

16. FRIDA MANASE GIDEON

10 years old Frida came to the centre from Unga Limited, one of the slum areas of Arusha as a sad girl who found it difficult to mix with the others. However, withing a short while of her admission, she developed into a charming and playful little girl. Her mother died of AIDS in 2012, leaving her to the care of her maternal grandmother, who also passed away a year latter. This was like the loss of a second mother to her, and may have accounted for her sad demenour that was often on her face. A grand aunt (the sister of her grandmother) whose husband had also dissappeared over 40 years ago took charge of Frida, out of compassion, though she was clearly unable to carry the burden. Her father's whereabouts are unknown, and he has never shown any interest in the girl. Now Frida is attending class two at Yakini Primary School, one of the very good schools in Arusha where all Canaan school going children attend. She is HIV positive, but she is not sickly and therefore not on ARVs. Frida loves to cook, therefore she is often to be found in the kitchen eager to learn every thing about making dishes.



17. BRIGHT EMMANUEL MAOMBI MOLLEL

11 years old Bright hails from Sombetini Ward of Arusha Urban District. Bright was born in a family that has been severely affected by the HIV/AIDS scourge. Bright is HIV positive and on ARVs. A few months after being admitted to the Centre, he was hospitalized for a minor surgery to remove a swelling on his gums. He recovered from this operation very nicely. His father died of the HIV scourge several years ago, while his mother (unemployed) and an elder sister are both AIDS patients on ARVs. Thankfully, the other three children in the family are not infected by the virus. The family lives in very poor conditions in Sombetini ward of Arusha city. He is now in class two at Yakini Primary School, where he started very poorly but has made steady progress and is now an average pupil. We latter admitted two of the younger sisters of Bright (Irene and Ester bellow). Bright loves football, but he mostly prefers to be a spectator watching others playing.



18. IRINE EMMANUEL MAOMBI MOLLEL

Irene who is now 7 years old is a younger sister of Bright Emmanuel above. They both hail from Sombetini Ward of Arusha Urban District. They have been admitted to the Centre together with their younger sister, Ester who (bellow) is now attending our Kindergarten. Unlike Bright, both Irene and Ester are HIV negative. Their mother who is also HIV positive and on ARVs, has been left with the care of their elder sister who fortunately is also HIV negative. Irene has joined a special program to be prepared for class one next term at Yakini Primary School. She is a very attentive girl, who also expect other to pay attention to what she is doing, she will always seek appreciation, if it is not readily given.



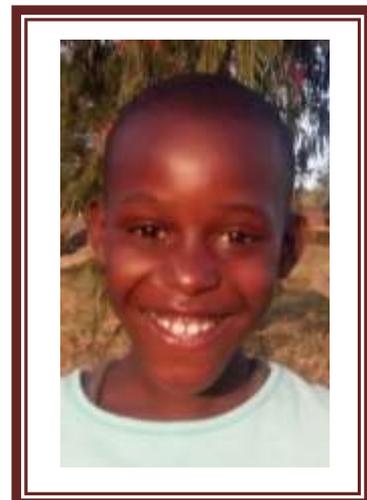
19. ESTER EMMANUEL MAOMBI MOLLEL

This five years old girl is now the youngest of the three siblings all taken to the Centre. Her siblings are Irene and Bright above. She is a polite, but who does like to disturb other children, and similarly she does not want to be mistreated by other children. When mistreated by other children Ester becomes angry and will cry silently. She needs to be observed very careful because she has a little tolerance to being disturbed. Ester is attending our Kindergarten where she has shown very good progress. She has shown an artistic potential doing very well in colouring and even simple painting. Ester takes very good care of her personal things and does not like anybody to disturb what she has arranged.



20. SWABA ABDUL

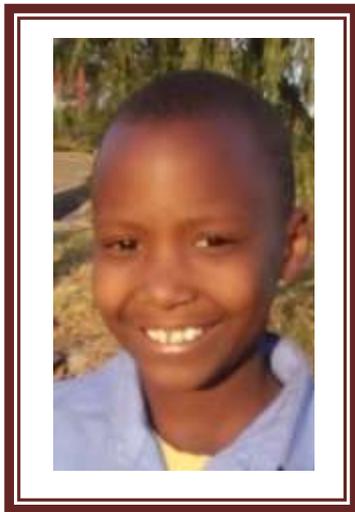
8 year old Swabah lost both of her parents within a span of one year (Mother 2010, father 2011). After the death of her parents, she was left to the care of a middle aged grandmother, who is well known as the village drunkard in Sadalah Village, near Moshi. Needless to say, the life of this young girl became so difficult that, a younger sister of this grandmother decided to rescue her. However, in spite her good heart, this kind woman could not manage to care even



for her own children, who are being supported by Compassion Tanzania. At the end of last year we admitted Swabah, from Likamba Village close to the Centre and now she is in class one at Yakini, where she is an average pupil. She is a very lively girl who loves to play in the centre compound with other children, but will try to avoid doing any work as much as she can.

