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## Tloma Giving Tanzania (TGT) Fosters Income Opportunities

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Tloma Giving's sister organization, Tloma Giving Tanzania (TGT), is a registered Tanzanian Non-Government Organization created in 2020 when, as a non-Tanzanian organization, Tloma Giving could not own the Tanzania property needed for drilling a well. Its founding purpose included supporting economic development in the Tloma communities, and TGT now has a growing number of fledgling entrepreneurial and income-generating projects that are providing supplemental income to Tloma residents.

Click [here](#) to learn more about these projects.

Leading the efforts for these projects is an amazing team of smart and enthusiastic individuals.



L to R: Athumani (Noted Tanzanian artist/innovator), James (University degree teacher; bakery owner, founder NGO to employ disabled workers), Lidya (school committee member, involved in various community organizations), Nakey (owner of local business

producing tourist items), Stephen (TGT Farm manager/general project manager; university forestry/agriculture graduate, honey business owner), Irene (recent nurse/midwife graduate), Moureen (recent accounting graduate/works with Tz Tax Dept), Agnes (Head Nurse, Tloma Dispensary), not pictured: Winifrida (recent law school graduate).

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## Playground Equipment Brings Joyful Color to TPS!

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When Jenny Watson (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) visited the school a couple of years ago, she was struck by the lack of playground equipment for a school with 800 students, and she became determined to find the funding to change that. Once her targeted amount was achieved, she reached out to Tloma Giving and Bertin Sulle, our Tanzanian board member and teacher, to help choose the equipment and plan where it should be placed.

Sulle had been impressed with equipment he had seen at another school and connected Jenny with the manufacturer. There were so many choices that Jenny decided to make an October trip to Tanzania to take a closer look. Within a couple of days the order had been placed and when students returned to school in early January, they were greeted with bright splashes of seesaws and monkey bars, slides and jungle gyms.

Thank you, Jenny, for gift that will make attending Tloma Primary even more fun! But, that wasn't all Jenny did. See School Garden article below.

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## Finally!!! Water to School and Dispensary!

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Tooma Giving drilled a well in 2020 intending to provide water to the school and adjacent medical dispensary and to sell water to the water deficient neighborhood. Our plans to use the income to help the school and foster economic development in the local villages came to an abrupt halt when we learned a new law restricted the selling or giving away of water to their government agency.

We considered giving the well to the local authority until we learned that would not provide free water to the school nor benefit the Tooma Village residents who could not afford to buy clean water. Instead, we petitioned authorities for an exemption to the limitation. It took two years, but this past August our request was approved.

In September we started the process of digging trenches, installing a new surface pump and making application for the long-awaited water license. We are happy to say that both the school and the dispensary are now receiving free water.



A newly installed drip irrigation system is providing water to grow commercial crops on our property and may soon be added to other local parcels to produce more income for the benefit of the community.

Perserverence Prevailed Once Again!

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## Young Graduate Needs Sponsor!

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We were excited to receive an offer to sponsor a young woman to secondary school, and the teachers anxiously awaited the results for the Standard 7 National tests to help make a determination of who was the best qualified for that opportunity. Little did they suspect that two outstanding young ladies would get the exact same score.



I'd like to introduce to Pili (L) and Asea (R). Both are one of multiple children in a family missing a father's presence and a mother who has to scratch to provide food for her children. Without help, there are no funds for secondary school.

Both are natural leaders, well-liked by the other students, and have been consistently good students. And they are just SO cute! When Sulle took this photo he explained there was only one sponsorship and a decision would be made between the two of them. Both agreed to accept the outcome with happiness for whomever was chosen.

Pili was chosen, but..... we couldn't pass up this chance to offer **you** the opportunity to sponsor Asea. A sponsorship is a commitment to provide \$500 per year for a student to attend four years of secondary school at a boarding school. That covers the school fees, room and board, a uniform, school supplies and a basic amount of personal items. Without those four years of school plus certification in some field, it is almost impossible for a young person to attain a life beyond survival level. Both of these girls deserve a chance to succeed.

