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Come Spend a Day at Tumaini With Us!



Last month, we introduced you to 100 students who learn at Tumaini Tutor School. This month, we'd like to take you inside their day.

**Tumaini is not a traditional school.** Our 100 students also attend 12 different government schools across Mwanza. They come to Tumaini around their government school schedules for tutoring, a nutritious meal, and a safe place to learn and study.

Some begin arriving before noon. Others come later in the afternoon. Most have already walked a long way before reaching us. By afternoon, Tumaini is bustling with students and remains so until after sunset.

By day's end, children from Pre-Primary through Form 4 (about U.S. Grade 10) have gathered here to **learn, eat, study, play, and prepare for what comes next.**

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## A Child Cannot Learn on an Empty Stomach



*"My name is Masale. I am 12 years old and in Primary Six. I have attended Tumaini since pre-primary. Our parents died when I was a baby. My two older sisters and I live with my grandmother, who sells peanuts to support us."*

*Sometimes at home we don't get any food at all, so we have to sleep hungry. When I come to Tumaini, I can get food. This helps me a lot to get the energy to study hard to reach my dreams."*

Tumaini provides a nutritious meal daily for about **40¢ per student**. The meals, often their only complete meal of the day, include rice, beans, vegetables, and fruit purchased from local vendors and women in Health & Hope's Women's Business Groups, and prepared fresh in our outdoor kitchen.

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## A School Unlike Ours

**For children from families with greater resources, help may come from a parent at home or a paid tutor. Tumaini students do not have that option. Tumaini provides the extra help they need.**

At home, students speak Kiswahili, and primary education is taught largely in Kiswahili. In secondary school, **English becomes the principal language of instruction.**

## Pre-Primary and Lower Primary - Building the Foundation



Children begin building reading, writing, and math skills while Tumaini introduces English early through songs and games.

As Madam Oliga explains, many students have no one at home who can help with homework.

**“Tutoring holds their hand early so they don't fall behind.”**

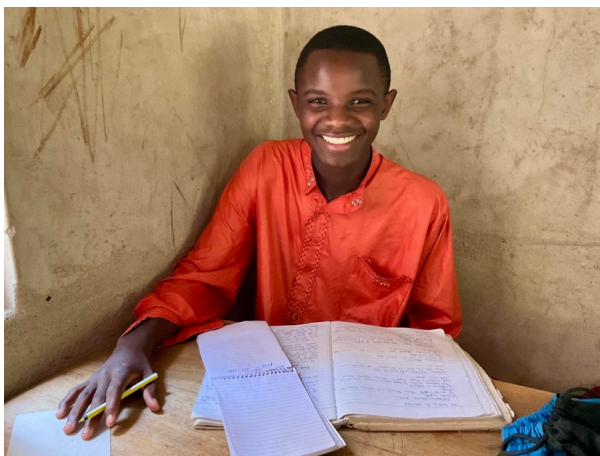
### Upper Primary: Standards 5-7 - Preparing for the Next Step



As studies become harder, it becomes easier to fall behind. Classes at government schools may have 100 or more students. Few Tumaini students have electricity or space at home for evening study.

At Tumaini, they have **light, a desk, and a teacher who can help them prepare for the national Primary School Leaving Examination.**

### Secondary: Forms 1-4 - Learning in a New Language



Secondary school brings an enormous new challenge: **English becomes the language used to teach their subjects.**

Students must learn mathematics, science, and other increasingly difficult subjects while simultaneously strengthening the English needed to understand their subjects.

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*“Without a tutor, they cannot cope. Tumaini gives them a chance to ask questions they don't dare to ask at school.” — Madam Oliga*

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### A New School Season Begins with a Little FUN!



This year, Tumaini's teachers had an idea: begin the new academic season with the school's first **Tumaini Sports Bonanza**.

Students and teachers joined in a day of running races, girls' netball, boys' football, guessing games - and plenty of laughter!

Competitions and prizes were offered for every age group. Simple treasures—**notebooks, pens and pencils**—were wrapped as prizes, and Headmistress Oliga presented the overall trophy to the winning boys' football team.

**Entirely teacher-led, totally joyful—and a wonderful way to begin another season of learning together.**

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### Learning Creates Opportunity

Every day at Tumaini looks a little different. Students arrive at different times, carrying different challenges and different dreams. But each finds a place to learn, a meal to nourish them, teachers who know them—and a community that believes in what comes next.

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**Thank you for making these opportunities possible.**

With gratitude,

**Loree Bolin and the Health & Hope Foundation Team**

