

PIECE *of* HEAVEN

The magazine for the wider HOPAC community

The mission of Haven of Peace Academy is to provide an excellent, Christ-centered, international education that meets western academic standards and equips students to live out a Biblical worldview in all areas of life to the glory of God.



Candidates for Primary School Student Council during Campaign Day.

HOPAC: The Mission School

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Have you ever wondered what would happen if an entire generation lived out a biblical worldview with no fear and no shame? The world would be a different place, and that's what we're aiming for.

HOPAC is a "missionary" school in two senses of the word. First, we partner closely with mission organizations to enable the work they are doing in Tanzania and throughout the East Africa region. It's an exciting opportunity for us to see what is happening through these ministries. We hear stories of pastors being trained, women being empowered, children given hope, the sick being healed, and hearts being restored to Christ. You'll see evidence of some of this in this magazine. And we know our role in that is significant, providing the children of these Kingdom-workers an education that equips them for future service anywhere in the world.

But the second part of being a "missionary" school is just as exciting for us. We have the privilege to witness every single day of the

love, grace and omnipotence of our incredible Creator, and to give testimony to our students of what God has done through Jesus Christ. When we consider that only 30% of our students are coming from expatriate missionary homes, we remember that the majority are going to be making a difference in Tanzania for a long time to come. In this way, our mission is very much focused on the people of Tanzania, developing the future leaders and difference-makers of this country. We seek to train all of our students in a biblical worldview, knowing that being equipped in this way will set them up to make this country and the world a better place for God's glory.

So what would happen if an entire generation fully lived out a biblical worldview? We hope we get to find out in our life time.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Piece of Heaven as you learn more about the life-changing work in which some of our partners are engaging throughout our area.

Ben Snyder, Director



HOPAC'S MISSION PARTNERS



Africa Inland Mission

Established in 1895, Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is an evangelical Christian mission sending agency dedicated to seeing Christ-centered churches established among all African peoples. Our ministries include evangelism, church planting, leadership development, youth ministry, women's ministry, aviation, medicine, and community development. AIM works with local churches, introducing people to Jesus Christ and equipping new believers in their faith. AIM has served in Africa for over 115 years. Yet our basic approach to missions has always been the same: building into African Christians who take the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Africa and to the ends of the earth.

AIM is excited to partner with HOPAC in reaching children and their families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we have the potential to impact even the future government & business leaders of Tanzania on a scale that traditional missions can't. Graduates of HOPAC will be the very government leaders that will shape Tanzania and with the strong Christian teaching that HOPAC provides and through the work of the Holy Spirit we as a mission anticipate great things for God. Simultaneously our missionary children are being prepared to be strong & loving Christian light to the world, their neighbor, while still immersed in Christian education.

Changamoto

Changamoto ni Matumaini, commonly known as Changamoto and active in Dar es Salaam and the Pwani Region, has four focus groups:

Rehabilitation Program - Changamoto helps people with addictions (drugs, alcohol, etc) and the homeless through their rehabilitation program. With different houses for men and women, they offer vocational training and develop campaigns of prevention and information.

Kids - Changamoto provides extra tuition for students and teaches children Bible lessons.

Women - Apart from assisting with overcoming drug and alcohol addiction, they offer assistance to women who are in the midst of marital problems, broken marriages, unplanned pregnancies, or who live and work on the streets.

Evangelism - They also distribute Bibles and Gospel portions all around Tanzania.

Changamoto was established in 2007 by Sonia and Luis Botia, proud HOPAC parents. Since that time over one thousand men and women have passed through the rehabilitation center, some who decided to stay and serve God through the ministry.

Changamoto partners with HOPAC through the Service Learning program, is a Service Emphasis Week community partner, and their vocational program is a supplier of desks, benches, and tables for the school. For more information about Changamoto, email info@changamoto.org or visit www.changamoto.org.

