



ASHTEAD SCHOOL JOINS THE CHOIR AT NYAISHOZI!

# Action in Africa 2024



## Summer Newsletter

### *Surrey Schools enjoy true Tanzanian hospitality*

City of London Freeman's School is the first UK School to ever visit Nyaishozi. Headmaster and Nyaishozi Action in Africa General Secretary, Mr Ambruce, insisted on hosting the students at Ruhinda Secondary School.



Ruhinda teacher and Nyaishozi Action in Africa committee member, Jovinus, acted as guide and chaperone for three weeks, while CLFS and Guildford High School worked on projects that they, themselves had raised funds for, back in the UK. Every Action in Africa supported Nyaishozi school participated in the programme and benefited

from these groundbreaking trips. Besides working on long drop toilets, (pictured left), the refurbishments of classrooms and dormitories, the UK visitors found time to erect goal posts, organise friendly football and netball matches and take part in an impromptu choir practice. (see the picture above).

In addition, we are delighted to announce that the visitors did not arrive empty handed but came with enough feminine hygiene kits to accommodate 1400 schoolgirls over five secondary schools! Pictured below is one of the Nyakasimbi Secondary School girls with her feminine hygiene kit.



Hand carrying this quantity of kits was no mean feat and we would like to thank Adventure Lifesigns Group, the trip organisers, for ensuring that the kits arrived in Nyaishozi safely. Consequently, this huge initiative was very successful and means the world to our Nyaishozi girls.

The visitors' schedule was pretty hectic, but they still managed to visit the local dispensaries and health centres. We had to include this great photo of CLFS with former Action in Africa student, committee member and midwife Rebecca. We would like to thank Ashley Bate who can be seen holding Rebecca's beautiful baby girl, Mercy. Ashley kindly consented to her photos being allowed for use by Action in Africa in this newsletter.



## JEULES PHILBERT – AN INSPIRATION!



Jeules Philbert joined the Action in Africa family 7 years ago. She had lost both parents to AIDS. We have sponsored her through secondary school and university. She recently graduated and now has a diploma in Nursing and Midwifery. We are so proud of her and wish her every success in her career.

If you would like to sponsor a student, please go to our website [www.actioninafrica.org](http://www.actioninafrica.org) and click on 'Sponsor a student' for details. Alternatively, please email us at: [actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com](mailto:actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com). Your sponsorship is of huge importance to us. If a child's education is paid for, that incoming money releases funds for us to support other projects.

## DID YOU KNOW

## Less than 10%

Of 15 year olds and above in many rural areas have basic computer skills.

(Tanzanian National Bureau of Statistics 2020)

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In order to capture the achievements of the UK teenagers who visited Nyaishozi, we sent Japhet Mushi to film the completed projects after the visitors had departed. Japhet is a graduate of Film and Media from Dodoma University. The faculty is headed by former Action in Africa student Mary Venance. She was thrilled to put Japhet forward to do all the filming for us. He is pictured left being ambushed by our kindergarten pupils who couldn't resist getting in on the action!

## Other Fantastic News

### Another two Incubators arrive in Nyaishozi



Nyakasimbi dispensary was the fifth clinic to take delivery of an incubator (pictured above), with Rugu dispensary being the sixth. We are so proud of this initiative which, as data from Kibogoizi dispensary demonstrates, is really enhancing the life chances of Nyaishozi babies. We would like to thank the Souter Charitable Trust and the Veronica Exworthy Justgiving Memorial fund which paid for the incubator at Nyakasimbi. Veronica, pictured below was the lovely wife of our founder, Peter, also deceased.



### Computeraid shipment on its way!



Computeraid (pictured above) has kindly partnered with Action in Africa to provide refurbished computers for Nyaishozi secondary schools and a village computer hub for the local community. The shipment will leave from Manchester shortly and is due to arrive in Nyaishozi by October. We'll bring you news of this incredible project as it progresses.



It may not look like much, but these are pallets of feminine hygiene kits which have been in Ashtead storage (Carolyn's attic!) for a long time. Computeraid allowed us to add over 900 kits to their shipment. This is huge for us. Thank you Computeraid!