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Dear family, we welcome you reading the events happened at IOP in the month of July 2019.

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IRINGA TRIP WITH IOP CENTER GIRLS

On Saturday 20th, July the volunteers who were at IOP arranged a trip to Iringa for the Center girls. We left early in the morning and in 2hours we reached the destination. Our first stop was the playground in the main park where we spent a couple of hours singing and having fun all together. At about 12 o' clock we headed to Mama Iringa for lunch. Even this year, the owner of the restaurant, Concetta, provided IOP girls pizza, chips, soda and biscuits for free! To thank for the kindness, the girls offered her a special gift: a poster they had prepared in advanced with a lot of photos of them taken in different moments of their daily life. The trip turned out to be a real success. Everyone was excited even if a little tired, particularly the



youngest who fell asleep on the way back!!!! We all hope to be able to organize this fantastic trip in the future. *BIG THANKS TO MAMA IRINGA!*



6 KM MINI MARATHON



The 10th Mini-Marathon organized by IOP took place on the 27th of July. Hundreds of people (532) coming from the community, the girls, the staff and the volunteers gathered early in the morning in front of the Holland House of Books to take part in the race. Some



of them challenged each other to a long and hard run, while others preferred to walk through the community.

The atmosphere was great as all participants- even the slowest and the oldest- got high support from the people they met on the way. Even the Senior Club participated with more than 40 members, running or walking with a number on front – some with a cane!

After the race had come to the end, the audience was invited to the prize ceremony- the best 3 runners in each category were rewarded- and then to the annual M-M Raffle whose winners received gifts.



DUTCH MARKET



The so-called "Dutch Market" took place at the IOP Center yard in July. The annual Dutch youth group of usually 20 coming in July, is always bringing an extra suitcase each with market stuff as income for the Library.

On Tuesday 30th these young volunteers organized the selling of different clothes for adults and children, school supplies, shoes, household stuff, etc to the staff in order to raise funds to support the Library- Holland House of Books. The annual "Dutch Market" is very popular, as it offers also suitcases! It is

actually a "lifeline" for the Senior Club's existence.

The preparation of the event started early in the morning when the volunteers involved in the activity opened the suitcases, sorted the items out, priced and arranged them on different tables in the hall, the corridor and the yard.

At 4 o' clock the staff gathered at the gate and rushed in when the guard opened! Even this time the market was highly successful!!!



GROUND BREAKING FOR PREBENS CABIN

On Monday 29th, of July there was a special event for ground breaking of Preben's Cabin. EmilieWilhjelsen, Norway, has been at IOP 7 times and spent more than a half year here as a CfC-student. Her family has decided to build a cabin next to the Egersund Cabin in honour of Emilie's brother Preben, who died a couple of years ago. The entire family came to visit Emilie during Easter in 2016, the trip meant a lot to them. The family has a plan of coming again for official opening of the cabin at Easter 2020.

As most of you might already know, Egersund Cabin was built last year which is a round cabin. It was the first of several planned. Prebens Cabin will be the second and it will be a rectangular cabin built for volunteers, IOP is happy with these cabins as it helps to complete the IOP strategic plan 2015- 2019. The plan is to build several cabins for volunteers to release more rooms for orphans. We say THANK YOU for more people eager to help IOP realizing this plan.



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