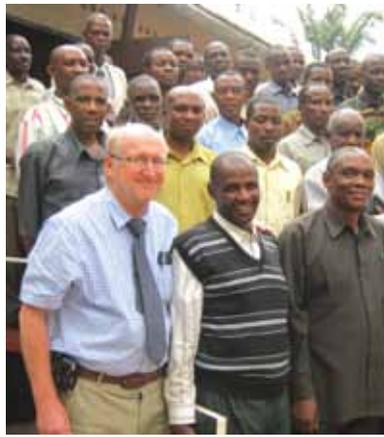
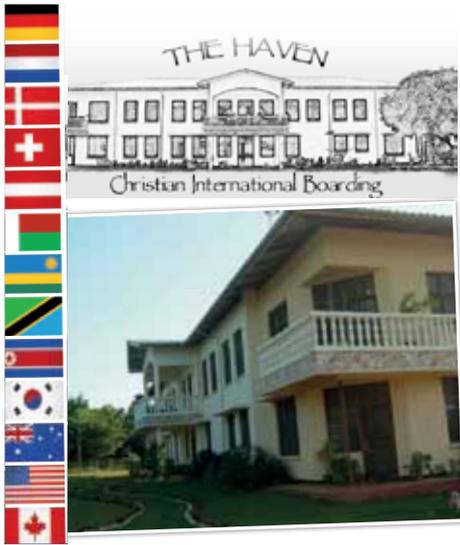
Church Mission Society

Sharing Jesus, Changing Lives. Church Mission Society (CMS) is a community of people in mission who want the world to know Jesus. CMS, started more than 200 years ago, works around the world with a four-fold ethos: to be Pioneering, to be Evangelistic, to be Relational, and to be

Faithful. People in mission through CMS raise up missions partners and "Timothy Partners" (local leaders), mobilise the church to connect locally and globally, train ministers to be prophetic and pioneering, and seek to raise up every Christian to do mission right where they are.

Simon and Laura Walton are in Tanzania through CMS. They have two children at HOPAC and Simon serves on the HOPAC Board of Governors as chairman. Simon works with and under the Anglican Church of Tanzania, Diocese of Dar es Salaam in their Health Centre at Buguruni, Dar es Salaam. The centre sees approximately 67,000 people a year providing health care and preventative services and demonstrating Christ's love. Registered in 1996 and continually growing, the long term goal of the centre is to develop a women and children's hospital. Dr. Walton says, "we are always there for our patients and put our patients first, not only offering very practical help but also helping them to navigate through the national healthcare system when they require additional services we are not currently able to offer. We see people with all sorts of needs from broken limbs to TB and HIV and see people from the very first breath of life to sometimes the very last."

The Walton family are also involved in the Sala Sala Kids Club, run Sunday school for 80 children on a weekly basis in their local church and have two youth groups which meet at their home. Laura has been involved with the Nuru Workshop for disabled adults since 2011 and is now the manager of their workshop. Nuru gives opportunities for adults living with disabilities to learn skills, receive a monthly wage, and provide for their families.



Facing page, clockwise from top left: AIM, Changamoto, CMS-Nuru Center, CMS-Sunday School; this page, clockwise from top left: CMML's The Haven Boarding House; Fida's partners, kids outreach and church planting

As Laura writes, "we are not a business enterprise but a place where needs are met, physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational." Nuru has been a community partner with HOPAC for many years through the Service Learning program and Service Emphasis Week.

The Waltons can be emailed at simonwalton@doctors.org.uk.

Christian Missions in Many Lands

Christian Missions in Many Lands (CMML, German Branch) works mainly in the south of Tanzania in Mtwara, Tunduru, Songea, and has a Literature Centre in Dodoma. CMML missionaries mainly work in church planting, but they also have a hospital; run a Bible school, a domestic school for girls and a vocational training centre; assist in local primary and secondary schools; and organize outreaches for young people.

