

**TTF 2016 Annual Report**  
**(Report based on Goals and Objectives Adopted 1/7/15)**  
Revised 1/25/2017

**1) Conduct successful Pre-Form 1 English for 40 Tanzanian students**

In 2016, Nancy Winters and Jani Gilbert (both returning volunteers) taught the Pre-Form 1 English course at Manow. Nancy had trained another volunteer (Jennifer Dunegan) but she could not teach due to unexpected care-taking of her elderly mother.

Each year the course evolves and volunteers try new approaches. This year the volunteers:

- As in the past three years, we selected 40 of the 85 applicants for the course based on the results of an entrance exam administered the day before class begins. At the end of the first five weeks, several students “graduated early,” thereby leaving 30 in the class for the more difficult units of First Aid, Sustainable Farming and STD prevention. Reducing the class size allowed the more advanced students to move more quickly through the material, and provided more one on one attention for sentence correction. Students received one of the following types of graduation certificates:
  - Basic Pre-Form 1 English (early graduates),
  - Pre-Form 1 English (students with less than 50% average on all exams)
  - Advanced Pre-Form 1 English (Students with more than 50% average on all exams)
  
- Included read aloud to improve oral and comprehension skills. Twenty copies of the Frog and Toad books provided by Dave Mutillo (A&B Imports) were used for the class to read the story aloud (one sentence/student). The students enjoyed the opportunity to read aloud. Reading comprehension improved an average of 1.4 grade levels from late in the first grade year to first quarter of the third grade level. This was not solely attributable to the reading aloud.
  
- Added math facts flash cards at tea time. The students loved it so much that the last day when the flash cards had already been packed away, the students made up their own math problems as they dipped out their tea.
  
- In addition to the course itself, Nancy made a number of repairs/upgrades to the Volunteer/LSS house at Manow. These included:
  - Painting the two bathrooms
  - Installing a hot water on-demand shower in the master bathroom.
  - Installing a new 500 liter water tank that serves the LSS and neighboring house. The new tank has a float valve the automatically shuts off water supply when the tank is full rather than overflowing and making mosquito habitat immediately adjacent to the house.
  - Painting of the remainder of the house interior is needed as well as patching the cracks in the classroom and painting one half of the back wall.

**2) Raise \$25,000 or more to support the program (this is a stretch goal)**

TTF raised \$46,406 in 2016 with breakouts as follows:

<b>Super Tanzania Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 1,939</b>
<b>Single Donation (designated for new building)</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Sales at June 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser</b>	<b>\$ 4,931</b>
<b>Ticket sales at June 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser</b>	<b>\$ 4,875</b>
<b>Other Donations</b>	<b>\$16,911</b>
<b>Adopt a student from Fundraiser</b>	<b>\$ 8,750</b>
<b>Pass Through Student scholarships</b>	<b>\$ 8,463</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,406</b>

We did not apply for grant from Good Shepherd Lutheran because no grants were given in 2016. Good Shepherd likes to share in our mission this way and we should consider applying in 2017. Nor did we conduct a mini-fundraiser in Ohio, because Jennifer Dunegan (from Ohio) did not teach.

The adopt-a-student program (\$250/student) that we raised money for at the fundraiser was very successful. TTF students write personal thanks-you notes to these donors. Adopt-a-student donors plus several other large donors covered 45 student scholarships.

**3) Explore expansion of the Pre-Form 1 English Program to additional communities in the Mbeya Region**

We began assessing two parallel tracks necessary for success at new sites in the south central highlands of Tanzania: identifying an on-going source of volunteers to staff additional programs; and capital funds to build classroom facilities at new locations.

- Source of Volunteers: Nancy Winters and Ernie Malick talked with Saint Martin's University, Pacific Lutheran University and The Evergreen State University about becoming an internship program for students. This could provide volunteer teachers for additional communities and Manow, while providing credit toward the student's degree. It became apparent that from all of these presentations we would need to advertise on campus to identify students (for example at study abroad fairs), or have some other personal connection to attract at least the initial students (until word gets out). So at this point we have no potential volunteers from this effort.
- Sources of Funding: Victoria Metz and Nancy Winters began to identify non-profit agencies and foundations that could grant us funding to build classrooms and others that could provide funding needed to conduct the program. (Estimated capital cost of \$30,000 for classroom facility; estimated operating cost of \$15,000 per site/year.) We have not applied for any of the grants to date.

**4) Reach out to the community**

- Rupert Wild created a 4-minute video from the interviews of teachers and Pre-Form 1 English graduates that Nancy Winters and Marty Werner took in 2015. This video was posted on U-tube and we linked it to our website.
- Ernie Malick and Nancy Winters were interviewed for a repeating TCTV (local) program. This was very successful. It was also posted to You Tube and has been linked to the website.
- Nancy and Ernie were also interviewed by KXXO 96 FM radio for a short (~12 minute) segment.
- Nancy and Marty made presentations in church and adult Sunday School at Gloria Dei for Super Tanzania Sunday. And Marty Werner made a presentation at the West Olympia Lions Club.
- Kirsten and Nancy put up a Facebook page for TTF.
- Nancy prepared an article for the Wittenberg University on-line alumni newsletter.
- We took and filled orders for T-shirts at the fundraiser. We also gave T-Shirts to the BOD members and to Martin Mwakaje and Headmaster Juma. If we want to continue to take orders for T-shirts we will need to have more made in Tanzania next year.
- We successfully delivered the donated Encyclopedia Britannica to Manow Lutheran Junior Seminary by taking them in action packers on the plane.
- Nancy was invited to speak at a Partnership meeting in Matema, Tanzania. The meeting was convened by the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and included German, American (Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop and staff), and Swedish Diocese project partners. Nancy's 5-10 minute presentation (including the 4 minute video) was quite well received and followed up with a number of discussions with the participants.

##### **5) Provide administrative support to the organization**

- The voting membership elected two new board members at its annual meeting: Victoria Metz and Kirsten Rue.
- George filed the income tax form required by the IRS and paid the state fee.
- George has developed tracking system for income and expenditures.
- The Board of Directors conducted Annual Meeting of Membership in March.
- Nancy began developing a filing system to manage official TTF records. There is more work to do on this.

- Emily Conrad and Nancy Winters continued to update the website.