21. REDEMPTOR SEBASTIAN

The mother of 9 years old Redemptor who is a prostitute, used to lock her in her small room leaving her alone as she went on with her business of chasing clients until her poor maternal grandmother took pity on her and decided to rescue her. Unfortunately, while in the care of her grandmother, her alcoholic father has repeatedly attempted to take custody apparently with the intention of sexually abusing her. When he failed, he attempted to burn the hut in which Redemptor lived with her grandmother. Due to the clear danger to this child posed by both parents, the grandmother sought protection at Canaan Children's Centre, while her case is being pursued by relevant authorities. At the time of her admission, she was a stubborn girl who was not willing to admit even a clear mistake, but she has since mellowed into a cooperative girl who readily accepts correction. At school, she has not been doing very well, she had to repeat class one this year. However, she has done very well in the repeated class being the fourth in examination results for the first term.



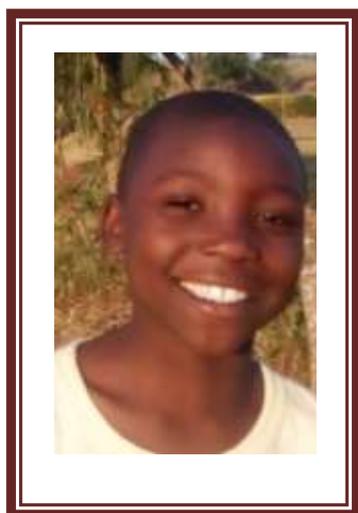
22. JACQUILINE MWALIAGO

Now 10 years old, Jacqueline was admitted to the Centre in October 2013. Before coming to the Centre she was living with a sickly paternal aunt at Usa River. Both her and her aunt are HIV positive and her aunt is on ARVs. They were both being hosted by her cousin, the daughter of her aunt. Her aunt who loves Jacky so much, was much concerned about the future of her niece, because her daughter was getting married and she was not sure that the husband will accept giving care to Jacky. Jacky is a very responsible girl who has shown exemplary behaviour to other children at the Centre. Her parents died of AIDS when Jacky was less than a year old, where was living with a sickly aunt. Jacky is now in Class 3 at Yakini Primary School where she has made a steady improvement since she joined from the tail end of the class to the middle in terms of academic performance. Jacky is a very responsible girl who has shown exemplary behaviour to other children at the Centre. She is unique among all girls at the Centre in her love for football; she will often be seen playing this sport with the boys, while other boys look on.



23. FRANCISCO SILVESTER

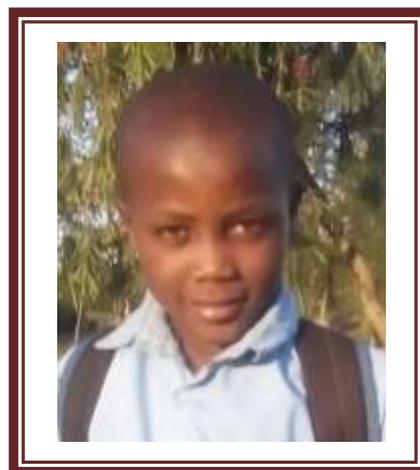
When the mother of 8 year old Fransisco died, the baby boy was three days old. He was left to the care of an old widowed maternal grandmother in Unyamwanga, Tukuyu District, Mbeya Region. The man who was thought to be his father rejected him right from the beginning and is reported to have disappeared from the village since the boy was born. When the uncle of his



mother, who is traditionally now the head of the extended family visited the village, Fransisco was so strongly attached to him, that it was difficult to leave him behind. This kind old man who lives in Arusha is unemployed after being retrenched from Sun Flag Textile factory and has been fighting for his dues without success for the last 20 years. He currently lives in Esso Tindiga Slum area of Arusha city and has 8 children of his own, of which only two are now independent. Fransisco is now in class two at Yakini, where he has shown great progress, being the second the class during the last school test. At the centre, Francisco is popularly known by staff and children as the Parish Priest because of his love for prayer, often pretending he is a priest conducting mass. He also likes to play with soil as a builder, making plaster, roofs and flows. He often has to be restrained from plastering our buildings with mud!

