



EffortZ Foundation

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A Report From Our Founders



Bebe Dudley



Fred Dudley

As we approach the one-year anniversary of our formation, we thought it would be a good time to update you on some of our more significant recent activities.

Since our initial communication with you in December of last year, our work has been equally divided between two areas of focus: 1) carrying out our educational missions in Tanzania; and 2) adding to the infrastructure of our organization to make it stronger and more effective in the months and years ahead.

We are excited by the momentum that has been created in the early months of our organization. We couldn't have done it without the support and generosity of our donors, friends, volunteers, and partner organizations!



Mary Dupont



Sheryl Seyfert

Our Educational Missions

Scholarship Programs



Front row: Baraka (left) and Hamisi

With hard work and some extra tutoring at the end of last year, several of the TACODA boys passed difficult entrance examinations to two of the best English language-based primary schools in the Arusha region!

Ombeni, Noah, Gifty, William, Dericky and Justini are now attending the well-regarded Usa River Academy. Mbwana and Rama have joined Baraka, Derick John, and Hamisi at the highly rated Trust St. Patrick's School.

The first term report cards from Usa River show that most of the boys are achieving average or above average grades. As they move into their second term, we have arranged for tutorial support where needed.

At Trust St. Patrick's, Mbwana and Rama received good grades while Baraka, Derick John, and Hamisi, who have been there longer, are ranked near the top of their classes!

In partnership with the Maryknoll Sisters at Emusoi Center, we were able to place two Maasai girls, Martha and Sophia, at two excellent secondary schools where they are performing well. Several other Maasai girls have been identified for support and are awaiting placement for the 2012 school year.

Fredrick, Tito and Ruth, who attend secondary school, are also doing well. They're in schools that only have two semesters so it will be July before we get their grades for their first term.

Our Educational Missions

Literacy Programs



More than 3,500 pounds of books and school supplies were loaded into a container by board members and volunteers from *EffortTZ* and two of our partner organizations, The Jim Arden Foundation and TACODA, and shipped to Tanzania in March.

The supplies almost triple the resources available to our Mobile English Library and outreach efforts to our four partner primary schools and one pre-secondary remedial program.

We owe a special thanks to those who helped us pack the container, Auxiliary Board member Jennifer Kiernan and her friends who donated books and Board member Bob Decelles who used his credit card reward points to purchase gift cards from Barnes & Noble. Hatchette Children's Book Publishers, in the UK, gave us additional books for only **\$1** a copy and Ardent Displays and Packaging donated much of the school supplies.

Co-founder, Fred Dudley, has finalized volunteer visits to Tanzania for the fall. Co-founders Bebe Dudley and Mary Dupont and volunteer, Laura Fraser, will be going to organize the library and work with teachers and students in the schools. This will be Laura's third trip to help with the literacy program!

Deogratias Melkior Njau (right) was hired this winter as Operations Manager for the TACODA Children's Home and in-country representative for *EffortTZ*. He has extensive experience in teaching and community development in the Arusha area and came highly recommended. An extra bonus: "Deo" decided to donate 10% of his salary to support the work we're doing!

Under the leadership of co-founder Sheryl Seyfert, we continue to build our website content and related Facebook link. A particularly important addition to these sites is a "still" video created by Auxiliary Board member Jay Seyfert. It tells our story in a very moving and effective manner. If you haven't already seen it, we encourage you to take a look at www.ordertz4kidz.org.

As we send this update, Jay and his sister Sheryl are currently working on an expansion of this video to incorporate important aspects of our literacy initiative.

Additionally, *EffortTZ* has begun to build its Auxiliary Board, a dedicated group of volunteers who want to help the children of Tanzania receive a quality education. To date, the group includes Karen Brennan in CT, Pam Clapp Hinkle in MA, Jennifer Kiernan in VA, and Jay Seyfert in FL and MA.

Finally, we have established *EffortTZ* as an international NGO in Tanzania. This action will enable us to expand our presence in the country in an effective and efficient manner.

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Our Infrastructure

New
Faces

New
Projects



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chance at a better life.**



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improving the education of
needy children in Tanzania.**