



DR. SUSAN WILSON IN NAPLES!

Founder & CEO of the Tumaini Fund, Dr. Susan Wilson, will be in Naples **March 11 - 20**. This will be her eighth annual trip here to raise awareness of the Tumaini Fund's work to help AIDS orphans in Kagera, the North-West province of Tanzania.



You can help spread the news. Do you know of a church, school, or civic organization where she could speak? Please contact Grace Gokturk: 501-454-8428 or ggokturk@tumainifundusa.org.



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THE Tumaini FUND USA

The Tumaini Fund Vision-To develop a sustainable community in the Kagera region in northwest Tanzania

URGENT REQUEST FOR SCHOOL FEES

It is always a challenge for Tumaini Fund USA to raise enough money to pay for the orphans' school fees, which are due each year at the beginning of January and again in July. With January fast approaching, the need is greater than ever, as the Tumaini Fund now supports 25,000 orphans. In the spirit of holiday giving, we ask that you consider sponsoring an orphan to attend secondary school. It only costs \$100 per child annually and provides the required uniforms, exam fees, and tuition to support an entire year of education for a deserving orphan.

"A donation to the Tumaini Fund is truly an investment in the future. As I tell my orphan students, I am hopeful that they will one day become the leaders, nurses, teachers, and politicians of Tanzania."

~ Dr. Susan Wilson, founder & CEO of the Tumaini Fund



ALTRUISTIC CELEBRATIONS!

Over the past year, many Tumaini Fund supporters have asked that donations be given to the Tumaini Fund mission in lieu of wedding and birthday gifts. These generous ways to celebrate have resulted in an amazing \$5,210 in donations to-date. Thank you all for remembering and supporting the orphans served by the Tumaini Fund during important moments in your life.

TO:
TUMAINI FUND
WITH LOVE



LEVOCATUS ANDREA: TUMAINI ORPHAN SUCCEEDS

Being a determined young man, Levocatus has endured extremely difficult circumstances, yet still maintained ambitions of fulfilling his dream of becoming a Water Quality Technician.

Levocatus, now 20-years old, is a Tumaini Fund orphan success story. His father died in 2004, leaving behind Levocatus, his eldest son, and four siblings. He persevered, becoming the best student in his class and excelled in his final examination despite his trying circumstances. While staying in Nsunga village, in Misenyi district of Tanzania, his family's house burnt down in 2014 while he was in form four (secondary school). At that time, his mother couldn't afford to build another house so they moved to small town at the Tanzania/Uganda border, Mutukula, where they were lent a house. From that moment Levocatus walked to school every day for roughly two hours, but was able to stay at his teacher's house near the school for a month, until he completed his National examination.

He studied hard and his form four result was exceptional. He was awarded "Direct Selection" to join the Water Development and Management Institute for Ordinary Diploma in Water Quality Laboratory Technology for three years. His future employment in one of the most deprived areas of one of the ten poorest countries in the world will be an important safeguard for precious clean water supplies for a number of villages in Kagera. Levocatus is like so many other Tumaini orphans who strive to excel and make a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities in spite of extreme hardships.



Levocatus Andrea

TUMAINI FUND SUCCESS STORY WILLBROAD

Pictured is former orphan Willbroad, whom Tumaini sent to carpentry vocational training school. He then returned to the Fund and has set up two carpentry workshops for other orphans to learn carpentry skills. Pictured below, he is proudly standing by the furniture he and the Kayanga workshop pupils made for the Kabalekela Elementary school.



WHAT IS TUMAINI FUND?

"Tumaini" is the Swahili word for "Hope" and the Tumaini Fund is bringing hope to thousands of AIDS orphans in Kagera. The Fund supports the orphans by improving housing, health care, nutrition, and access to education. This nonprofit organization was founded in Guernsey in 2003 by Dr. Susan & Dr. Douglas Wilson. During a sabbatical spent working in Kagera, the Wilsons were shocked at the abject poverty of families devastated by the AIDS epidemic, which left widows, grandparents and older sibling orphans caring for the impoverished children in the area. The Wilsons returned to Guernsey to spread the message of the desperate situation in Kagera and thus the Tumaini Fund was formed.

As Tumaini Fund registers an increasing number of AIDS orphans needing its support, there has been a continuing and urgent need for more financial support for this vital work. Dr. Susan Wilson has expanded her outreach through overseas networking including visits to the US to engage more donors. The result is that Tumaini Fund is now a registered charity in the USA, New Zealand, UK and Scotland, currently sponsoring 25,000 orphans.



From the desk of Lis Wilson: SEWING FOR HOPE CONTINUES TO FLOURISH



SFH volunteer Barbara Caldwell holding the 400th Tumaini Fund dress that she has made!

"Izzy" dolls are hand-knitted and donated to Tumaini Fund orphans by the Pointe Knitters Group in Michigan. One member described the night as "magical" when 105 dolls came together at the meeting. Thank you Pointe Knitters Group for bringing smiles to the orphans' faces!



Lis Wilson presents Izzy dolls and dresses for Father Gleason to bless at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church before shipping them to Guernsey where Dr. Wilson will add them to the next container shipment to Tanzania. For more information about Sewing For Hope please contact lis@TumainiFundUSA.org or www.SewingforHope.com

FALL DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS FUNDED BY TUMAINI FUND USA

Alex Nymakara, Director of the Tumaini Fund Headquarters in Kagera, supervised the fall distribution of goods collected and purchased by Tumaini Fund, including school supplies, clothes, and mosquito nets in September. The dispersals took place in the parishes of Mugasenga, Kabanga, and Murugina.

Distribution of bicycles and solar lamps took place at the Muganza Secondary School, located in the Bushubi region, a very poor area. The school does not have water or electricity, and most children only get one meal a day at home each evening, after finishing their farm work. The students walk about 2.5 miles to carry water in buckets to the school, so the much needed bikes help make that arduous trek easier and faster. Roughly 700 children attend this school, and 100 of these students are Tumaini Fund orphans. As can be seen in photos, the children were thrilled to receive bicycles and solar lamps, which are considered valuable resources that have proven to help them succeed in school and improve lives for them and their families.



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 30, 2015, the Tumaini Fund has received 314 donations for a total of \$261,000. This level of donor generosity means donations have already exceeded the \$235,500 total raised in 2014, and takes the Fund a long way towards its ambitious goal of raising \$325,000 in 2015.

To date in 2015, 43 donations for a total of \$157,000 were for specific purposes, including school supplies (\$101,000), digging wells (\$35,000), renovation of houses (\$7,300), bicycles (\$5,700), motorcycles (\$3,000), and Sewing for Hope (\$2,600). The remaining

271 donations for \$104,000 were contributed to the General Support Fund that is primarily used to pay the orphans' school fees.

The Fund's operating costs of \$3,700 through September 30, 2015 are minimal thanks to the costs of the "Colors of Hope" Fundraiser being covered by the event's sponsors. \$253,000 has been transferred so far this year to Tumaini Tanzania.

