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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela



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A lot has happened at the school in the last few weeks:

The long-awaited school bus has become a reality and construction of phase two has begun. In addition, a small village shop has opened.

A SCHOOL BUS

Since the benefit concert last December, a good amount of money has been set aside for the bus and thanks to some generous donations, the necessary money was raised this summer. A week ago, the time had come: Lameck traveled to Dar Es Salaam and, in addition to the purchase, also completed the insurance formalities so that nothing now stands in the way of operations. The school children, teachers and parents are "indescribably happy", as Tekla wrote to me. Children will probably now also come to school from further away, but this could potentially lead to space problems. And that brings us to the next topic, the construction of phase two, which has just begun.



PHASE II: CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Completely unexpectedly, a foundation gave us a generous sum, making our dream of a second building within reach. A dining room with a kitchen is planned, and at least one more classroom should be added in time. The children have been having lunch at school since the beginning of the year, which has had a very positive effect on their performance. They eat outside, but it is dusty and, when it rains, muddy, and it is hot in the sun. A dining hall is therefore not a luxury and the room can be used for meetings and other events. In Tanzania, too, the cost of construction and living is constantly rising, which is why we have decided to take an "African" approach, which means we will build once as long as the money allows. To save costs, people from the village will also help, but of course the materials have to be bought. I really hope that we can at least finish the roof before the rain in November; there is still time for everything else.





SMALL VILLAGE SHOP

For a few weeks now, there has been a small village shop beside the school, which is already used a lot. Lameck built it himself and bought goods with a little initial capital, mainly basic foodstuffs and soft drinks and produce from the garden. The goods are constantly adapted to the needs of the village residents; they are happy to be able to shop nearby.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Since last March, adults have been able to attend evening classes to learn to read and write. Tekla teaches them with great enthusiasm and is still amazed at how highly motivated the participants are. Some of them can already read fluently and want to put what they have learned into practice as much as possible, i.e. they try to generate a small income. Tekla also accompanies them on this path - I am excited to see what else will come of this.



The school project is reaching ever wider circles and is having a positive impact on village life. Lameck is a tireless creator and with his entrepreneurial spirit and his foresight he is leading the school into a very promising future, for which I admire him and am very grateful. However, this still requires financial and moral support from Switzerland with the hope that the school can also do its part in the long term.

With a warm, Asante sana!

Marie-Rose Ley

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