



# Steven Tito Academy

STA Newsletter, Sponsorship Appeal, 2015

## 2015 – A year in review

It's been a big year for Steven Tito Academy (STA). We've said goodbye to some and have welcomed many new teachers and students. Our students have been on educational excursions, celebrated Thanksgiving and created a science exhibition for family and friends with the help of the London School of Health and Tropical Medicine. Our staff have worked tirelessly to start a new program called 'Clubs' to teach our students some vocational skills and we have strengthened our school wide literacy and numeracy testing through teacher professional development sessions. We've opened a new school playground and built a new toilet block.

In this newsletter, we want to tell you all about sponsorship and how important sponsors are to STA.

If you want to sponsor a student then there's no better time than now! If you already sponsor, please consider forwarding this newsletter to friends and family.

A photograph of a young boy in a light blue school uniform, smiling broadly. He is wearing a black backpack. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students in similar uniforms.

**“The experience of sponsoring is life changing, it opens our eyes and our hearts.”**

~ The Purbrick Family, STA Sponsors

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# Why sponsor an STA student?

STA provides children with a safe learning environment where they receive a quality education. We seek out the best teachers we can and equip our school with literacy, numeracy and science resources to ensure our students are engaged with learning. **Sponsoring a student at STA is more than just providing books and a uniform.** We encourage all students to be curious, persistent and creative. We teach our students to have a voice, make healthy and safe choices and respect one another and the environment around them.

When you sponsor a student your donation goes directly to paying the school fees of that child. As part of the sponsorship students receive,

- healthy meals to help them focus,
- transport to school so they arrive energetic and on time,
- quality instruction from well trained teachers,
- and resources to support the learning needs of all students.

For **US\$58 a month**, you can provide a child with a quality primary education. Your sponsorship provides a child with a solid foundation from which they can build a successful future. Join the STA community today!



“Sponsoring a child gives you the sense that you really can make a difference in their life.”

~ Mark and Tina, STA Sponsors



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# Selecting new students for 2016

In September we began the long and difficult process of selecting students to start in our prep class in 2016.

The prep year is an important step for our students, equipping them with a good command of the English language before starting standard 1. This year, we had over 70 children apply for 25 spots in our prep class making it a challenging and emotional experience for our teaching staff.

Students completed oral language, reasoning and basic numeracy and literacy tests to be selected for two days of in school testing where we observed competence, school readiness and behaviour. After home visits to assess level of need we selected 25 students to start in prep next year.

For a child like Amina (pictured) whose parents are farmers and earn very little money, getting a sponsored place at Steven Tito Academy is a great opportunity. Amina lives an hours walk from the nearest government school. Without STA, Amina may not have started school until she was much older and able to walk by herself, if she started at all.

Now that she has a spot at STA, Amina will learn in English, providing her with crucial language skills to enable her to succeed at secondary school (where all subjects are taught using English. Swahili is the language of instruction in government primary schools).

We are excited to welcome Amina and 24 other wonderful children to STA in 2016!



*"It's a really difficult time, the selection days. We have so many children in need of the education STA has to offer but only a small number of places. It's also an exciting time because this is what STA is all about, finding bright children in need of a high quality English-medium education and giving them that opportunity."*

*~Lauren, PrepTeacher, STA*



## A lasting connection

Sponsors provide an education to a child whose family is unable to afford it. Through sponsorship, our sponsors and their student can build a lasting relationship. STA students look forward to writing letters to their sponsors and are thrilled when they receive a letter in return. With sponsors from numerous countries including The Netherlands and Japan, our students also receive a truly global educational experience from sponsorship.

*"We love sponsoring Regina to attend STA. We get a great deal of enjoyment from the letters we send back and forth, hearing all about what she had been up to and her achievements. It is obvious that the staff at STA do an amazing job nurturing and educating their students. We can't think of any donation that would be as important as supporting a child's education."*

*~ Alana and Paul, STA Sponsors*

Regina, standard 5, is sponsored by Alana and Paul from Australia. Through exchanging letters, Regina has learned about how people live and the type of work people do in Australia. She also feels comfort in knowing that she has a team of people including her parents, teachers and sponsors supporting her as she strives to achieve her best at Steven Tito Academy.

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