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HOPE may not always be easy to see, but looking in the right place it can be found. Tumaini (Kiswahili for Hope) opened the doors of primary school for the first time in 2004. Approaching 20 years, we celebrate the hope found by many students from this community as they progressed through school and then, as young adults, begin to share their hope with others.

60 students from Tumaini enjoyed a visit to LOGOS HOPE, a ship docked in Mombasa for 6 weeks. It's the world's largest floating library & a unique opportunity to step onboard a ship on its voyage around the world.

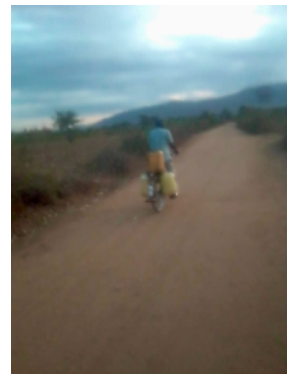






**Mulinge** (Jimmy, has been affectionately known to us since our first visit to Mombasa together, in 1997) he's a wonderful work in progress. Having lost his mum at a very young age, Jimmy lived on the streets and turned his hand to anything and everything to survive. He has struggled for years, he was a 'tour guide' to tourists for a long time, he had many accidents and injuries and was beaten on several occasions.

During 2019, Jimmy asked for help to travel to his rural homeland as life was becoming increasingly difficult for him at the coast. During that time, he has built a small house, been working on land and has planted orange trees and pineapples. Recently he asked if we could help to buy a bicycle to carry water enabling him to water his trees so they can be well established. It's amazing to see his excitement in this new venture.



**David Muthama** came to Tumaini more than 10 years ago. Together with his sisters and young cousin, David needed a place to stay while his mum received treatment in hospital. Tumaini became home for David, as well as school.

Faced with hugely challenging and painful circumstances, there are those who choose to focus and dedicate themselves in whatever they do; David is one of those people. Throughout his studies, David worked very hard and reaped the rewards as he received his national exam results. Eager to continue learning and developing his skills, David helped people with their phones and other tech issues. He then began to volunteer in Tumaini and became a highly valued member of the team in a very short time. David's skill, commitment and integrity is demonstrated in his work and we are thankful for all he gives to Tumaini.

Some of the tasks assigned to David have been IT Support; in the maintenance of computer systems and networks, operating new software and maintaining existing software; working with students, especially in practical sessions, passing on his knowledge application and skills. He's been providing tech assistance throughout departments and personally to members of staff; taken photographs on behalf of the school; generally giving himself to whatever needed doing.

In an email, David wrote:

"I am eager to continue contributing in any way possible, whether through remote work, sharing my experiences, or supporting upcoming projects that align with my skills and expertise. The support, guidance, and mentorship I have received from you and the entire Education for Life team have been instrumental in empowering me to chase my dreams. For this, I am eternally grateful."

**Building community builds lives! Together with David, we would like to thank sponsors, supporters and prayer partners for your investment in community. We were created to be interdependent, as a body, each part working and functioning as one.**

**Thank you David; thank you all!**



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