

THANK YOU!!

From February 6th 2010, I have visited Canada supported by the Kesho Trust and its members. The aim of my trip was to improve my English as a way forward to enrol in a University in Tanzania this year as well as promoting the work of our organization Ereto Maasai Youth (EMAYO) which is a local organization in Tanzania that is a Kesho Trust partner. EMAYO aims to address issues relating to community development in pastoral societies in Tanzania.

My trip started by landing in Montreal on February 6th in 2010. It was my first time to be out of my country (Tanzania). From Montreal I went to the northern part of Canada for one month [Whitehorse, Yukon], then back to Montreal and then I started an overland journey towards the west of the country.

I started my travels by bus, visiting and giving presentation at various places including schools, rotary clubs, public libraries, colleges and universities in Ontario, Manitoba, passing the prairies of Saskatchewan, Alberta to beautiful British Columbia Canada. Lastly, I went back to Whitehorse Yukon before coming back to my Canadian home town (Montreal) by driving from Whitehorse to Edmonton and then by Greyhound bus from Edmonton in Alberta through Saskatoon in Saskatchewan, Winnipeg in Manitoba and Ottawa in Ontario.

To be honest my trip was very successful, enjoyable and I had so much fun despite the weather condition which was very different from that of my home country Tanzania.

I would like to express my gratitude, thanks and appreciation to the Kesho Trust, to all its members and to all the supporters for their valuable financial, technical and time support for the success of my trip. I consider it as very big step forward towards both our missions of community development in Africa. I learned valuable techniques and gained more support and strength towards addressing development issues in the field of community developments.

Special thanks goes to Bruce Downie, the Director of the Kesho Trust, and Suzanne Simard for their invaluable financial, time and technical support towards the success of my trip. Without them I couldn't ever achieve this much in such a short period of time. Also my trip in the west depended very much on the efforts of Jackie Worboys. Thank you too. My achievements are others' achievements.

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I boarded a Greyhound bus in Montreal and said bye to them. What I had in my hand was my bus pass, the bus schedule from Montreal to my last destination along with names, places and contacts of the people whom I would be staying with throughout my trip.

I had never been to the places where I was going nor had met most of the people I stayed with. It was somehow difficult and scary to think about that. But due to their carefully planned and suitable arrangements and communication, I did not get into any trouble and I did not miss someone [usually my host] to pick me at the bus depot. Once again thank you so much.

Furthermore, I would like to express my deep thankful to my hosts all over with whom I stayed in my trip and others who supported me in so many ways [names below]. The love, care and compassion which you showed to me are imprints and fruits that will flourish my soul for my entire life time. The time, moral and financial support towards me and my organisation work is very significant and I do appreciate. To be honest and open, I really enjoyed staying with you and it was always very hard to leave the first place to the next. You are so incredible, keep that spirit of love within you and never hesitate to share with others. The more you share, the more you gain. Thank you so much!!

In addition, I would like to express my lovely and emotional thanks to the teachers and students of schools and other institutions [listed below] I visited. Here is where Canadian society and truth about Canada is found. The love, care and cooperation that the teachers showed to me all over I visited are uncountable. This represents Canadian parents/citizen towards addressing the global issues. The teachers were so nice. They were passionate, kind, smiling and happy all the time with me and the students.

Keeping aside cultural and environmental differences, the students were so nice as well. I did enjoy being with them and sharing some information with them. The questions and suggestions that they have given me were so useful towards my work. Their interaction with the teachers was so nice and they were behaving well wherever I visited.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all the people I have met in my public presentations all over my trip. They were so nice and I have so nice memories with them. The time that they devoted to come, listen and participate in my presentation plus their valuable support to my work is of vital importance.

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The support that you had provided through buying the women groups' jewellerys, direct donations by cash or cheques and online donations plus much more indirect support is so much appreciated by me on behalf of my community members whom I know they will feel so thankful when I go back and deliver the contribution to them.

My visit to Canada is the continuing work of the many towards finding global problem solutions. With love towards our self as towards others the way we love ourselves, will lead to peace and harmony in our planet earth. There are so many people in Africa and all over the world who need my help, who need your help. It is time now to consider helping others who can't help themselves.

Poverty, which leads to hunger, lack of water supply, health care, lack of shelter and many other problems in Africa and all over the world, among other things, is caused by lack of education that leads to fewer opportunities for better jobs with good pay to sustain people's lives.

We who have had an opportunity, it is worthwhile if we devote our time, knowledge and our financial resources to support our innocent fellows.

Consider yourself to be among those many who are contributing in a way or another towards the global issues. Consider supporting EMAYO; consider supporting any other organization that supports communities. Your small support plus my small support will lead to big support.

Thank you so much!

Emmanuel Ole Kileli
Coordinator EMAYO.