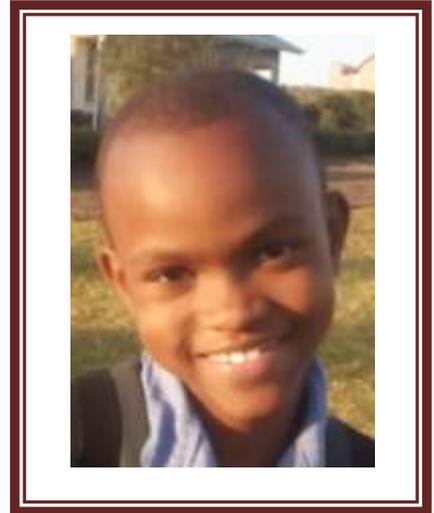
24. HAGAEL AINEA

Hagai who is now just over 11 years old is currently. Hagai is a lively boy, who can sometimes be naughty. In the early days at the Centre, Hagai had a bully tendency, An experience at the beginning of this year, when he became very weak was well supported by the other children has greatly transformed Hagai. He is now very kind, often being the first to give a helping hand to the younger children at the Centre. We took him from Usa River where he was living with his mother in a room offered to them by a community church because they were too poor to afford a rented room. Hagai is HIV positive and on ARVs like his mother, but he is generally in very good health. Like the other older children, Yakini Primary School where he had to repeat class one due to poor performance, but he is now in class two after finally passing class one tests. His great love is to play football, that has made him to kick everything on the way that looks like a ball.



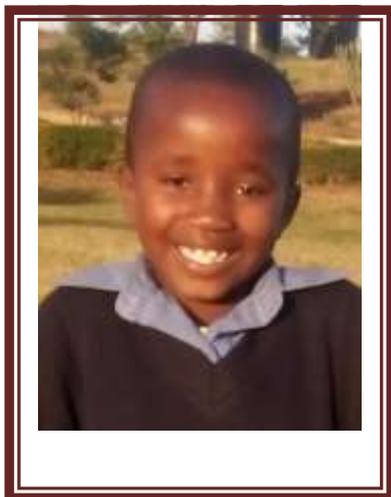
25. FADHILA

Fadhila who is now 9 years old, is clearly taller than her age. This is a very special girl at the centre who was brought in older to rescue her from a forced early marriage. From the tender age of 4, her father had already given her away to a man who was to marry her as soon as she reaches puberty. Her mother disagreed with her father, therefore approached our Kindergarten teacher who was a LOA trainer in their village in Engaruka for assistance. When our teacher was recruited by the Centre, she requested the Centre to give protection to this very bright and hard working young girl, which we readily agreed after the necessary paper work. Fadhila is now in class three at Yakini, where she has started very poorly, because of coming from a poor school, but within one term she has made tremendous progress.



26. OLIVA YAHAYA

Oliver Yahaya, was born in Unga Limited slum area of Arusha four years ago to a young school dropout and a father who is reported to have completely abandoned both the mother and the child and refused to take responsibility. The grandmother of Oliver who is also her namesake, is a poor though courageous woman who while being HIV positive, has resolved to live with hope. She is



currently engaged an association of people living with HIV/AIDS, in which she is engaged in tailoring activities. Oliver senior (the grandmother), has managed to obtain sponsorship for her daughter who is currently pursuing a vocational training course in Mbeya, where they originally come from. Due to her limited resources to care for the young Oliver, senior Oliver sought the assistance our centre; and we readily accepted to take Oliver, after we obtained the approval from Social Welfare Department. Oliver was thought to be HIV positive because she was sickly, but on testing we found her to be free of the virus, Since she joined she centre with good treatment and nutrition, she has become a health and strong girl. She is now at Yakini where she is part of the special program to

prepare for joining class one next term. She likes to act especially the role of a bride.

27. SAADA ISMAIL MUSA

Saada Ismail Musa, is a seven year old girl who was living in Matejoo, a slum area of Sakina Ward, Arusha city with a poor grandmother. Her mother who is a prostitute and totally irresponsible towards her daughter, is not even sure of who is the father of this poor girl, because the one who was named as a father refused to accept responsibility. Saada used to stay

with her mother, but her means of making a living meant Saada was often left alone at night, therefore the poor grandmother decided to intervene and protect her granddaughter. After doing one year at our Kindergarten, she has now joined a intermediate preparatory class at Yakini, expected to join class one next term after a special intervention program, in which she as made a very positive progress. Though young, she is a very responsible girl, who likes to assist in whatever she can. She is very fond of playing with water and clay making clay tiny pots, which makes her almost always soiled!

