



BIBIANA AT HER GRADUATION FROM NYAISHOZI SECONDARY SCHOOL 2021

## Action in Africa Autumn



## Newsletter 2021

### Bibiana's Success Story

**Our Bibiana is accepted to study Law at St. Augustine University of Tanzania – we are so proud of her!**



When we first met Bibiana Patrice in 2015, nobody had any idea what the future might hold for this 15 year old girl, who was living in desperate circumstances with her father, disabled mum and brother, who suffers with his mental health. She and her family, are pictured above, outside where they were living. Bibiana had only received the most basic education, intermittently, as the family finances allowed. At that time, she had no English and we had no Swahili, so we hoped that Action in Africa was making the right decision, in removing her from her daily life with her family and enrolling her to study at Nyaishozi Secondary School, where she

would become a border. It was there she would live for the next six years.



Nyaishozi Secondary School, pictured below, is private and therefore expensive. As a charity, we would only place students there who were vulnerable and whose living conditions were untenable.



Bibiana faced huge challenges – she was basically starting from scratch with her education, but she is a clever girl and worked extremely hard. However, she failed to secure enough grades to continue to 'A' level and when we returned to Nyaishozi in 2019, she was at home. When we spoke to the exams officer at the school, he felt that she had the ability to resit her exams and achieve good enough 'A' level grades to attend university. When we met with her, she told us in English how her dream was to become a lawyer. Well – she made that happen! Well done Bibiana!

## BIBIANA'S NEW FAMILY HOME



### Action in Africa funded the build of a modest home for the Patrice family

Now that we were sponsoring Bibiana's education, it was hard to ignore the living conditions of the rest of her family. They lived in appalling poverty, isolated from their neighbours, in a very hostile terrain. With Bibiana away at school, it was left to her father to be the sole provider of food and water, as her mother and brother are unwell and cannot fetch the water or work the land. Action in Africa funded the construction of a modest African home, complete with guttering and a tank to harvest rainwater. (Pictured above).

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Of Tanzanian girls complete their education

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*Pictured left is Father Vitalis with Bibiana on her graduation day from Nyaishozi Secondary School. Father Vitalis has now moved to another parish, but continues to oversee our work at Nyaishozi, while our new chairman, Father Hans, settles in and finds his feet. We will be eternally grateful to Father Vitalis for all that he has helped us to achieve and wish him well with everything that he goes on to do in the future. Thank you Father Vitalis!*

## Congratulations to all our girls!

**If you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a society.'**

**African Proverb**



We are so proud of what Bibiana has achieved and would like to thank all our supporters here in Ashted who have made it possible through their constant help over the years. Bibiana, (second left) is pictured here with sponsored students Jewels, right, who is now studying to be a medical officer and Albina second right, who is now at agricultural college. Deborah, left, will change schools in the new year – we are confident that all our girls will continue to flourish with our aid.

## A New Chairman for Action in Africa Nyaishozi!

We would like to welcome Father Hans to the Action in Africa family. Originally from Austria, he has lived in Tanzania for many years. He has replaced Father Vitalis as the Nyaishozi parish priest and is our new chairman in the region. He is pictured below with our kindergarten pupils and staff.

Father Hans is not a stranger to the charity – we met him during our visit to the Bishop in 2015. At that time he was the accountant for the dioceses – he continues to carry out these duties. His busy schedule has meant that Father Vitalis is still assisting him until his work load lightens.

Without the diligence of these two men, working hard on our behalf in such challenging times, we would be lost. We are so very grateful.

