

# Joshua School Arusha

## Report To Sponsors

Hello sponsors of Joshua School Arusha!!

I am delighted to bring you a positive report of our second term. Our students and teachers are still on term break, but they are due to start back in school on September 5th. August 31st - September 2nd will be our teacher-only days, when we will sit together and plan and prepare for the last term of this year.



Students performing on Parents' Day



Rachel receives a certificate for great work in Term 2



Little preschool boy reading a Bible verse in English in front of the parents!

One highlight was being able to attend the TaCSA (Tanzania Christian Schools Association) national conference in June. The theme was Biblical World View and we were all inspired by the keynote speaker, Bobby Scott, as well as by the group sessions that were run. Our teachers came back and set some goals for follow up, which we will be reevaluating in our teacher-only days.

Without doubt the biggest highlight of last term was having Grace Boon with us as a teaching consultant. Grace worked with every teacher individually, as well as with the staff as a whole, to see our school move forward. Her brief was to develop our

literacy programme.

Grace helped the staff to identify the key indicators for our school in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Many of these are very specific to our students in our community, especially with respect to developing English language.

Grace also trained the teachers in areas of classroom practice through observations, modeling and feedback sessions. All the teachers are demonstrating increased confidence and expertise in their teaching as a result. **Thank you Grace!!!**

Our **third highlight** is also thanks to Grace. We now have a lovely library! Two other volunteers painted beautiful murals on the walls and Grace organized shelving and set-up for us. She trained the teachers how to use the library effectively just before she left. The library is in our little classroom – our new classroom was finished in time to use it for Term 2!



*Grace modelling a library lesson in our new library*

**Final highlight** was another visit from Micah Foundation in the USA who visit us annually to run Bible and craft sessions in our school. We are so grateful to them for donations made for school furniture, teaching resources and special items of school uniform – socks and sweaters for the poorest kids! Very cool!!!



*Student hard at work using furniture donated by Micah Foundation*

In closing a comment from Grace:

***If I had kids I'd send them to your school – the teachers are so caring.***

What an encouragement!!

