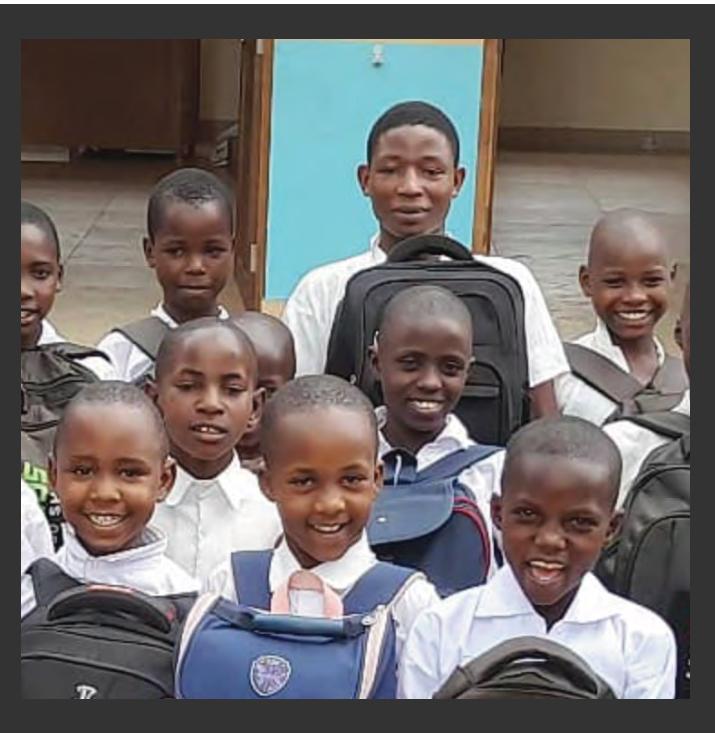


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## Distribution Day – January 18, 2025



*Kisangura Primary School Students*



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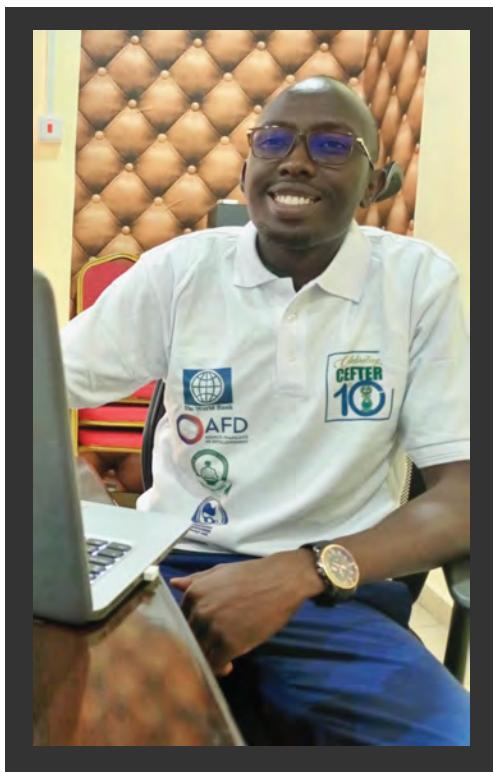
**OUR COMMITTEE, FOUNDED BY JIM MORGAN IN 2001**, is proud to be in our twenty-fifth year of service. The pictures above were taken on Distribution Day, the day when our sponsored students happily receive their uniforms and school supplies for the new academic year. Thanks to our loyal donors we sponsor 34 girls & 36 boys at the Kisangura Primary School in Mugumu, Tanzania, plus 14 girls & 16 boys at the Kisangura Secondary School. Each sponsored student has an assigned Guardian Teacher who makes sure they have consistent attendance and helps

them with their studies. Our committee pays these teachers for their important work.

