



Foxes' Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust- Foxes' NGO  
In partnership with Mufindin Ystavat



# Mufindi Moments

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## Easter Celebrations Offer a Chance for Kids to be Kids



Top: Toddler candy hunt

Right: Dividing clothing from the new container!



Some traditions are too good to ever change! Easter 2016 began early this year as another package put together by Marion Gough and Orphans in the Wild arrived with new clothing. Easter morning was quiet, but that didn't last for long as all children and staff piled into the new mini-van, donated by Tom Conway from Mufindi Orphans (USA), and Ambulance to

head to Fox Lodge for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Water-balloon fight. The toddlers opened the candy hunt on the lower lawn, which quickly



gave way to a mad dash for sweets. However, the water-balloon fight was one of legend- lasting only a few short minutes- everyone walked away soaked and smiling. A round of sodas and more candy closed the celebration with adults and kids alike beginning to stagger under the weight of all that sugar. Until next year...

## "Houses 2 Homes" Campaign Launches!

FCWCT has finally tried its hand at crowd-funding- and what a success! Lead by Photographers Without Borders volunteer Aimee Duong and Carpe Diem volunteer Jack Dubreuil, a campaign called "Houses to Homes" was launched to raise money for Children's Village Houses renovations. Like any home with children, wear and

tear is quite normal in the Children's Village. This campaign is to raise money for locally-sourced furniture, woven-grass mats, and a new coat of paint in each house! As an initial start, Aimee lead the children in an arts and crafts project to make frames for their new portraits that will hang on the walls in each house.

So far, the campaign initiative has raised over \$3,000 USD! Local Tingatinga artist Chasaki has already began painting his murals that will be the centerpiece of each living room. Visit the link below and check out this cool project!



Top: Kids pose with their "Houses to Homes" banner

Left: Chasaki applies the first coat of paint!



[www.gofundme.com/houses2homes](http://www.gofundme.com/houses2homes)

## Spring Break Camp Wows Children and Teachers Alike

Everyone has their favorite summer camp memories- and now the children of Mufindi are no different! During the Primary Students' annual spring break, an English-medium Spring Break Camp was held to provide our children with extra English stimulation and a place to play fun, engaging, and educational games. Lead by Carpe Diem volunteers Luke Follet and Jack Debruil, and aided by sponsored students Akida Mdalingwa and Harry Makongwa, the camp spanned

8 hours of non-stop word games, dancing, math relays, and arts and crafts projects. The camp culminated in a performance- The Spring Break Camp Extravaganza! The performance consisted of two English songs, "One Love" by Bob Marley and "ABC" by the Jackson 5, a dance to "Ignition" by R. Kelly, and a play, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", first introduced to our children and

staff by our Canadian partner charity African Book Box. The entire show took place on the newly constructed bridge- a perfect setting for the play! A special invite was sent to the Madisi Primary School teachers so that they could witness their students' English progress over the short break. Though it was the first camp, it most certainly will not be the last!





Foxes' Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust was established in 2005 to support projects aimed at combating the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Mufindi district of Tanzania in East Africa. This project came to be known as Foxes' NGO. We aim to provide shelter, sustenance, education, and medical care for orphans, other vulnerable children, and people living with HIV/AIDS within the project area. This work is made possible through the partnership of our sister charities all around the world— Orphans in the Wild (UK), Mufindi Orphans (USA), African Book Box (CA), Mufindin Ystavat (FN).



*Every child received a picture of their flight!*

## The One Sky Project Brings Dreams of Flight to the Children's Village

The One Sky Project- "the brainchild of a diverse group of paragliding and hang gliding pilots"- visited Foxes' NGO to learn more about the NGO's work, offer amazing media assets, and FLY! Though the team was only here for less than a week, their unbridled enthusiasm, non-stop energy, and huge hearts made a lasting impression of every single child and staff mem-

ber. For hours a day, the pilots "flew" children who were able to soar a few feet of the ground in a hang glider. Their smiles were proof- the gift of joy is often enough. After tearful good-byes, the team continued on to Uganda and has recently completed their four month journey through 11 countries. We anxiously await the return of our new life-long friends!

*To learn more about this amazing project, visit: [www.oneskyproject.com](http://www.oneskyproject.com)*



*Hezron gets a "lift" in a hang glider!*

## Caterpillars and Butterflies, Oh My!

After almost three years of constant fundraising, the Nursery School has finally opened! The Caterpillars (ages 1 year to 2 years) and the Butterflies (2 years to 3 years) each have their own classroom space within the On-site Kindergarten Compound. The classrooms were painted with murals from local artist Chasaki, the floors covered

in mats for crawling little ones, and the shelves stocked with donated toys and games. Monday through Saturday, all children 3 and under from the Children's Village attend school, eat nutritious meals, and nap peacefully in their cozy new classrooms. Definitely the cutest place in Mufindi!



*Volunteer Jack D. provides some professional cuddles!*

*Matthew peeks into a basket in search for a toy in his new classroom!*



*Upper left: Sewing students pose with their work from English class*



*Left: The office's new library corner, courtesy of Bibi Julia!*

## English Classes, Library Books, and Story-times

Julia Ostler is no stranger to the challenges of a Sewing School English class. Arriving for her third stint as a TEFL English teacher in February, "Bibi" Julia jumped right in,

organizing her lesson plans, splitting students into levels, and training Carpe Volunteer Luke Follet in the secrets of running a successful class. When she wasn't encouraging English out of her students,

she could be found organizing a new library system or leading story-time in the Kindergarten. Her boundless energy is missed, but like many volunteers, she just can't seem to stay away...

## Photographer Aimee Duong Shoots Smiles

A new partnership with Photographers Without Borders brought Foxes' NGO together with incredible photographer Aimee Duong, who visited the NGO for two weeks to capture

all the work being done on the ground. Her eye for a child's smile is remarkable, and she was able to draw a grin from even the solemnest of House Mamas. Aimee's creative spirit

was infectious and just what we needed! Her photos will stand for years to come as the medium for our story-telling, and we couldn't be more grateful!



*Top: A visit to the basket mamas  
Right: Arts & Crafts for Houses 2 Homes!*