In Dar es Salaam, CMML operates The Haven Christian International Boarding house. Since 2002, the Christian International Boarding has cared for over 30 students from many different nationalities all of whom attend HOPAC. The boarding life is based on Biblical standards creating a caring environment. They are committed to each student's physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs.

"From 2006 till 2013 we had our children at the boarding house and they had a wonderful time. For them it was a safe place where they could grow, prosper and develop into the wonderful people they now are. The boarding was their

home, their (second) family. Without the boarding program we as parents could not have functioned the way we did in missions. Thank you guys!" *Ludie Postmus, Translation consultant, SIL International, parent of three boarding students from the Netherlands.*

"The boarding home created an amazing and comfortable environment to live in as a third culture kid. All the other students were in the same situation as me and we were able to grow together as a group, being away from family. One of my favorite things was having Bible devotions after dinner. It gave us time to worship together and to grow in our faith as well." *Randra Rabemabefa, from Madagascar, former boarding house student for over four years*

For more information about The Haven, contact boarding@CMML-tz.org or visit TheHaven.cmml-tz.org.

Fida International

Fida International missionaries are connected to the Finnish Pentecostal Church and work with the Free Pentecostal Churches in Tanzania. Ruut and Jouko Nygren, HOPAC parents to one current student and two alumni, work with Fida International in the area of church planting, mainly in Dar es Salaam but also in Tanga, Morogoro, and Dodoma. Their vision is to plant a church "everywhere where there are people, especially in the slums and suburbs." Because of the population explosion happening in Dar es Salaam, new churches are a great need. Ruut and Jouko teach and preach in these church plants

and also assist local churches in buying land and constructing buildings. They find these physical structures important tools for evangelism and outreach.

The Nygrens are also tasked with providing Bible training to pastors through sourcing sponsorships for Bible college and through distribution of teaching materials. One of their greatest challenges is sharing the Good News with kids and youth. Training Sunday School teachers, organizing special Gospel meetings for kids, and distributing God's word for secondary students are their main tasks in this area.

Ruut has been in Tanzania since 1986, working first in a rural mission hospital in southern Tanzania. Since 1989, their base was in Ikwiriri, a predominately Muslim town near the Rufiji River. Jouko joined Ruut in 1990 and since 1992, they have been living in Dar es Salaam. They have been connected with HOPAC for 19 years, since their daughter Lotta started Kindergarten in 1996. Their son, Mikko, began in 1997 and their daughter, Petra in 2004. Petra is currently in grade 11. "We have seen so many marvellous things happening at HOPAC during all these years and have been happy to have been part of those." To contact Ruut and Jouko Nygren, email ruutjouko@hotmail.com.

God's Tribe

God's Tribe is a church that meets at Mlimani City on Sunday and in homes during the week. Started two years ago, their desire is to see lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ making a

difference in all areas of life including the work place, the home and places of learning. They have two exciting current initiatives. The first is an outreach to university students. God's Tribe loves young people and believes that there is no better way to equip the youth of Tanzania, the future of the nation, than with the message of Jesus. God's Tribe desires to see youth become leaders who can bring meaningful change in the nation. The second initiative, named "Beauty for Ashes," is directed towards women and girls in Sinza who are involved in selling their bodies for money. The hope is to remove one woman at a time from a life that takes away their beauty and worth, and show them how highly God values them.

New Frontiers

Bahati Masuka, a New Frontiers missionary, is a HOPAC parent and pastor of Abundant Life Ministries, located just minutes from HOPAC's campus in the Sala Sala area. New Frontiers has planted more than 800 churches worldwide in many different countries and Abundant Life Ministries church was started three years ago. Pastor Bahati relates, "it has been quite challenging for me and my wife ministry-wise." After two church break-ins, and one invasive home robbery, the church roof was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. However, Pastor Bahati says that "in spite of all that, we still believe that God has called us here to do his will."

