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Business group receives 500,000Tsh

On Sunday, July 7, 2013, Country Director, Glory Matoi attended a special



event for the Wekeza Majarubani women's group in Usa River, Arusha on behalf of Projects Abroad Tanzania. The Wekeza Majarubani group is composed of 29 women and 3 men. The group collectively cultivates rice around the Usa area but each member also operates their own individual business. Wekeza Majarbani was seeking funding to

buy their own farm in Usa for 3,000,000Tsh. They are currently renting a farm that is very expensive. As a community oriented organization, Projects Abroad Tanzania was presented with the opportunity to be a guest of honor by Oddo Ndonde, who is the guardian of the group and also a host father and supervisor for one of our Care Projects.

Click here to read the full story...

Africa Stole My Heart!

Kristina Iskov spent one month volunteering in a teaching placement with

Projects Abroad Ghana before coming to Tanzania for one month for the medical placement. During her stay in Tanzania she was fortunate to be able to make a donation to the hospital where she worked. "I bought 50 new teddy bears at a big shopping center in Dar es Salaam. I spoke to the manager of the store (GAME) and he was glad to help me and my charity and gave me a discount. I gave the teddy bears to the sick, newborn and wounded children at Mwananyamala hospital because I hated the sad atmosphere in the section.



Everybody was crying and it was just so sad, so I decided to bring some happiness. It was difficult to choose something, because I also had to be careful that the kids didn't jump up and run around with toys or balloons or something like that - so I decided on teddy bears, as I loved them as a kid. When all the kids had a new friend, some teddy bears were left, so I went to a small village close to Makombushu. The children at village were really surprised. I don't think they were used to mzungus walking in their streets. They were so happy and were dancing around showing everyone their new teddy bears." Click Here to Read Kristina's full story...

ALUMNI CORNER!

We invite all volunteers to participate in part-time paid work as an Alumni Representative after leaving our destination. Alumni Representatives attend promotional events and fairs in their home country and share their experience living and volunteering with Projects Abroad. If you are interested in becoming and Alumni Representative, email alumni@projects-abroad.co.uk

Support Your Project

We often get requests from previous volunteers who would like to financially support their former project. If you would like to make a general donation to support our international work or if you want to donate to your previous placement please visit the Reconstruction Project website and earmark your donation for a specific charitable purpose. It will always reach your intended target! http://www.justgiving.com/

reconstructionproject.
You may also send a cheque
to The Reconstruction
Project, c/o Projects Abroad,
Aldsworth Parade, Goring,
Sussex, Great Britain,
BN124TX

Engineering student makes big \$\$\$ impact

Two to three months before arriving in Tanzania, Nisha Samburmurty was

certain that she wanted make a lasting physical and financial impact at her volunteer placement in Arusha. "When I was at home, I was trying to think of ways to accumulate some money for the orphanage where I would work. I realized that I didn't have time to do anything too big, so I wrote an email and sent it to my parents and asked



them to send it to their friends and family. The turnout was amazing." Nisha, a native of Westchester, New York is currently studying engineering at Case Western Reserve in Ohio. She decided to use her summer break to volunteer overseas with Projects Abroad. She was really surprised by the support that she received from home. "Some of things that people were saying and some of donations that they were giving were so incredible! When I got here [Tanzania], I had almost 700 dollars. I thought that was a decent amount but when I converted it to Tanzanian Shillings, it was a lot more than I expected." Click here to read Nisha's full story...

Medical pro aids in training nursing students



Benjamin Bekele's (30) journey from Sweden to Tanzania began with an interest in learning more about tropical diseases in a non-Western hospital environment. His search led him to Projects Abroad Tanzania. The hospital placement in Dar Es Salaam was a good fit for Ben, who is employed with Malmo University Hospital in Sweden. "There is mainly a need for exchanging knowledge. Some wards are understaffed (if you don't include the many students). Nurses are in need of assistance and patients also need help."

While volunteering at the hospital Ben mainly worked with the nursing students, tutoring and assisting them with procedures and examining case studies, diseases, patient files and nursing interventions. With the approval of the clinical teacher, Ben was able to supervise the students work. He assisted the students with taking blood tests, vital signs, urine catheters, feeding tubes and administration of infusions and injections. Click here to read Ben's full story...