

Fall/Winter Newsletter



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Fabien Thadeo Finishes Top of his Class!





When GPN Director Sarah Phillips met Fabien Thadeo, he stood out as the only child in the village not in school. It turned out his father had brought him, along with his brother, to the coast to fish. Although his younger brother was taken in and sponsored by a local family, Fabien was considered already too old at age 12. When Sarah spoke to him, she discovered that he was eager to learn to read, particularly so that he could read signs and avoid dangerous areas.

As the government school wouldn't accept him, Sarah sent him to private school and he excelled, skipping two grade levels as he worked his way through to complete primary school.

He did so well, that he was selected for the best performing secondary school in the region, an honor reserved for few Tanzanians. He scored 1st out of 250 students through his excellent test results!

We are so proud of the work he has done and thank everyone immensely for their support.

Ushongo Primary School Revitalization





On her last trip to Ushongo, Sarah was thrilled to work with the community and finish the revitalization of the village primary school.

All together, they sealed the leaky roof so that students no longer had to huddle in a small area during the rains, and they completed the installation of new, secure windows, locks on the doors and replaced damaged brickwork.

Members of the community were drawn out to help as they saw the transformation of the school. Even the local Imam, a Mason, came out and donated a day's labour to the effort.

Once the structure was rebuilt, Sarah and members of the community painted the classes in bright, inspiring colours, and brought in school supplies. An experienced teacher herself, Sarah spent time teaching art classes and working with the local teachers to strengthen their capacity and motivation.

Congratulations to all for this collaborative effort! We hope it will inspire students and teachers for a long time to come.

Dr. White's three busy months in Tanzania



Dr. Clara White, a recent graduate of Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières returned at the end of September from a 3-month tour of volunteering at our clinics in Tanzania. Working with the local medical staff at our Spinal Rehabilitation Clinic at Magu District Hospital and our Kanyama Village Dispensary, Clara treated hundreds of patients with complex musculoskeletal and neurological complaints. Over 40% of her patients were children aged 5 years or younger, pointing to the critical need for pediatric rehabilitative services in rural Tanzania. Apart from her important clinical work, Clara also liaised with other NGO's and health facilities who are interested in partnering in our Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative. In the new year, we look forward to initiating at least two new rehabilitation clinics in our region and commencing a post-graduate educational program in rehabilitation for local health care workers.





Laughter is the best medicine!

Thank you to everyone who joined GPN for our Absolute Comedy Fundraiser in Toronto! We had a great turn out and hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

See you next year!



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