

Joshua Schools Update

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Joshua Schools Grow Up!

That would have to be the headline for 2008. With many years of experience now behind us, the senior management team of Joshua Schools are learning how to take greater responsibility for the overall running of the school. Learning how to be a team: shared decision-making, accountability and lots of open communication... The hard calls of team! With primary and secondary on one campus and a common objective we need to pull together to see the impact made that we desire to see in this community.



Checking out their Christmas boxes!

What's been happening...

Under Teddy's leadership the primary school is developing into a strong unit. We have a stable teaching staff at last who are taking responsibility for the growth and development of the school and showing a real heart for the student body. Academically the lower primary is excelling with our national exam results putting us the top school again in our area.

Exciting Developments:

This year we had 7 of the top 10 boys and 3 of the top 10 girls in our area. We are transitioning into being an English medium school with next year being our first class of Year 4 students to sit the national exams in English – a challenge!

January 2009 sees 6 new teachers fresh out of Joshua Teachers Training College start teaching in the primary school. They are very enthusiastic about what they can bring to the school and we look forward to their integration and input. Our Year 7 teacher Goodbert will be taking on the position of Head Teacher in January, having been groomed up by our beloved Teddy who has given her heart to one of our En Gedi pastors and will be moving to Arusha to live!! She will teach in our En Gedi prep school class, so we haven't totally lost her!!

...hard at work!



Teddy and Enoch's wedding

Joshua Secondary School is still struggling with staffing. Finding qualified staff for secondary schools is a national problem – teachers colleges are only producing a fraction of the needs of the nation. Add to that that we want Christian staff! We are praying now for the extra teachers we will need for 2009 as we add 60 new students into Form 1 and take our current Form 2 class on to Form 3.



Principal Ezekiel leads students in prayer

Any **good teachers** out there want some DE in Tanzania, teaching school and/or training and mentoring secondary school teachers?? We need you **desperately!!**

Next Year...

Our goals for 2009? With the global financial situation we are seriously looking at ways we can work towards greater self-sufficiency. While you, our sponsors, are vital to our existence, we believe God is challenging us to find ways to add to that income with our own small business initiatives. We are considering ideas such as our own stationary shop, small bakery, clean water supply, vegetable gardens, etc. We have been donated funds to drill a bore hole which will give us our own stable water supply that will enable us to start agricultural initiatives that have not been possible before. Please pray with us about this. Any expertise welcomed! This is the next step in Joshua Schools growing up!



It's teatime!



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We give you heart-felt thanks for all your support to Joshua Schools!! Kids are still getting saved and set free from Satanic bondages! Our secondary school already has a reputation for being different. "How come your students don't fight and steal? How come your girls aren't getting pregnant?" Jesus makes all the difference, and you are investing with us to make it happen!



God bless you,

Lynda Stephenson & all the wonderful teaching Staff of the Joshua Schools

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