ReachGlobal

The church is growing in Tanzania, but relatively little pastoral training is offered in Dar es Salaam. That's a gap that the ReachTanzania Bible School wants to fill! The Dunker and Medina families, ReachGlobal missionaries, have started a Bible School with the goal of making theological education affordable and accessible to Tanzanian pastors.

This ministry is only three years old, but already they've seen pastors go on from their program to start Bible studies, churches, and their own training programs in other places! Between these two families, they have five kids attending HOPAC, and the ReachGlobal team also includes current HOPAC teachers and other HOPAC families working in different areas of Dar es Salaam. "We are so thankful that HOPAC allows us biblical, affordable education for our children so that we can focus on our ministry full-time." For more information, visit www.reachtanzania.org.

SIL International is a "partner in language development" with over 1,400 communities around the world and more than 600 in Africa alone. In Dar es Salaam, a team (including several HOPAC families) coordinates 26 literacy and translation projects throughout Tanzania, and six more in Uganda. Each SIL project helps a language community create writing systems and literacy training programmes, translate important materials (such as cultural stories, health information, and the Bible) and, ultimately, use their mother tongue to address the social, political, economic, and spiritual challenges of their daily lives.

Soma Biblia

Soma Biblia ("Read the Bible") is a Christian literature ministry in Tanzania covered by the Danish Lutheran Mission. They distribute Bibles and evangelical Christian literature mainly in the Swahili language, each year selling about 500,000 books and distributing 1.5 million tracts and magazines. While they don't have an exact reader count, their impact is wide!

Soma Biblia has five book centres in major cities in Tanzania: Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Mbeya and Iringa. They also run Book Safaris. During a Book Safari, a specially-designed Land Cruiser is packed with Christian literature and travels around the country visiting book shops, market places, villages and Christian congregations, leaving behind the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Soma Biblia has a special focus on spreading the Gospel among non-believers. In this matter they cooperate with evangelical churches and missionaries. If you need evangelical Christian literature for your own ministry, don't hesitate to contact Soma Biblia! www.somabiblia.or.tz

TeachBeyond

TeachBeyond was born on the western Canadian prairies in 1954 when Leo Janz committed himself to bringing the Biblical message of hope to post-war Germany. Several members of his family joined him to create The Janz Brothers Gospel Association, which began broadcasting over Radio Luxembourg in 1955. News of the Association's radio, church, music, and educational work spread to German-speaking communities in Europe. As opportunities grew, the original Janz Association established various national Janz organizations to serve needs in Europe and South America.

In 2006 the Board of Directors

assessed the status of the organization and came to the conclusion that it would be appropriate to recast the vision and undertake new initiatives. Out of this came the phrase, "teach beyond," which subsequently became the name of the organization in 2009. This change was coterminous with the appointment of a new president, Dr. George Durance, and the establishment of a US office in the Chicago area. Dr. Durance introduced a strategic planning process that resulted in a five year Plan known as "Educating for Transformation: the Birth of a Dream 2010-15," that was adopted by the Board in April 2010.

"We follow our Lord Jesus Christ by engaging with the needs of this world – physical, relational, and spiritual. Our teachers use their skills and contexts to bring light and healing to all – children, adults, leaders and mission workers alike.

We go. TeachBeyond connects teachers, administrators, RAs, dorm parents, and support staff with exciting educational opportunities around the world!

We train. TeachBeyond equips teachers to reach their full potential as Christian educators.

We partner. TeachBeyond works in over 30 countries with more than 30 international schools (K-12), universities, national schools, and start-ups. We sponsor summer English Camps in eight countries."

