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Heart Stir by Tim Neet

I am pleased to announce that Katherine (Kat) Christensen has assumed responsibility for the Uborat/Project Child Video Call Program. Kat will be working with Witness and Ester in Tanzania to schedule and implement the calls, and will be coordinating with our sponsors to insure they are meeting sponsor needs and expectations.

I am reminded of a comment last year by Lori Bergquist when she said, "The calls definitely stir our hearts to plan another trip to Tanzania." It seems to me that Stirred Hearts is what we need. I don't know about you, but I often fall into complacency with the status quo rather than approaching each new day with the expectation that God has a Kingdom Plan in mind for me that day. Sometimes a little personal touch with a young life on the other side of the ocean does us good to recalibrate what's important. I encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity offered by Uborat to have a video chat with your sponsored child. Sign up for a little **Face to Face** and pray and let your child hear you pray for her.

Face to Face by Kat Christensen

How excited do you get when you see a letter or get an updated picture from your sponsor child? Whether you have met them in person or just send a letter every so often, the relationship you have with your child means the world to them. We want to continue to help build these relationships and give the opportunity to make it more real to both you, and your child. For this reason we are starting back up our video calls, "Face to Face," between you and your child. I for one know how special these calls can be. When I first FaceTimed my two girls, I cried happy tears. To see the smiles on their face and hear what their goals are and have the opportunity to pray with them. They're no longer a name on a paper or a picture you get a couple times a year. We will be starting this month with calls to our standard 7 students. My goal is to have all sponsors of standard 7 students have a call with their child. They are about to graduate, so what better time to talk with them and pray with them as they move onto their next chapter! After standard 7 we will be scheduling calls for all grades! For any questions feel free to email me at katchristiansen510@gmail.com

Contact me to schedule a future call and place me on your "safe sender" list so that you don't miss my emails and your video call opportunities.

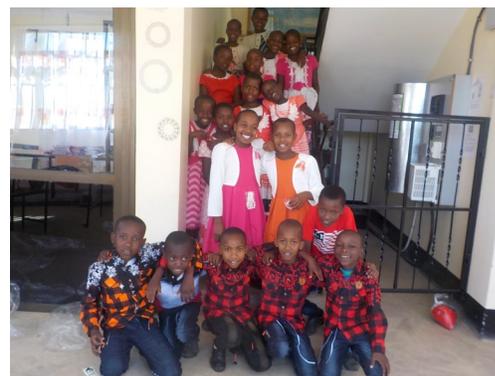
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Christmas Gifts

Rather than sponsors trying to send over Christmas gifts for their sponsored children each year we collect a special TZ Project Child Christmas Gift Offering. Our goal is to raise enough funds to enable us to purchase in Tanzania a new set of clothes. Last year we were able to raise the full amount. Bwana Asifiwe. (Praise The Lord)

So, we are asking each of our sponsors to consider adding their sponsored child to their Christmas spending list. We are hoping that each sponsor, or general donor, will consider giving at least \$25 per child to our TZ Christmas Fund. If you can help us purchase these Christmas gifts for all of our children please make your contribution to UboratTZ with "TZ Project Child Christmas Fund" in the note field and mail to UboratTZ Inc, 4575 Webb Bridge Rd. #5487, Alpharetta, GA 30023. To pay online, visit www.uboratz.org and click on any "Donate Button." From there you can pay by credit card

by simply selecting "Christmas Gift" in the drop down menu. Or, the super easy way, if you pay by ACH, is to drop me an email and ask that we add it to your next automatic payment. (timneet@uboratz.org)



Christmas clothes from last year

How Do I Send a Letter or Package to My Child? by Pam Willis

Sponsoring a child in need...so many questions..."How often should I write?", "What should I say?", "How often should I send a package?", "What do they need?", "What size are they?", "Will this be fun for them?", "Is this culturally appropriate?", "Will all these things fit in the paper envelope?", etc...

As a sponsor myself and having visited my sponsored children several times, the preparations we do here to connect with them via letters, packages, FACETIME, and/or going on Journey trips are worth the joy so obvious on their faces and their reactions when they see us, our gifts and our letters. The Lord has given us a wonderful gift -- to touch the lives of the "least of these"-- and in turn He blesses us with a sweet relationship with the children, and a deeper relationship with Him.

It is my privilege and honor to assist in getting packages and letters to our sponsored children. While this article won't address all the questions we may have as sponsors (see previous TZ Journals and information on the website projectchildtz.com on what to write, what to send, and video conferencing your child), my purpose here is to let you know how you can help get your packages and letters to your sponsored child as quickly and efficiently as possible. So here goes with some guidelines:

Letters:

Use the Project Child Letterhead:

- *download to your computer from the website projectchildtz.com (under Journals & News on right side) and save for future use
- *include the child's full name and KAC #
- *copy/paste photos onto the letter

Two ways to send:

***hard copy:** put in one envelope for the child and that in another envelope to mail to Pam Willis (see address below) or drop in Tanzania basket behind receptionist desk in the Perimeter Church Atrium. You can include regular photos in the child's envelope. Label envelope with child's full name and KAC #.

***email attachment** (any time, not just for "mail call"): send your saved letter (Word Document) as an attachment to projectchildletters@uboratz.org Please do not send letters or photos typed in the body of the email itself – but do include your Childs name and KAC# in the email "subject line."

Packages:

Preparing the package:

- *one re-sealable 11X14 manila envelope, NO plastic bags due to new customs/environmental laws
- *use the Gift Checklist from the Project Child website (suggestions for gifts). Please include child's full name and KAC # as well as your name. Attach/tape the checklist securely to the outside of the envelope (for customs to get it into the country).
- * minimize packaging of gifts inside (paper/plastic)-they have no way of getting rid of "trash"

Delivery-two options when there is a "mail call" posted in the TZ Journal (please note the deadline date so we can get them to the team going over in a timely manner):

*leave your package in the Tanzania basket behind the desk in the **Perimeter Church Atrium**.

*mail to Pam Willis, 5632 Tisbury Court, Hoschton, GA 30548 678-697-9134

Mail Call

Your next chance to send Mail or Packages is with the November Graduation Team. Ever heard of the book series "Left Behind." Well, that is going to be what happens to your packages if you don't follow the above procedures.

All Mail and Packages are due to Perimeter or Pam direct by October 27.

This is a big job to record, inventory and often repack. So how about volunteering to help Pam, this round or as part of her ongoing ministry team. Contact info is above,

Graduation Gift

This is a reminder to sponsors of 7th grade graduates. Each year we purchase a new book bag, dictionary and Bible for our graduates as they prepare to head out to different secondary boarding schools. You can help us with of gift of \$35 and these gifts will be given in your name along with your prayers and congratulations. Same procedures as with the Christmas Gift (see page 1) except dropdown menu selection will be "Graduation Gift" if you donate from the uboratz.org web site. You can also send me a note to debit your ach account.

And by the way — you don't have to be a sponsor to donate to the Graduation Fund

Below is last years graduates with their graduation gift.



For Further information on PROJECT CHILD TZ go to www.projectchildtz.com Questions can also be emailed to timneet@att.net

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