

Children of Peace Education Program

Supporting Preschool, Primary, Secondary and High School, College Education.

Amani Development Organization commenced the Children of Peace Education Program and a Poverty Relief program in 2006. That was a famine year in this region of Tanzania. The program is conducted in partnership with the local committees at Igondola, Makang'wa and Chiwona.

These photos are from the early days! Food with lots of love is a welcome gift.



Here life is tough but that is the 'normal' here. There are no Government safety nets, and yet these are happy people.

Family, Community and Education are all critically important. In most households

Faith in God touches every

aspect of life! There is the key to resilience and focus in the face of the daily realities of life.



Here the arrival of a serious health issue can quickly bring a family to crisis level. In all of the years since 2006 Amani has been deeply involved in the lives of thousands of people. The Relief Work Program, financed through Amani for Africa USA has been a blessing to many households. NOW, we do not keep count for any personal self congratulatory attitude, but simply to be aware of how funds are spent! To us that is most important. The people are not PROJECTS to be numbered, assessed and reported. They are our neighbours, to be honoured, respected and treated with dignity. Therefore, when we offer a way for assistance, we need to be aware, as a dear friend of mine would say, "Whose needs are being met here?"



Over the years an estimated 1,180 preschool children have graduated from Children of Peace Preschools. **In fact, two of the teachers at the Prince of Peace English Medium Primary School are 'graduates' of COP.** In Tanzania there is a

Government test to ascertain if the little one is prepared for Primary School. Our preschools are consistently graded at 100% passing grade. The teachers are ALL village women, sponsored through Teacher Training by Amani. These children below are ready for Primary School.

We are now moving to a greater degree of local sustainability. Every child/household will receive one weaned pig. At sale a portion is



set aside for a replacement pig and the rest dedicated to education. The local Preschool Committees supervise the program. This will continue through the child's education – primary, secondary, high and even college level. In the final year of primary education we suggest increasing to two pigs per cycle. By the way, Tanzanians LOVE pork, cut into small pieces, and WELL COOKED.



“ALL MINE.” This is a new program for COP but is now in the second year at the Prince of Peace School. Currently **forty three** pigs have been distributed through COP. We urgently need to distribute a further **seventy seven** to be up to speed, so to speak. The people want to be responsible for the education of their children. From the beginning Amani has operated on the policy, ‘There is no free lunch.’ That was actually the advice of the local village committee! We adopted it.



The photo is of the meeting with parents where we shared the development of the new program. There was enthusiastic support. Step by step, or ‘pig by pig’, it becomes ‘their’ program. In the USA a pig will cost \$17.20; in Australia \$23.63. We invite contributions towards this program in Central Tanzania. All gifts are tax deductible.

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