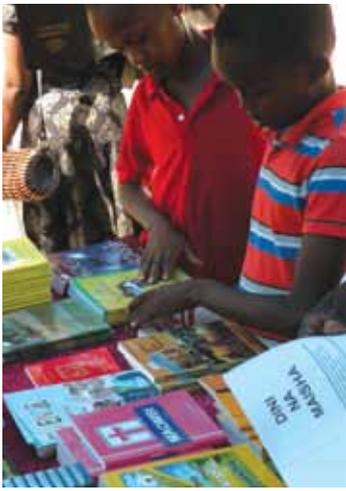
HOPAC has several TeachBeyond missionaries and continues to develop this partnership.

Water Mission Tanzania

Water Mission Tanzania (WMT) is a Christian NGO with its headquarters in Charleston, South Carolina, US. The Tanzanian mission is the newest and 10th permanent country program and Country Director Benjamin Filskov has two children attending HOPAC.

Water Mission has worldwide provided safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) solutions in more than 50 countries and has over 200 staff members working around the world in country programs. Here in Tanzania WMT partners with UNICEF, UNHCR, World Vision and IAS (International Aid Services), focusing on projects in the coastal, northern, southern and central regions of Tanzania and working to provide relief to refugees fleeing from Burundi.

Water Mission International believes that the global water crisis can be solved



Clockwise from top left: children look at books and Bibles during a Soma Biblia "Book Safari," HOPAC's TeachBeyond teachers at a mission conference, Dr Joel sees patients at Uzima Mission Clinic, and a ReachGlobal pastor training class.

and take a comprehensive approach to combating the crisis with water, sanitation and hygiene solutions. They design customized solutions for each community they serve, partnering with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for work and education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community.

In western Tanzania, WMT engineers worked alongside other NGOs to design and install one of the largest water treatment systems Water Mission has ever done in the Nyarugusu refugee camp, home to 62,000 Congolese refugees. Before this treatment system was installed, accessing clean water and adequate sanitation was difficult and then, with a recent influx of 100,000 Burundi refugees, it became almost impossible. From laying 8 kilometers of pipe, to installing 10 Living Water Treatment Systems, to setting up 20 tap stands, WMT's engineers and technicians engaged and worked alongside up to 400 Burundi volunteers daily to see this project through. The system is currently supplying 15 liters of water for more than 25,000 people daily.

For more information about Water Mission Tanzania, you can view a video about the work in Nyarugusu camp:

<https://youtu.be/9Y1g2UTnAig>

Word of Faith

Denver and René Marks, together with Karen Morkel (a HOPAC teacher) are missionaries in Tanzania sent from Word of Faith Church Centre in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. They work amongst the KLPT (Kanisa La Pentekoste Tanzania) Churches and other networks.

The focus of their mission is consultation with local church leadership and staff for growth and development, church planting, training and equipping.

YWAM

Doctor Joel Carpenter, the father of two HOPAC students, is a missionary doctor with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Tanzania. He sees patients at Uzima Mission Clinic, a small mission hospital on the YWAM compound in Mwandege village. Dr Joel also organizes medical outreach trips to villages further south, especially in the Rufiji River area, with the goals of medical care, evangelism, and eventually, planting churches in these villages.

Doctor Deborah Carpenter, Dr Joel's wife is also a medical doctor and serves working with the CDC as the HIV/AIDS/Opportunistic Infections expert.

In addition to the mission organizations highlighted here, HOPAC is also in partnership with:

Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE)

Baptist Bible Mission of Tanzania

Baptist Mission of Tanzania

Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM)

Elim Pentecostal Church – UK

Everlasting Love Missions

Evangel Fellowship International

Korea Church Mission

Liberty Church

Liebenzell Mission

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

New Tribes Mission

Pioneers

Power Human Mission

Seshin Methodist Church

Tanzanian Presbyterian Church

The Hills Church

University Bible Fellowship (UBF)

Vineyard

Word and Deed Mission

Young Life

New Faces at HOPAC



Rose Baseka
Lab Assistant, Geo
(Jan 2015)
This is Rose's first full year at HOPAC and she finds it a tremendous blessing! She says teaching grade 7 is wonderful and interesting, especially with the active participation of students. Before HOPAC, Rose received a Bachelor of Science in Education, taught at Tegeta High School, and taught children and youth in homes and churches.



