

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM (IOP)



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Dear IOP family and friends, we welcome you reading the events that happened at IOP in June, 2023.

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VOLUNTEERS PAGE

“Hello!

I am Ingrid, and I am 26 years old! I am from Eid, a small town in Norway. I am so happy to be returning to IOP for the third time. My first visit with the SUFH group was in 2016. I thoroughly liked my brief visit here, and I fell in love with both the place and the people. I kept in touch with the center in the years since, and I was always looking forward to IOP updates. Back in Norway, I began my studies at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences to become a science, mathematics, and music teacher. Through my studies, I was able to do my teaching practice in Arusha, Tanzania, in January and February 2020.



I taught mathematics in form 2 at the Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, near Arusha, for four weeks. It was a fantastic experience, and I met so many inspirational and strong women! After four weeks, I got on the bus back to see friends at IOP! It felt great to be back after so many years! I returned home after a short visit to complete my studies.

This May, I completed my master's degree in science teaching, and I am now officially a science, mathematics, and music teacher. After completing my master's thesis, I thought it was time to return to IOP and Ilula. I'm overjoyed to be here, and this time I'll remain for four weeks as a volunteer. Being here for the third time, I am amazed by the progress being made at IOP and in Ilulalt's wonderful to finally stay in one of the lovely cabins! I am also overjoyed that IOP can now support so many more children at the center and that boys can now live there as well.



I'm excited to spend time with family and friends here. I also intend to pay visits to the students whom my mother and I sponsor. I will also volunteer and assist with the Young Mother Program, among other things. I'm really looking forward to seeing what these four weeks have in store for me. Thank you so much for having me here again. I feel so happy and blessed to be

here."

THE AFRICAN CHILD DAY

Since 1991, when the Organization of African Unity (OAU) initially started the celebration, the African Child has been recognized on June 16 each year. It pays tribute to those who



took part in the 1976 Soweto Uprising on that day. On this day, the community, the kids, and many stakeholders get together to talk about the needs, rights, and difficulties that children in Africa face.

Focus on Child Safety in the Digital World was the theme of this year's remembrance of African Children, which was held in the Ilula-Isele

playground in the Kilolo District. More than 100 sponsored students were brought by IOP through the Sponsor program, and they joined the other children in celebrating their day. The program began with a game between the Isele Muslim mosque and the Isele football ground. Several speakers made speeches emphasizing the rights, protection, and well-being of children in general. The audience was moved by a play by the Ilula Youth Peace Makers about children's right to



quality education. Children danced and sang songs. All the children shared a delicious meal together after the program's conclusion.

IOP CENTER VISIT TO SHAMBA LA KUKU

The boys at the center and the girls who are on holiday but live nearby went on a trip on June 21 thanks to Emilie Wilhelmsen, a Norwegian volunteer. The Norwegian volunteers Emilie Wilhelmsen and Ingrid Ronneklein, together with the nanny Leah, joined 20 females who were on holiday and all 10 boys.

Together, they all enjoyed a wonderful day of fun. They enjoyed singing, dancing, and playing in the water. The swing there was frequently used, and they had also brought some toys and a ball to play with. They enjoyed a delicious meal at the end of the trip that included chips, chicken, and juice or soda. Everyone should try it because it is definitely the best chicken in the area.



Photo: *Children pose for a picture taken during the trip.*

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

On Sunday 24th of June, it was time for another senior meeting. It was a big group that showed up and the hall was filled up. Those who attended the meeting from IOP were senior club committee members. In addition to that, Berit Skaare attended through Skype and everyone was happy to see her.

The topic of the meeting was "their will". There was a lawyer there to explain how the seniors should write their will and the importance of it. The lawyer explained the side effects of not writing a will and the positive sides of writing it. The seniors listen carefully and they also got to ask their questions after. They all seemed happy with the information they got.

There was also time for singing and some of the seniors also danced. They had a session at the end together with Berit, where they got to talk



to her. They also got the chance to thank her, since Berit had bought 1 kg of avocados for each senior. They were very thankful.

The meeting ended with a meal as usual and they all enjoyed it! The good boys of IOP helped the seniors with carrying their food outside and everyone was happy for their help.



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