

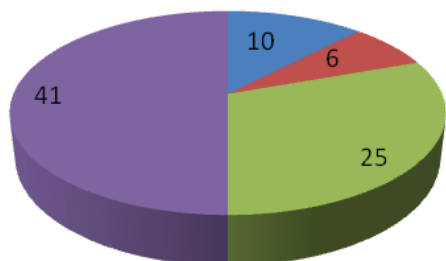


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### • THE CHALLENGES OF CARING

The total number of children who are permanently at the Centre during this reporting period is 41. This is as indicated in the chart below



- 0-12 months
- 1-5 years of age
- Over 5 years of age
- Total number of children

Although there is a reduction in the number of children that are staying at the Centre due to some being reunited with their families or adopted, the cost of care for the remaining and new ones at the Centre continues to be a big challenge.

The cost of caring for the children, including the necessary administration costs, remains at well over US\$100 per child per month, so the need for donations to maintain the high standards of care is high and a challenge for the Centre's Board of Trustees

*This edition covers activities from July to December 2014 and we are glad to share with you good stories on achievements, challenges and hopes for the future. Please check a new look of our website, www.ngaleku.org*

### • NEWS UPDATE

2014 has been very exciting with new children admitted while others have been reconnected with their existing families or adopted. The number of donors was lower this year but we thank those who still continue to maintain their pledge every year as without them it would be too hard for the Centre to cope with the increasing demand from the District Welfare Office to accommodate children who are at risk.

It was also exciting to see the Cable News Network (CNN) via its African Voices program approaching the Centre and managed to convince the Founder to talk about his passion to help disadvantaged children and his desire to build the Centre in order to provide them with the care they need. Please visit the CNN episode of African Voices: <http://cnn.it/1ymjVwl>

With the support from the Rombo District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Dar es Salaam issued the long-awaited registration of the Centre's clinic. With this recognition, the Centre can now provide a service to the local community.

Within the local community we have had people giving whatever they have to ensure that the children at the Centre are healthy and well protected. This was seen by some local farming families donating a certain amount to help the children while some other groups such as the WAWATA (Wanawake Wakatoliki Wa Tanzania or Catholic Women of Tanzania) from Kilimanjaro Region came to visit the Centre bringing various presents, as in the photos below.



EDUCATION

With the support of the Dutch Foundation under Pieter and Olga de Haas, the children continue to access good education within the region. In 2014, a total of 33 children attended primary education. Out of this number, 15 had already been connected with their families but are still being supported by the Centre.

The coming year 2015 will see the twin girls, Paulina and Patricia Tira who were the first children to be accepted at the Centre in 2007 when they were five years of age, beginning secondary school. (See photo in the next page).

The table below shows the number of children who are currently attending school with support from the Centre.

EDUCATION STATUS	NUMBER	RESIDENCY STATUS	
		LIVING AT THE CENTRE	LIVING WITH FAMILY
Pre-school	9	9	0
Standard I-III	15	7	8
Standard IV-VI	17	10	7
Standard VII	3	2	1
Secondary	2	0	2
TOTAL	46	28	18



From left: Pauline and Patricia when they were 6 years of age and now 13 year old teenagers.

PROJECT NEWS

All current projects are aimed at reducing the overall costs of caring for the children

**Maktau Mountain View Lodge:**

The Lodge is now in the final stages of completion (see photos on the right), and aims to accommodate guests and tourists, especially mountain climbers who may want to spend some time with the children. Several very generous donors have contributed materials and funds to enable continuing progress.

The Lodge is also made of four rotunda-like structures with four rooms each which together will accommodate up to 16 guests at a time. The lodge also has a dining and lounge building for drinks and meals and besides a swimming pool is planned to allow visitors to enjoy the sometimes dry and hot environment in that area.

A view of Maktau Mountain View Lodge; below is the visitors recreational building.



**Sunflower Oil Extraction Plant and Maize Mill:**

This project is also in the final stages of completion, and will not only supply maize meal and sunflower oil and byproducts for the Centre but will help the surrounding community who will no longer have to transport their harvests far away for sale and processing.



**Pigs project**

This project will resume soon after fumigation and minor repairs for the whole shed are completed.

Pigs shed building inside view



Above are the maize milling and sunflower machines and working / storage building

From left: the famous ' Matilda' cow with her new calf; chicken layers and the fishpond



**Dairy Cows:**

In order to increase the milk production, the Centre has rented a 3.8 acre piece of land so that quality grass is planted. At the moment, the Centre receives 13 litres of milk per day from the two dairy cows which is all consumed at the Centre.

**Vegetable garden:**

Since this project started three years ago, there has been a good return with good supplies of bananas, pawpaws and vegetables. With good rains, it is expected the first good crop of mangoes and avocados will be harvested this year.



The horticulture garden - From left: bananas,, vegetables and the orchard with mango, pawpaw and avocado trees.



## “Out of Love for Children”



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the management, I would like to take this opportunity to send heartfelt greetings to all friends of Cornel Ngaleku Children Centre. The names of all the donors are too great to individually mention in this newsletter but your generous contributions in different forms including monetary, building materials,

food items and even moral support for the new and on-going projects will always remain in our hearts. I would like to particularly thank the Kilimanjaro Region parishioners together with the WAWATA whose commitment and dedication to visit the Centre and donate towards the upkeep of the children was immense.

May the Good Lord shower you with peace and prosperity in all your deeds during this New Year 2015. I would personally like to see you visit the children at the Centre and also see the development of all the projects you have been supporting.

### We welcome donations to help our children through the following bank accounts:

Cornel Ngaleku Children Centre  
National Microfinance Bank (Tanzania Shillings Account)  
Clocktower Branch, Arusha  
Account No. 40806600081

Cornel Ngaleku Children Centre  
I & M (T) (US Dollar Account)  
Arusha Branch  
Account No.: 030035340111  
Swift Code: "IMBLTZTZ"