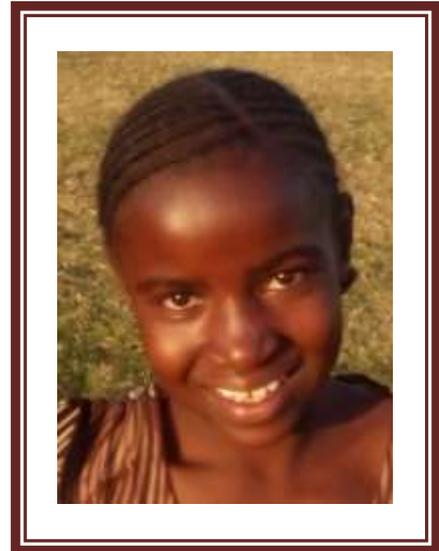
28. GABRIEL EZEKIEL

The mother of now 6 year old Gabriel is a school dropout, while his father who has completely refused to accept responsibility is suspected to be an unemployed youth. Both Gabriel and his mother are HIV positive and using ARVs. In order to scratch a living for her and her son, Gabriel's mother had to work day and night at Namanga border post, leaving Gabriel to the care of her mother at Ngaramtoni semi urban slum. Gabriel came to the Centre as a sickly boy who had to be taken to hospital almost every week. However, now he has become a strong and healthy young boy, who loves to chase sheep around the centre compound. He is being schooled at the Centre kindergarten, where doing fairly well.



29. LUCIANA JULIUS MOLLEL

The father of 11 year old Luciana died in 2009; then in 2011 her mother also died of complications of AIDS. We found her in the poor slum area of Kijenge Mwanama, where she was living with her 67 year old maternal grandmother in very poor conditions. Luciana was clearly traumatized by the loss of her parents and at the beginning she was always downcast. Nevertheless, this brave girl has made tremendous improvement since she came to the Centre. Though she would still occasionally appear to be deeply in thoughts, Luciana has always been one of the best behaved children in the centre, being very polite and a natural leader, always trying to show others the right thing to do. She is also attending class two at Yakini Primary School, where she has always done very well, in the last report she was fourth in her class. She loves cooking, therefore she is often to be found helping in the kitchen.



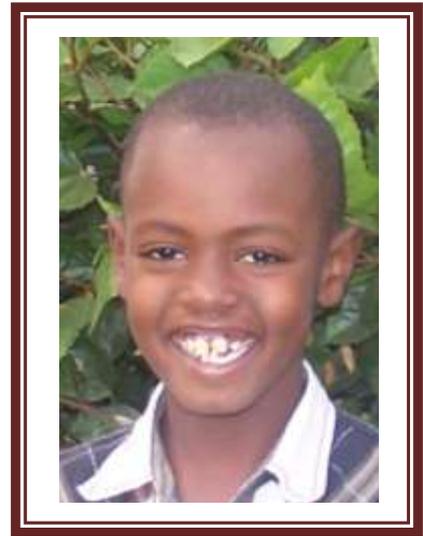
30. DEBORAH FARAJA



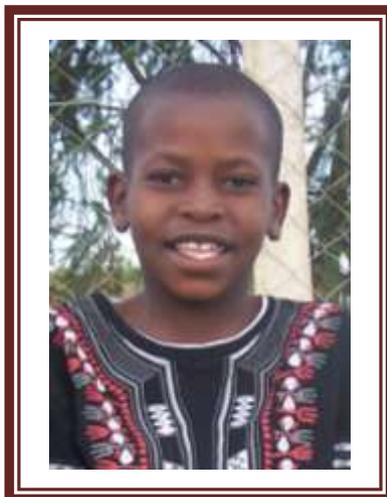
Deborah who is just over 9 years old, was born in a family of four other children. Their father died of AIDS five years ago, leaving them to the care of a sickly mother who has stubbornly refused to take the HIV test. We are happy that under these circumstances, Deborah has remained HIV negative. The family lives in Tindigani slum area of Kimandolu ward, Arusha city, where the mother is known to be a brewer of illicit liquor. While the means of earning a living used by this mother poses dangers to the child, it is also not sufficient to meet even their basic needs. Deborah is attending class two at Yakini, where she has steadily remained among 10 best performers in her class. She is a very lively and intelligent girl who loves to play with baby toys, but she is also very slow in doing things and particularly does not like to take part in small chores that all children are trained to do.

