congregation loved the piano and the difference it has made to their church worship at every service. The Congregation is very grateful for this valuable gift.

The Nutrition of Gleaners Soup



Primary school children here in Kabalekela receive a meal of this vegetable based, nutritious soup daily. The soup is stored in the school office.



Happy, well fed children sit and listen to the ceremony welcoming Dr. Susan to their school.

Fraser Valley Gleaners Company of Abbotsford, BC, donates packets of their dehydrated nutritional soup to charities around the world. Tumaini gratefully received five pallets of soup for our container which have now been shared with several primary schools in different locations in Kagera.

Sewing Machines



A gift of treadle sewing machines from Canada enables more girls to learn a new trade for the future.



Young trainees learn to sew with paper, as fabric is too expensive to use initially.



Joyce the teacher at the Vocational Tailoring School supervises the experienced sewers who make primary school uniforms and clothing.

School Desks are always needed

All schools in Tanzania are required to supply their own desks, chairs and school supplies. In many classrooms, several student will share a desk and the cramped position makes writing and learning difficult. Extra school desks packed in the container will help more students succeed in their studies.



Secondary School students share the available desks. Spare chairs but no desks are shown behind.



Two students present a "Tarifa" or "Risala" to Dr. Susan. This is a report they have prepared on their school.



It expresses appreciation for the support from Tumaini and details what is going well at school & also what improvements are needed.

Tools and Carpentry Equipment

With a busy Vocational Workshop teaching carpentry as a trade to students who were unable to obtain an education, the gift of 9 pallets of tools was extremely welcome. Included were table saws, drills, many types of hand tools and brackets, ladders, nails, screws etc.

Among other items, the Vocational Workshop builds shelving for Tumaini containers and beautiful furniture for sale.



Teaching and Art Supplies

All teaching materials, text books and educational items are needed in all schools in Kagera. Here at the Secondary School in Bwanga in the district of Chato, the Headmistress and students welcomed the supplies they received in the container, but much is still needed.



Headmistress and Secondary School students outside their school.



Students need desks and supplies for their classroom.



All Head students in this school are Tumaini orphans, all working hard for their education.

Hospital Equipment

Shipped in the container were many hospital supplies including bed linens, uniforms, wheel chairs, portable toilets, walkers and crutches. This equipment is in continual short supply and was gratefully received by the hospital staff in Murgwanza, and when available provided to Tumaini families in need as below.



This AIDS widow was born with a handicap, and has two children to support. When facing starvation she sold the wheels from her wheel chair to buy food for the children and has lost her mobility.



Crutches and Canes to Kagera



Diapers for babies in hospital



Murgwanza hospital recipients

Personal Care Kits (by courtesy of DaysForGirls)

Each month, Tumaini girls lose valuable days of schooling because of lack of sanitary protection. Tumaini is now providing the washable kits designed by Days for Girls and used worldwide to enable girls to attend school full time. These kits are vital to their educational needs. Many of these kits were made by volunteers on Vancouver Island and shipped in the container.



Packing fabric and kits in St. Mary's church hall in Nanoose Bay.



Tumaini social worker Terefina teaches basic hygiene and how to use the new washable DfG's kits.



Happy girls receiving their kits and knowing they can now attend school full time and keep up with their studies.

Fabric and supplies, such as the expensive PUL waterproof liner fabric, were also included in the container for the Tailoring Workshops being set up to make these kits locally in Kagera.

Sports Equipment & Musical Instruments

The container contents included equipment for sports activities and musical instruments such as a banjo and electronic keyboard for the Tumaini orphans who love to sing and dance and have music at their church services



Soccer balls and soccer uniforms will provide children with exercise and fun.

A happy time for a soccer game between their studies and work at home with their crops and animal husbandry



This donated electronic keyboard and stand from Nanoose Bay, was carefully packed into container in Victoria.

It arrived safely in Kagera and is to be used in the Cathedral to the delight of the choir.



Truly a wonderful container full of welcome items to improve the lives of so many AIDS widows, orphans and poor families supported by Tumaini in the NW area of Tanzania.

Thank you ICROSS Canada and Compassionate Resource Warehouse.