



Education Project Update August 2017

Tumaini Primary: Nairobi, Kenya



We spent a fantastic few days at the school this past July. Lots of happy, excited students working hard to learn. Tumaini has a new head teacher, Terah Anaya, who took us around and gave us an update on all that is happening. Lots of time spent in the older classes this year, students were very interested in asking questions about Canada. We even were asked for help in studying for their English exam – our language can really be confusing for people learning it!

Highlights:

- 17 teacher (2 non enrolling)
- 6 support staff
- 403 students, baby class to grade 8
- 56 students presently supported by K4K
- 29 candidates to write the exam in November.
- Teachers all have had the opportunity to attend workshops
- In negotiations with the government to access some of the 'free primary education' money as Tumaini should be eligible as a non-profit school



Future Wishes:

- A fund for building upgrades / maintenance
- A school van/bus – to be able to attract fee paying students from outside the area as well as for use in field trips



Kenyan Secondary

Unfortunately we were unable to meet with all our students. We saw one, Moses, who is in his 2nd year and was home for a visit. Pictures and letters will be sent when they are home this month!

We were also blessed to meet with Dennis – one of our graduates who is awaiting the start of his Engineering program at university this September! We spent an afternoon with him – he helped us answering questions for one of the older classes. Big things to come from this young man!



Rwandan Secondary

We met with the six students we are still supporting in secondary school in Rwanda. We had an opportunity to talk, clarify what they are studying and where, as there had been some changes. This is a very bright group of students, and very curious about us and Canada. They asked a lot of questions.



Of these six young people, four are studying sciences – a combination of Math, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The two others are studying in the construction trade, one carpentry, one masonry.

Eric, on the left, was a very young primary student when we first met. He has grown into quite the young man and towered over us!

Rwanda Post-Secondary

We have had 22 in the program since it started:
3 dropped out of the program
7 graduated last year – 6 are presently looking for work and 1 is working teaching at a secondary school.
3 – awaiting graduation this month – looking for work
9 – studying still – 4 – in their last year / 5 with 2 years to go
2 – will be added to the list who are going into their 2nd year (to replace 2 that dropped out)



This is an impressive group of young people – we were able to meet with 16 of them. We heard some great stories about their studies; successes and hardships. Highlights among this group:

Vincent – going into his 4th year medicine. – Also belongs to a Medical Student / Doctors Association where they volunteer and provide information to the populations and try and help the poor.

Domina – graduating this month – was secretary of a committee that coordinated all ‘sub-committees’ from the different campuses and private universities around the country.

Theogene – going into his last year studying ‘Mental Health’ nursing – talked about the huge need.

Sylvester – going into his last year of Electrical Engineering – will intern in Kigali. President of the Rwandan Anglican Students Association at his campus.

These four students, as well as the rest, are determined to make a difference.