



THE TONGABEZI TRUST SCHOOL



The Tongabezi Trust School was set up by Vanessa Parker, who came to Livingstone to volunteer with VSO. Vanessa is the wife of Ben, who established Tongabezi in 1990 together with the late William Ruck-Keene.

The school opened on 1st May 1996 and has been a huge success - developing year on year with the help of generous donors. Vanessa continues to donate her time to the school on a purely voluntary basis. The school provides education to the children of the Tongabezi staff, as well as children from the local community, in a rural area where educational funding and materials are scarce.

Tujatane has grown from a pre-school class of 15 children, to a primary school with over 270 students ranging from ages 3 - 16yrs. All students come from low-income families within walking distance of the School. Tongabezi Lodge built the first classroom and the development of the school has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of patrons from all over the world. The school has charity status in the UK, is a registered Trust in Zambia and is entirely funded through donations. Contributions include sponsorship for individual children, teachers' salaries, our food programme as well as medical programmes and building projects. The school currently has 9 classrooms, 4 offices, a library, kitchen, amphitheatre, storeroom, and computer room with twelve donated computers. Not to mention a fantastic music room with guitars, keyboards as well as local instruments such as the marimba and a new art and sewing room! The aim of Tujatane is to provide a privileged education to underprivileged children.

The children of Tujatane typically live with their families in mud huts in the local villages. They have no running water and limited access to electricity. The huts are comprised of one or two rooms which are used as bedrooms for parents and children and a living room for all. Through education, Tujatane becomes the starting point for change. The children and their parents understand that education will bring opportunity. You can help to make that happen.



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OUR WISH LIST



To view our Maths and Science Wish List, [click here](#)

Art materials

- Coloured paper
- Crayons/pencils
- Paints/paint brushes/sponges etc.
- Fabric dyes/ ink for use on t-shirts
- String/sewing kits
- Stickers for good work
- A4 white boards (lightweight)
- Whiteboard markers (multi colours)

Books

- Informative books on African Wildlife
- African Snake identification books
- African trees/plants books
- (Non) Fiction/Science fiction Novels for older students 8-12
- Biographies and novels for adults

Stationery

- Pencils and rubbers
- Sharpener
- 30 cm rulers
- Mathematical sets
- Canon ir1020 photocopier cartridge
- HP Tri colour No. 22 & HP Black no.21

Sports

- New/used (good quality) trainers small-UK 9
- New/used track suits, shorts etc. to train in
- Plain polo shirts. Adults S/M/L for outside school training uniform
- Football shirts/Netball bibs-skirts and BALLS!
- Any physical activity materials such as whistles/timers/skipping ropes etc.
- Chess boards and extra pieces!

General

- New/used DVD/VHS movies or educational material
- New/used musical or educational cassette tapes
- New/used school uniforms: Blue shirts/skirts/shorts/jerseys & black school shoes

We also offer guests the opportunity to sponsor a child. By sponsoring a child at Tujatane, you bring assurance of education to them and their family. Sponsoring a child costs US\$75 or UK £50 per month and donations can be received through the UK Charity, CAF America or directly via secure bank transfer. Sponsorship brings many rewards. You will have the wonderful pleasure of getting to know your child through email or traditional correspondence, which we encourage. You'll be able to follow your child's academic progress through updates each term and you will know that you have provided the cornerstone for the improvement of education for the people of Tongabezi and Simonga Village. Donations to the food programme, health and medical programmes as well as outings and clubs are very gratefully received. For more information on this, please email Vanessa at vanessa@tongabezi.com or Emma at emma@tujatane.com

Thank you so much for your support!!!



