

BAOBUYU LEARNING CENTER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Meet The Taylors

We would like to give a special mention to Patrick and Rene Taylor this month. The Taylors lost their son, Jonathan, recently. As they travelled across oceans, they held Jonathan with them, remembering him in churches along the way.

Zambia was their final destination. Rene, having received one of our bags from the Women's Sewing Circle, found inside a drawing from one of our art club students, Jonathan. Needless to say, this affected them deeply and as they came to the end of their trip, the Taylors made the decision to make a generous donation towards our school.

With the money donated, we purchased a new mokoro for our school, a symbol of laughter and joy for our students, as you can see them all squeezed in. We are deeply thankful for your support Patrick and Rene!



We
love
you

We want to say a grand thank you from all of us here at Baobuyu, to Kate, Karl and Sanjay whom visited us this month on behalf of Patrick and Rene. The Taylors' story left us all deeply moved as we reflect on the dearth of life. We love you, Patrick and Rene!



Debra



This month, we welcomed delightful Debra to the Women's Sewing Circle! Before joining us, Debra attended the Livingstone Institute of Business and Engineering Studies where she practiced plumbing and pipe fitting. However, Debra has always longed to learn how to sew! In fact, it is her dream to one day become a tailor and teach others what she has learned. Ready to make her dreams a reality, Debra has embarked on a four month training period, dedicating lots of time and patience cutting, stitching, and buttoning... she is getting more skilled by the day! So far, she has enjoyed the challenge of tracing and cutting the pieces for our ornaments. Having witnessed the prosperity of the women in The Sewing Circle, she is encouraged that her desire to sew could one day provide for her and her son. We are so pleased with the progress she has made and we wait eagerly to see the beautiful pieces she makes!

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This July, we have also been joined by our newest in-person intern, Gabrielle. She was born in England and currently lives in Wales, where she attends Aberystwyth university (Aber-wist-with). Gabrielle is studying English literature and Creative writing and is particularly passionate about Poetry and American Literature. Her favourite things to do include: writing poetry and socialising with her Christian Union at university. During her time at Baobuyu, she has enjoyed getting to join the children in their lessons and took the opportunity to deliver a writing workshop to nearby schools, compiling an anthology of the best pieces of prose and poetry from the kids! Its been a fantastic month for Gabrielle here at Baobuyu Learning Centre!

Gabrielle



Thanks to Simon, Stephanie and Taina's generous donation, we have built our first garden nursery! We are so excited to use the Little Sprouts Garden Nursery as a way to teach our children more about gardening. Nevertheless, we just want to say a big thank you to those whose donation allowed us to plant something special at Baobuyu Learning Centre.



The elephants are back!! There have been several elephant sightings around Livingstone and we at Baobuyu have been eagerly (and nervously!) awaiting their arrival at the compound.



Fun fact!

Elephants can communicate with each other using infrasound, a frequency too low for humans to hear!

Elephant Invasion!



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