31. BRYSON EVARIST

Since the death of his mother, who was a single mother, 9 years old Bryson has been in the care of his very poor maternal grandmother, because his father who is known for being an irresponsible drunk, had refused to accept parental responsibility. The grandmother is poor and unemployed widow living in Sakina area of Arusha city. We found Bryson living with this poor old woman in a neighbourhood that is notorious for illicit liquor brewing and drinking. Probably from the bullying experience that he had received both from adults and his peers, Bryson had developed a tough defiance and meanness, with which he came to the centre. With love and care, our staff has managed within the last one year to make him a smart young boy who is eager to relate friendly to other children as well as adults, though he still finds it very hard to ask for forgiveness when wrong. He is now in class two at Yakini where he is an average pupil. He loves taking care of sheep and football.



32. ALEX WINSTON MPOGOLE



Alex was born to a cohabiting couple (a Christian father and Moslem mother) living in the slum area of Sinon Daraja Mbili, Arusha city, 10 years ago. When his father died of Tuberculosis as a complication of AIDS in December 2012, Alex was left to the care of his sickly mother, who is also an AIDS patient on ARVs. Though he has sometime shown some bullying tendency, Alex is very quick to ask for forgiveness even to other children when he does something wrong. He is a very intelligent boy who is currently in class 3 at Yakini Primary School, where he has been doing very well often being among the top 5 in his class. His greatest love is to play football, which he enjoys with other boys in the centre play ground. Even though he is HIV positive and using ARVs, his general health has remained very good.

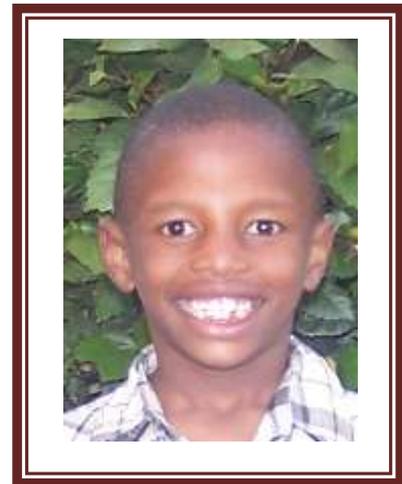
33. MESSIA DANIEL

6 years old Mesia, still carries the sir name of the late husband of her mother, though she was conceived after his death, because she was born in the matrimonial compound in the neighbouring Likamba village where we took our water supply. Her mother who is a poor peasant, hardly able to make a living is also HIV positive and on ARVs. The mother has 5 more children, four of whom are still dependent on her. Mesia is attending Kindergarten at the Centre where she has shown average performance. Mesia is a very shy girl who is often shy even to have her photograph taken. Mesia always want to stick close to an adult, you will see her hanging around one of the matrons or security guards and following them around wherever they go.



34. DANIEL LALASHA

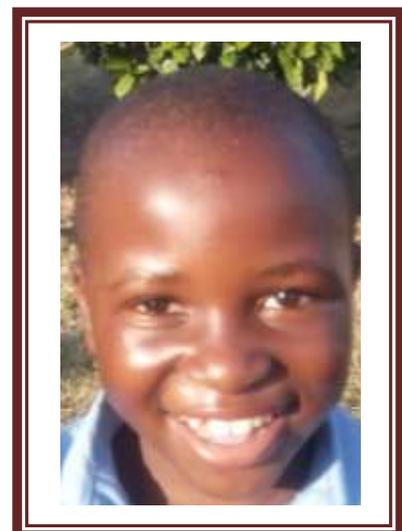
The father of 8 years old Daniel was living in Likamba village (where we source, our water), when he succumbed to AIDS and passed away in 2010. His mother now a widow is also HIV positive and on ARVs, was left to scratch a living for Daniel and his elder sibling Namanyaki, who is now 10 years old. When the mother learnt about the centre, she requested us to give her a hand by taking Daniel, who is HIV positive, therefore need more care into our centre at the end of 2014.



Due to poor family background, when she came to the Centre, Daniel could not pass the interview to join class one, therefore he had to do one year of Preparatory school at Yakini, and this year he joined class one, where he is still struggling to cope. He is one of the boys who loves livestock, and the recent addition of a sheep fattening project at the centre, has made the centre much more of a home to him.

35. ANGELINA JUMA MAHELU

7 year old Angelina and Emmanuel above come from the same village and were brought to Arusha by the same kind man. At the time of her admission Angelina could speak very littler Swahili. However, this very bright girl has since made a lot of progress, speaking Swahili very well and attending at our kindergarten, where she is making above average progress. Nevertheless, she has her own peculiar way of expressing her



deep joy and love by running to hug everyone at all possible opportunity. Angelina lost both parents to AIDS, the father dying before she was born, while the mother left her when she was only 7 months old, but Angelina has remained very health and she was not infected with the virus. She is very good at colouring and loves to draw pictures.