Rani Beaud
SL/Snack Bar Mgr
Liberty Church
Rani was born in South Africa and has three amazing kids. God spoke to her and her husband separately many years ago about coming to East Africa. In 2012, her home church decided to plant a church in Dar and they knew God was saying it's time to go. Rani began as Snack Bar Manager in February and now also assists with Service Learning.



Dan Broyles
Math, Bible
Young Life
Originally from Tacoma, Washington in the US, Dan's first year at HOPAC has already been a very rewarding experience, serving the kids and most of all obeying Christ's call to the nations. He brings ten years of teaching experience to the Middle School, and finds it refreshing to be at a school where he can share his faith openly and preach Jesus as Lord and Savior.



Zayumba Charles
Gardener
Zayumba is married to Cecilia, and they have five children. He loves the teamwork at HOPAC, particularly the way the gardening team work and cooperate together.



Regina Chengelela
Snack Bar Asst
Regina is from Iringa, Tanzania. Her favorite food is ugali and she enjoys watching movies and reading, and greatly enjoys working at HOPAC.



Ben Cook
Discipleship Coord.
Young Life
This is Ben's first year at HOPAC working in the Chaplain's office but he is no stranger to HOPAC as this is his sixth year on campus working with students. He lives in Dar with his wife and two sons and enjoys all sorts of outdoor activities, preferring when he can get students involved in those activities as well!



Martha Cyprian
Cleaner
Martha is married to Henry, HOPAC's driver, and they have one child, a baby girl. Martha appreciates the environment of HOPAC and the way management takes care of staff, making HOPAC an enjoyable and happy place to work.



James Dick
Operations Mgr
Everlasting Love
James is the husband of Deanna Dick, the ESL teacher. and they have 6 children and 2 grandchildren. The thing he most enjoys about HOPAC is the same as when he first stepped foot on the campus 3 years ago - the Peace he feels in his Spirit when at the school. It is truly a Haven of Peace!



Shaun Graham
Chaplain
Elim International
Shaun, husband of Prim. Karen, is an ordained minister with Elim Pentecostal Church, UK. They have lived in Dar since 2007 along with their four children. In 2008, they founded Kids Club Salasala, an afterschool club outreach to children and young people of Salasala. Shaun has been a HOPAC volunteer for many years, often as a coach.



Christina Finocchi
Grade 5
Teach Beyond
Christina previously taught 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades at a public school in the US. At HOPAC, she is excited to be a part of such an incredible community and to teach Grade 5 this year. She hopes to instill a deeper love for God in Grade 5 students and help them to develop Godly leadership skills that will go with them throughout their lives.



Peter Kamara
ICT/Comp Sci
Peter, from Kenya, is a "child of God, a husband a father, and a teacher of close to 15 years." He is delighted beyond words to join HOPAC's family and says that HOPAC is the only school where he has worked where Christ is really at the centre of everything.



Michael Kantu
Secondary Art
Michael, from Uganda, has taught art and design at IGCSE and Advanced Level for five years. He finds HOPAC students zealous to learn and always interested in new ideas. Personally, he loves painting and his favorite subject is portraiture usually in oil paint and pastel.



Clara Kway
Procurement Officer
(July 2015)
Clara, from Tanzania, earned her first degree at Muccubs in Tanzania and her MBA from Coventry. She is enjoying the environment at HOPAC and loves the focus and vision of the school; it is so different to anywhere she has ever worked before.



Maryanne Malepu
Librarian
(May 2015)
Maryanne feels blessed to work at HOPAC, especially in the library, as she can meet almost everyone in the HOPAC community. She enjoys seeing the joy of children as they come to borrow their favorite books. Maryanne, from Tanzania, is married with two children and likes to read books, cook, travel, and witness to people about the love of Jesus.



