

Mufindi Moments

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Dr. Bodil Sandin Opens Dental Clinic for Mufindi Community

Dr. Bodil Sandin is no stranger to the challenges of providing dental care to rural populations in Tanzania, having spent many of her professional years as a dentist in Ilembula alongside her long-time friend Dr. Leena Pasaden. Having retired last year, Dr. Bodil decided to bring her talents and much needed services to Mufindi and began building the Dental Clinic at M dabulo Care and Treatment Center in November of 2014.

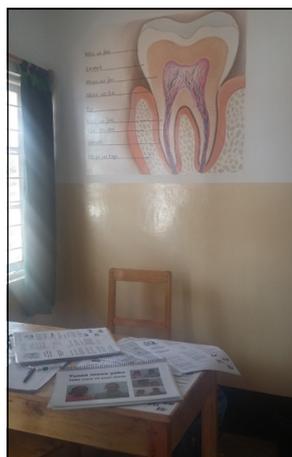
Upon her arrival, she found two broken dental chairs in a dusty cement room. In an incredibly short 5 months, she has created a fully functioning dental clinic where she performs cleanings, extractions, fills cavities, and even makes dentures— with most services costing less than 5,000 Tsh or just under \$2.50 USD with a sliding pay scale for those who

cannot afford services. This sliding pay scale has generated 1,000,000 Tsh (\$500 USD) in revenue for the clinic's operations and maintenance!

Since the clinic's inception in March, she has seen over 200 patients, performed 24 fillings, made 10 dentures, and pulled 193 teeth! She would often arrive to the clinic and work throughout the day with a steady line out her door as patients flooded in. We can't thank Dr. Bodil enough for her work, improving the quality of life in our community. We can't wait to see this project grow!



Below: Dr. Bodil teaches a lesson on teeth to the boys of House #1 as they listen attentively. As part of her work, Dr. Bodil will travel to primary and secondary schools in the project area to educate students on the important ways to care for your teeth.



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“Pasaka Njema!”, from the Children’s Village

Easter Excitement takes over Foxes’ NGO

The infamous rain of years past was no where in sight as Easter 2015 was celebrated under blue skies! As tradition stands, the day began early as House Mamas and Teachers started preparations for a group dinner for all staff and Children of Foxes’ NGO. After a quick lunch, everyone made their way to Foxes’ Lodge for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and water balloon fight!

Older kids took the hands of younger ones and off they went, racing across the lawn in search of candy. All the eggs were placed together to be distributed evenly. A new game of Candy Volleyball was played with balloons filled with candy– the goal being to keep the balloon off the ground, lest it fall and pop, showering the kids with candy! The water-balloon fight began shortly after dividing the fights into older kids and younger kids. With everyone thoroughly soaked and happy, the candy was then distributed along with soda to each child. And just as the sugar rush turned into the inevitable sugar crash, the kids returned to the Children’s Village to finish preparations for that night’s dinner and disco. We think this party will be talked about for years to come!



Volunteers Molly and Amari with sponsored students Akida and Harry pose with their sewing school display at the Foxes’ Lodge.



Everyone say “Ndizi!”



Above: Children from the Children’s Village dance their hearts out after a day of egg hunting and water balloon



Above: Antonia aims her water-balloon!

Below: Children search the hills for eggs!



CIEE Students Do “Give Back” in a Big Way



CIEE students performed the Macarena for their Home Stay families with the help of their host brothers and sisters at the Home Stay Party— where students and their host families get together one last time to say goodbye.



CIEE student Hannah teaches a seminar on personal finance to the staff and work-study students. Hannah did a research project on micro-finance in Mufindi. She then used her research to inform a seminar where she reviewed such topics as building a budget, and creating and following a savings plan. Thanks Hannah!



CIEE students lead a Saturday afternoon Aerobics class with the children of the Children's Village. After, the students hosted a movie night with a first showing of WALLE and a second showing of Castaway!

Departing on April 20th from Foxes' NGO, the CIEE students have a lot to be proud of! With a renewed focus on volunteer give-back and long-term impact, CIEE students worked on projects that focused on staff development. Volunteers were split up to work in different departments – English Education, Health, Guardianship, and Early Childhood Education. Projects included: monitor and evaluation visits to local primary schools, a music day at the Kindergarten, making first aid kits with Swahili instructions for the House Mamas, writing of Home-based Care program documents, teaching of 3 daily English classes, a re-evaluation and survey of food formulas for monthly food distribution, and much more!



Physiotherapist student Ashley leads a seminar on Early Childhood Development for our pre-school teachers. Ashley taught the various stages of motor development in early childhood and then developed a chart that teachers could use to track the development of each child. The seminar also reviewed different ways to address delayed development. Thanks Ashley!

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Foxes' Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust – Foxes' NGO

Foxes' NGO 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. 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.

Do you have a great photo of the NGO and its projects? Please share it with us at foxesngo@gmail.com to see it in these newsletters!



It was Music Day at the Children's Village Kindergarten. Hosted by the CIEE volunteers, students spent their morning learning different instruments at stations in the classroom. Then, they got together to perform a final concert for their guests!

Around the NGO...

Lead by CIEE student Emma- whose research examined the experiences of girls and menstruation, a Girls' Seminar was held to provide the girls of the Children's Village with an opportunity to discuss menstruation, ask questions, and give advice. Below, kindergarten teacher Wanini dispels a myth about using pads. Thanks ladies for your leadership!



Our Strawberry Project is off to a great start! The first flowers blossomed and strawberries can be seen growing! And the few that have been tasted already were sweet and delicious!