School has started, but it's not too late to get her enrolled... if you hurry!

p.s. If we get more than one response, I promise we have other candidates that you would love!

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## New Resource Librarian!



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Extreme teacher shortage prompted Headmaster Angela to ask our previous librarian, Paschal, to teach a class of third grade students. Paschal's familiarity with English made him an obvious choice as many of the Tioma students speak their native tribal language at home, are exposed to Swahili in their earliest years, and are introduced to English in Grade 3. All classes in secondary school are taught in English, so a good command of the English language is essential for students to successfully continue their education.



But Paschal's departure left the school without someone to manage the library and check out books. Headmistress Angela recruited Bibiana Yuda Silas to fill that role and asked her to expand the library program by creating reading groups for each class

and providing resource services to students who have fallen behind in their English skills. Students and teachers have expressed their appreciation of these new services, and we believe this addition will do much to improve the quality of education and future success of our TPS students.

Welcome to the Library Bibiana!

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## Caring Visitors Replace Mangled Textbooks!

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Thanks to recent visitors Jim and Norma Creighton from Indianapolis, Indiana, many of our students' textbooks went

**FROM THIS**



**TO THIS!**



When we asked if we could share news of their gifts in our newsletter, the Creighton's expressed their belief that such educational investments were critical tools for students' growth and future success.

"We hope the article encourages others to give to the educational needs of the students." Jim replied.

We couldn't agree more because there are still more classes that could benefit from new books!

Thank you so much for your kind generosity, Jim and Norma!!

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## School Garden Gets Irrigation!

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Before Jenny Watson left Florida to pick out playground equipment, she learned the school was exploring ways to conserve on the daily usage of water, and at the top of the list was a small irrigation system for the school garden. She discussed the idea with her husband and he immediately made a visit to a local hardware store. Jenny barely had her suitcases open before she was ready to visit the school and start work.



Others wanted to join the fun and she soon had a small crew ready to roll out tubing, set up storage tanks, and hook up connectors. Even the school mascots (children of teachers) had to get in on the action. In just a couple of days, the irrigation system was doing its job.

But Jenny wasn't through.



Honing in on the conservation goal, Jenny noticed how much water was being wasted at the taps on storage tanks where students filled water bottles or cupped hands to get a drink. She talked to Headmaster Angela and showed up the next day with several pitchers in hand. Now, students grab their lunch cups and older students fill them from the pitchers.

Scratch one up for a great volunteer!

Make that two!

## Looking Toward the Future

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While there have been some amazing accomplishments during the past five years, each year also brings an awareness of what needs to be done. Food, uniforms, and sponsorships for secondary education are constants, but a few major items loom ahead. They include:

1. The school is woefully short of teachers and there are no expectations that the government will be sending any our way. Installing drip irrigation on a 1.5 acre parcel of school farmland close to the well could help generate enough annual income to add and sustain another 5-7 teachers. Initial funding will be needed, but this investment would be minor in comparison to the benefits.
2. Rainy seasons can bring torrential rains that create thunderous noises in classrooms with tin roofs. Adding ceilings would reduce the noise and allow teachers to teach, but current building codes require the ceiling be higher than the current framework, and raising that entails raising the exterior brick walls. It would be a costly procedure to convert all 14 classrooms. We are exploring the use of acoustic dampening sails as an alternative in the hopes that a non-permanent structure would bypass the building code, be effective for noise reduction, and be less costly and less disruptive than major re-constuction. Either way, reducing the deafening noise is a good and necessary goal.
3. The large dining hall that was constructed by another donor still remains unused even though it is structurally complete. Our students still sit on the ground for lunch and stand in the rain to receive the food during storms. Issues include, but are not limited to, acoustics, sustainable cooking solutions, erosive roof runoff, and the presently unaffordable cost of maintenance and operation. School and district leaders have reached out to Tloma Giving to ask if we can offer any solutions.

If you have expertise in any of these areas and would like to explore options with us, we invite you to contact us at [TlomaGivingInfo@gmail.com](mailto:TlomaGivingInfo@gmail.com). If you'd like to [contribute](#) funds to help us solve these problems, we would truly appreciate it.

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