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Happy New Year 2024 dear Family! Welcome so we can read together our January 2024 IOP News Letter!

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Back to School Year 2024

The sponsor program office has managed to send students to different schools this January; among them, we had the fresher students who were joining secondary school for the first time. Therefore, we sent students to



Udzungwa secondary; they enjoyed their trip to school. It was memorable trip with their school boarding materials in



our small van that we hired. Apart from that, more than 33 Students joined secondary school this year in different schools in and outside Ilula. Thank you for our sponsors for the huge donation and time that you have been taking to make sure that our MVCs attend schools.

Senior Club January Meeting



As a new year starts our beloved elders, the senior citizens had a meeting where they had a topic on how to overcome



stress and emotions. This topic came along as many elderly people face these challenges and they have little or no knowledge on how to face them, so in this topic they taught and advised how to cope

with stress and how to avoid things that bring stress. The number of senior citizens attended were 63 and Vashti Dafa together with Adelina Madati led the topic. Thanks for the concerns to our seniors on the advices given to make sure that they enjoy life at old age.

Kids' Corner Visits Farm for the Future (FFF)

Soon after opening the school the children at Kids Corner, they had an agriculture training. The kids learnt agriculture by doing. This day they learnt how to plant beans as a result they managed to plant them at the school garden, it was a happy occasion to



children. More over these children went to FFF where they also learnt agriculture and animal keeping science, and they saw the animals at the farm, learnt how to take care of them and why it is important to keep the animals at family level, at Nation at large.

Thank you to FFF management for welcoming us! We hope our schools will be welcomed to have sessions at FFF on farming and animal keeping for our childrens future.



Planting Trees at Lord's Hill Secondary



Soon after finishing the Christmas and New Year holiday, the students at the Lords hill Sec School reported to their



beautiful school, and as a start, they had an environmental conservation training in which they had a practical work of planting trees around the school. In this activity, all students' boys and girls had the responsibility of planting at least one tree each. To make it more memorable they planted shading trees and fruit trees of which in the near future. To the student it was the highlight of the whole semester where they learnt not only in class but also by doing.

Youth Forum Scout Camp at IPVTC

The Iringa Region Youth Forum held on 26 January to 28 January 2024, it took place at Ilula Peace Makers Vocational Training Center (IPVTC). In this Forum young people and scouts has a chance to learn various global



issues and issues that affect young people in general. This forum was purposely to make young people discuss issues and realize different opportunities that are in their localities. The lessons were the responsibilities of young people in their community, mental health, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and environmental conservation.



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Young Single Mothers New Year Part at Center



On Saturday 13 January, because of other kind volunteers, who funded, were we able to celebrate the New Year together with the young single mothers program. Young single mothers participated together with their children. We started the party having delicious food and

drinks together. After eating, the party continued with speeches from the Change participants, greetings from other volunteers and dancing. At the end of the party, all the young single mothers received gifts and we served a cake. Such an amazing evening filled with good energy and laughter.



Fencing the Sunflower Pre and Primary School



To ensure students security the school has progressed in constructing the fenced wall. This has been a huge demand to both the school and the students' parents. We are happy now that the students can feel safe but also parents can rest assured that

the children's safety has increased. To complete this task the school used funds collected from school's income. We hope that many students will keep coming to our schools. The school with the wall painted looks really beautiful and attractive! In addition to that, the school managed to connect with water service from the government line that is soft water. This is a huge step to Sunflower as students now can enjoy using the soft water running directly from water taps.



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