Here are the financial details of what sponsorship entails. Each primary school student receives a backpack, books and school supplies (\$35), shoes and school uniform (\$35) plus free lunch everyday for \$33 = \$103 total per student. We sent the Kisangura Children Foundation \$7,210 in December 2024 to cover the costs for our sponsored primary school students for the 2025 academic year which runs from mid-January through mid-November. Each secondary school female student

receives a backpack, books and school supplies (\$51), shoes, school uniform and a Shamba dress (\$76) plus lives on campus in a dormitory and receives all of her meals for \$245 = \$372 total per female student. Each secondary school male student receives a backpack, books and school supplies (\$51), shoes and school uniform (\$60) plus free breakfast & lunch everyday for \$65 = \$176 total per male student. We sent the Kisangura Children Foundation \$8,024 in December 2024 to cover the costs for our sponsored secondary school students for the 2025 academic year.

## **Messages from two of our previously sponsored further education students who have graduated and are out working in the world.**



*Nyamhangha Joseph Nyagesera*

**I am Nyamhangha Joseph Nyagesera, a graduate of Sokoine University of Agriculture where I earned a BS in Food Science and Technology in 2021.** My undergraduate education, which was made possible through the generous support from your committee, laid the foundation for what I am pursuing today.

After graduating I have established myself in both academic and professional fields. Since 2023 I have been employed by the government to work as a Tutor at the Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute Uyole in Mbeya where I teach diploma students and assist in research activities. Through this role I am directly contributing to strengthening Tanzania's agricultural education system and empowering future agricultural professionals.

Previously I gained valuable international exposure as an intern at AgroStudies International Centre for Agricultural Training

in Israel for one year. I worked as a Food Scientist Quality Controller in the citrus and avocado industry for both local and export markets. Currently I am advancing my academic career by pursuing a Masters Degree in Food Chemistry at Benue State University in Nigeria, in collaboration with the University of Bonn, Germany. I am funded by the German Academic Exchange Service.

I am deeply grateful to the New York Quarterly Meeting's Africa Education Committee for the support that enabled me to pursue my studies starting at the Kisangura Primary School through to Sokoine University. The skills and opportunities I have gained are a direct result of your support. I remain committed to using my education to serve communities in Tanzania and beyond by promoting food security, agricultural innovation and sustainable development. I kindly appeal to you to continue extending similar support to other children from poor backgrounds, so that they too can realize their dreams and contribute positively to society.

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**My name is Hamis Moroho. I am a 27 year old from Kisangura Village.** I hope this letter finds you in good health and peace of mind. I write to you with deep humility and sincere gratitude for the incredible support you have given me, support that has truly changed the course of my life. I grew up in extremely difficult conditions. I lost my mother at an early age and my father being elderly and economically challenged could not afford to meet even our basic needs, especially education. Despite all that, I held on to my dream of going to school and changing my life, but that dream felt nearly impossible until you came into my life and believed in me.

With your financial, moral and emotional support, I was able to attend the Kisangura Secondary School and later join the Tengeru Institute of Community Development in Arusha. The journey was not easy, but your kindness and generosity gave me the strength and hope I needed to push forward. Today, by the grace of God and through hard work, I am proud to share that I am employed as a Community Development Officer at the Mlimba District Council, Morogoro Region. This achievement is not only personal, but a testimony to the power of love, compassion and opportunity that you gave me.

I sincerely thank you for being a major part of my journey and success. Your support shaped my life and gave me a future I once only dreamed of. I humbly ask you to continue supporting other young people from vulnerable backgrounds like mine.



*Hamis Moroho*

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*Kisangura Secondary students in the school courtyard*

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## A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR 35 CURRENT FURTHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

**My name is Paulina Samwel Merengo.** I have always dreamed of becoming a voice for organized administration in the community. I have a chance to accomplish my dream as I am currently studying at the Mzumba University in Dar es Salaam. Although the coursework is demanding, I enjoy learning about administration systems and how they shape everyday life. I am motivated by the possibility of using my education to stand for those who cannot always stand for themselves.

When I graduate I hope to work as a leader who organizes and manages all issues of development and administration in the community. I believe this path will not only change my life but also positively impact the wider community.

I'm deeply grateful for your support that makes my studies possible. Your support gives many people the opportunity to move from a lower stage to the upper stage of their dreams. I send my thanks and congratulations to you donors for all of your support.

**Our committee is determined to continue supporting Kisangura Secondary School student graduates as they pursue further education.**



*Paulina Samwel Merengo*

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