



# Habari Gani



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

*Hello Rafiki Supporters,  
I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.*

Well, 2020 wasn't quite the year we were expecting for Rafiki. In March, just after we had finished the huge task of putting together two teams, including selecting team members and patients, all the paperwork, flights, logistics, accommodation, equipment etc, COVID hit. We were planning for one team to travel to Mwanza for the usual two week trip, as well as a second purely teaching-focused team headed for the National Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

Being unable to travel has obviously meant we have been unable to undertake our surgical trips to Tanzania, however we kept busy during the year. We ramped up our ambulance and equipment donations and also focused on supporting PEC School in Kilwa.

With international travel unlikely for 2021, along with the current uncertainty, we've made the tough decision to postpone the Rafiki Ball for another year. We will continue with the equipment donations and support of PEC in 2021 and hope to be back to full force by 2022. There are plenty of opportunities to help with our equipment donations and PEC School, so please contact us if you'd like to get involved.

*Diego Murcia*  
ATS Chairperson







## 2020 CONTAINERS

In 2020, we sent 8 x 40-foot containers to Tanzania, bringing our grand total to 56. In the containers were 8 ambulances, 94 hospital beds, 20 trauma stretchers, 23 refurbished computers, defibrillators, walkers, crutches, various medical supplies, educational material and sunscreen, hats and sunglasses for people living with albinism.

The ambulances and equipment have been sent all over the country, including to Nzega, Geita, Mafinga, Mwanza, Mtwara and Dar es Salaam. The ambulances were donated by Geita Gold Mine (3), ARA, Caspian (2), Greg and Kathy Walsh and Carcione Foundation.

The amount of gear that was packed and sent to Tanzania this year has been absolutely phenomenal and done by a small group of people. COVID has meant shipping schedules have been very unreliable and we appreciate how flexible our volunteers have been and how willing to give up their Saturday mornings. It's no easy feat to lift the 100kg+ hospital beds overhead to pack as many as we can in and get the most out of our shipping costs.

Massive thank you to Peter, Lee and Sheri from Graphic Source for the signage on the ambulances. Thank you to Freight Forwarders Tanzania for clearing the containers when they arrive in Dar and to James Chialo for looking after the paperwork and the distribution of equipment in Tanzania. Thank you also to those in Perth who helped us source the gear and of course to our wonderful ambulance donors.



## DINNER WITH LEIF HURU

On October 3, Rafiki supporter, Val, hosted her dinner with Leif Huru; an auction prize from the Rafiki Ball. It was a special Birthday and guests were treated to Leif's amazing dinner in Val's beautiful home.

Thank you, Val, for your support. Big thanks also to Leif for volunteering his time to create a very special evening and to Chefs Ping and Eujyn.

Some of you may already know that Leif has left his Executive Chef role at Nobu and passed the baton (or spoon?) to Ping. Congratulations Ping, and we wish Leif all the best with the new venture, Dinner by Leif Huru.







## PEC SCHOOL

**ATS has been supporting PEC School for a number of years with infrastructure projects and last year we also launched a scholarship program.**

With the support of a small group, 20 children were sponsored to attend PEC as day students or boarders in 2020. The students were selected from neighbouring public schools because they showed academic promise, however due to difficult family situations could not afford the fees to attend PEC School. Many are orphans living with family members or have a single parent.

The sponsored primary school children are all different ages, and none could speak English when they started their year at PEC. PEC is an English medium school, which along with its excellent and teaching staff will provide the best opportunities for these children.

It was a very difficult year for PEC. As well as COVID lockdowns, the region experienced heavy rain and the school was flooded. During lockdown, PEC staff members worked extremely hard to keep their students engaged, even using motorbikes to go door-to-door in very muddy roads to deliver schoolwork and socially distanced lessons.

Despite the challenges, with COVID, flooding, a new school and language, our 20 students did extremely well in their final year exams. They helped PEC retain their ranking as the number 1 school in the region. We've received letters and photographs, and as well as improving in their lessons, the children are enjoying their schooling at PEC.

Given the success of last year, we will continue the program in 2021 and would love to expand to provide more scholarships. We have a huge waiting list of boarders and day students who will not get the opportunity for the best education possible without our support.

Sponsorship costs are \$800 for day students and covers school fees, uniforms, school meals, school materials, excursions and transport to and from school.

\$1,200 for boarders and also cover the above mentioned plus full board and meals.

Sponsorships are tax deductible and every dollar goes directly to the child's education. For more information, contact Julia [julia@lumedia.com.au](mailto:julia@lumedia.com.au) or head to the website <http://scholarships.australiatanzania.com/sponsorship/>





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23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020

Dear Australia Tanzania Society.

Hello I hope you are fine To me fine

I'm a standard two pupil

I am writing this letter to say thanks to you for helping me  
I enjoy and feel good for being in this school thank you very much  
God bless you.

your friend  
Haji Mawani Lifende



Jamila Yasini Kiluluwale

Pec pre and primary school  
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20/11/2020

Hello Dear Australia Tanzania Society  
I hope you are fine together with your family. I am  
writing this letter to express how I feel being in this  
school as a reason of your help. Since I join this school  
I do better in my education. I am feeling good to understand  
English better than before. I enjoy a lot in every  
thing in this school and also the teacher teaches us good  
behavior. Teachers help me to know English speaking  
and writing also a feeling good for their help.

Thank you  
Your pupils  
Jamila Yasini



## CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PEC

In 2020 we also supported PEC through the purchase of a new photocopier machine, as the old machine did not survive the flooding. The staff at PEC say the photocopier machine is their 'secret weapon' to achieving their excellent national results because exercises and lessons can be easily copied and distributed to the children.

It's so important to provide the children with nutritious meals at lunch time and PEC has been doing an excellent job providing hundreds of meals every day, all from a small camp stove! With student numbers growing, the staff were having to roster two mealtimes to keep up with demand, and it has been very difficult with such limited facilities.

ATS has supported the school to construct a huge multi-purpose building. At about 60% completion the 30m x 10m building will provide a kitchen and cafeteria, able to accommodate 300 children, as well as a library and computer room. We have also sent some refurbished computers in a container, ready to be sent to Kilwa and put to use when the building is completed.



## MESSY PAINT

Thanks to Sarah Jarvis and Di Taylor, a 'Messy Paint for Grown Ups' fundraiser was organised in September to purchase musical instruments for PEC School.

Thanks to the efforts of Sarah and Di and the generosity of the participants, instruments were donated to PEC. The School's director, Sultan, told us the next ATS supporter to visit Kilwa will be treated to music performed by the PEC School Orchestra!



## CONTAINERS FOR PEC

We are registered for Containers for Change!

Recycle your eligible containers at refund points and quote our scheme ID and 10c will be donated to PEC.

Container for Change Scheme ID: C10358424

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/>