Karen Morkel English, Psychology
Word of Faith
Karen is living outside of her home country, South Africa, for the first time. She previously taught in SA and worked as a facilitator, change management and organisational development consultant. She believes that teaching is a beautiful gift and is a lover of good food, great coffee, all things nature and above all a worshipper and lover of Jesus!



Yona Nzumbi Sports Asst
Andrew “Yona” Nzumbi previously worked as a kindergarten assistant teacher at Greenland school and worked as a gardener, which he still does part-time. He enjoys playing volleyball in his free time and appreciates the opportunity to work at HOPAC, learning more about sports.



Nicole Morse Bible-Parent Volunteer
Baptist Mission of TZ
Nicole, her husband, David, and their three children have been in Africa since 1998, in Malawi and now Tanzania. They spent many years working in local village churches and moved to Dar in 2012 to coordinate logistics for their mission. Nicole enjoys teaching Bible and challenging her students to closely examine their beliefs.



Rosemary Obango Receptionist
Rosemary, wife to Jowelle, HOPAC’s swim coordinator, moved to Dar from Kenya this year. Jowelle and Rosemary have one daughter. Rosemary is enjoying the new environment at HOPAC and being in a new country.



Elnert Mwachande Snack Bar Asst
Born in Nkhutabay, Malawi, Elnert moved to Tanzania six years ago. She is married to Isaac and they have one son. Her favourite food is rice and she likes watching movies and playing soccer. She enjoys working at HOPAC because of the feeling of being part of a team and the friendly atmosphere.



Heidi Sanchez Primary PE, SL
Young Life
Although she’s been in Dar for two years, this is Heidi’s first year teaching at HOPAC. She has 10 years of teaching experience and it is her prayer to help students develop physically and grow spiritually! Heidi is often found baking cookies and hanging out with YL kids. She loves her middle school mentor group and looks forward to all that God has for her this year!



Dainess Mwapili Special Needs Asst
(Nov 2014)
This is Dainess’s first full year at HOPAC. She loves her job and is enjoying every moment. She thanks God for this opportunity as she is able to help students who need special care. In her free time she takes delight in cooking, dancing, and spending time with family and friends, always with aiming to devote her life to God.



Naomi Simpson Communications
Pioneers UK
Naomi, from Scotland, graduated from St Andrews University in June and started work at HOPAC in September. She was a student here for one year in Grade 11 and is the first former student to work at HOPAC. She is looking forward to continuing to grow the communications side of HOPAC so it can best serve to build our community.

News in Brief

PRAYER ROOM & “THE SEEKING”

God is doing something new this year at HOPAC. In the expanded chaplaincy department, Shaun Graham, School Chaplain, and Ben Cook, Discipleship Coordinator, work together giving pastoral care and spiritual guidance for teachers, staff, and students.

Since the opening of the Prayer Room, large groups of teachers and students are daily spending time at the feet of Jesus in prayer. There is a palpable movement in the spiritual atmosphere of the school. We have students of all ages gathering together to pray, study God’s word and encourage one another in their faith walk.

One specific event was “The Seeking,” an overnight lock-in for Senior School. The focus was on Luke 11:9 “Seek and you will find” and it involved worship,

prayer, waiting upon the Lord. It is an exciting time for HOPAC - thanks be to God!

PAMOJA WEEK & INTERNATIONAL DAY

In the midst of Tanzanian elections, HOPAC celebrated another successful Pamoja Week and International Day! This year the daily themes were: Sports Day, Pajama Day, Colour Explosion and a Student/ Teacher swap day (postponed till the following Monday due to an impromptu national holiday). International Day was as vibrant as ever with over 30 nationalities represented in the Parade of Nations. U18 football games under the lights ended the week.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

HOPAC’s campus is continuing to change and grow. This term saw the completion of the lower football field and a new basketball court. These are

already being put to good use- not just by HOPAC’s busy practice and game schedule but by other teams as well, including the Salasala football team.

In the coming months, construction will begin on the a running track and on the Learning Resource Centre, which will incorporate a library, computer lab, and classrooms.

BOARD UPDATE

At the beginning of this academic year the HOPAC Board of Governors welcomed Mitch Calmes as a new member.

SENIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

Grade 12 students put on a spectacular performance to raise money for their end of year trip. The class organized and publicized the event and also performed. It was a night of diverse talent and incredible dancing, singing and entertainment.

Jambo Moja: One Thing

Luke 10:38-42 tells the story of two sisters. When Jesus came to their home, Martha busied herself preparing a meal, tidying up their home, and ensuring that everything was “perfect” in honor of their guest. Mary, by contrast, chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen. When Martha complained to Jesus, he replied that “only one thing is needed.” The theme for the 2015–2016 school year is “Jambo Moja,” literally translated, “One Thing.”

Jambo Moja is a heart theme. It is a challenge to HOPAC staff and students alike to realign their hearts with Jesus. Mary’s choice to sit at the feet of Jesus was a choice to position herself in a place where she could hear Him. Once there, she did just that: she listened. She recognized that truth, grace, and wisdom come from Jesus; He is the one thing that matters.

Over the course of term one assemblies, speakers have explored various answers to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Messages have delved into the various titles for Jesus in Scripture as well as the things that He said about Himself, thus highlighting what Jesus offers to those willing to make Him the one thing in their lives.

In many ways, Jambo Moja is also call to prayer. When Shaun Graham joined HOPAC as chaplain at the beginning of this year, he felt a calling to start a prayer movement, effectively building on the themes of previous years, inviting staff and students to be unified in prayer. The newly-designated Prayer Room provides a place for this to happen—and happen it does! Daily, staff and students voluntarily come together before school in prayer and worship, a number of senior students give up their lunch break on Wednesday afternoons to dedicate that time to prayer, and even primary classes come to the prayer room instead of the playground during their break times.

The chaplaincy team, Shaun Graham and Ben Cook, are supporting this beautiful change in HOPAC’s culture with intentional pastoral support and purposeful discipleship. On November 20, fifty senior school students attended “The Seeking,” staying overnight at school simply for worship and prayer. Students spent time ministering to each other and, at 3 a.m., prayed for over an hour and a half straight with no realization of the passing time.



Middle School students sing during assembly

Even in assembly, there seems to be a deeper level of worship, where students are truly desiring to be at the feet of Jesus. God is working in HOPAC as people choose to make Him the one thing in their lives.

As the year continues, the vision for Jambo Moja is to provide a context for staff and students to prioritize prayer and worship in their lives as the thing that gives life to everything else they do. Whether they are teaching a class, stressing over exams, or seeking to be more mindful of others, it is Jesus Christ that gives life.

Abigail Snyder

Upcoming Dates

December		April	
17	Last day of Term 1	7	Karume Day <i>no school for all</i>
January		11-15	TerraNova testing for grades 5-8
1	Closing date for Kindergarten applications	26	Union Day <i>no school for all</i>
5	First day of Term 2	May	
5	Closing date for Grade 9 applications	3	Cambridge Examinations start
12	Revolution Day <i>no school for all</i>	6-7	HOPAC Board meeting/retreat
28	HOPAC Board meeting	20	Mid-term Break <i>no school for all</i>
February		June	
12	Schedule Change: Mandatory school day	9	HOPAC Board meeting
15	Mid-term Break <i>no school for all</i>	8-10	Middle School Exams
March		15	Graduation Dinner
17	HOPAC Board meeting	16	Last day for students/Graduation/Whole school assembly
14-18	Service Emphasis Week	16	Alumni Night
18	Last day of Term 2/Easter Celebration	17	Last day for teachers
29	First day of Term 3		



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