My Activities:

Feb 20	Ottawa, Ontario	Immaculata High School
March 23	Whitehorse, Yukon	Public presentation: Arts Underground
March 24	Whitehorse, Yukon	F.H Collins Secondary School
March 26	Whitehorse, Yukon	Vanier Catholic Secondary School
March 31	Whitehorse, Yukon	Yukon College
March 31	Whitehorse, Yukon	Rotary Midnight Sun Branch
March 31	Haines Junction, Yukon	Kluane Visitor Centre
April 22	Peterborough, Ontario	Peterborough Elementary School
April 22	Peterborough, Ontario	Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School
May 23	Peterborough, Ontario	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
April 27	Ottawa, Ontario	Immaculate High School
April 27	Ottawa, Ontario	McAlister residence reception
May 2	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Luncheon meeting: Andrea Philp & Paul Downie
May 3	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Living Prairie Museum [cancelled due to weather]
May 6	Revelstoke, BC	Revelstoke High School
May 6	Revelstoke, BC	Revelstoke Rotary Club
May 10	Lee Creek, BC	Neighbourhood gathering
May 11	Chase, BC	Chase Secondary School
May 12	Kamloops, BC	Sa Hali Secondary School
May 13	Surrey, BC	Invergary Adult Education Center
May 14	Vancouver, BC	Lord Byng High School
May 17	Parksville, BC	Parksville Rotary Club
May 17	Countenay, BC	Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School
May 18	Countenay, BC	Cumberland Elementary School
May 18	Countenay, BC	PASS Woodwind Alternative Secondary School
May 18	Parksville, BC	Public presentation: Parksville Library
May 19	Nanaimo, BC	Nanaimo District Secondary School
May 20	Nanaimo, BC	Vancouver Island University
May 25	Bowen Island, BC	Island Pacific School
May 26	Surrey, BC	Surrey Teacher's Association
May 30	Victoria, BC	Victoria CISV
May 31	Victoria, BC	Mount Douglas School
June 1	Victoria, BC	Individual Meeting: Bob Peart, the Kesho Trust
June 1	Victoria, BC	Dinner reception: Carol Hall
June 2	Victoria, BC	Individual Meeting: Nadine Lefort, Sierra Club

People I met on the way. Thank you so much!

S/N	PLACE	HOST NAME	THANK YOU FOR
1	Montréal, QC	1. Suzanne Simard	Teaching me more about using a laptop and a projector for my power point presentations. Teaching me English. Helping me understand that giving is more important than receiving.
		2. Monique Simard	Buying me a camera to help me document my work and my travels
		3. Nadine Petit Clerc	Helping me discover Montreal
		4. Tibeau Mathews	Teaching me to use carpentry tools and fix things
		5. Albert Mathews	Giving a computer to use and teaching me more about Excel
		6. Benjamin Simard Lachance	Helping discover winter sports
		7. Josianne Trudel	Connecting me with home meals in Montreal (goat meat) and accompanying me biking
2	Whitehorse, YK	1. Bruce Downie	Helping me draft my power point presentations. Teaching me about house building. Teaching me about conservation and community development, project management, writing proposals and international development.
		2. Jennifer Trapnell	Connecting with the Yukon media and organizing the presentation at Arts Underground
		3. Julie Peterson	Helping me understand how people in Canada are helping Tanzania
		4. Marianna Berko	Helping me discover the wilderness of the Yukon and encouraging me to love, care, and serve others
		5. Lee & Daphne Mennell	Helping me understand more about the importance of culture for people in the world
		6. Michelle Okly and Brent Liddle	Helping with my visit to Haines Junction
		7. Colleen Wirth and Kyle Horvath	Helping with the presentation and the donations from Yukon College
		8. Karen Barnes	Introducing me to your Rotary Club and work they do
3	Dawson City	1. Gordon Mc Rae	Helping me discover the parks in the Yukon and appreciate nature
		2. Maureen Abbott	Helping me learn more about people living in the north
4	Peterborough, ON	1. Dan Paleczny and Suzanne	Helping with my visit to Peterborough and helping me learn more about hydraulics in civil engineering
		2. Julie Cosgrove	Helping me understand more about the rights of First Nations' people in Canada
		3. Laura Munn	Helping me discover urban parks in Peterborough

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5 Ottawa, ON	1. Bente McAlister	Helping me discover Ottawa and organizing an event with the Tanzania High Commission and Tanzanian citizens in Ottawa
	2. Andrew McAlister	Helping me gain perspective on my work and understanding how foreigners love Tanzania
	3. Rosemary O'Shaughnessey	Connecting with Imaculata School and hosting several Tanzania-Canada events
	4. Betsy Mann	Helping me discover more about Canada's role in the world with visits to museums
6 Winnipeg, MB	1. Paul Downie and Andrea Philip	Facilitating my visit to Winnipeg and connecting with people interested in Tanzania
	2. Magaret Downie	Teaching me English with crossword puzzles and taking me to church
	3. Erin Sawatzky	Helping me discover more about Canada's natural history with a visit to the prairie museum
7 Revelstoke, BC	1. Robert Jay	Helping me understand the strong work ethic of young Canadians
	2. Jennifer Wolney	Connecting with the Revelstoke media and organizing the presentations at the Revelstoke Secondary school and the Rotary Club
8 Chase, BC	1. Sylvie Beillard	Teaching me about practices in raising farm animals in Canada
	2. Benoit Charrier	Helping me to learn more about house building and teaching me about the harmful effects to the environment from deforestation
	3. Barry Warkentin	Teaching me about farming with horses and fighting brush fires
	4. Nancy Parkinson	Hosting a presentation and helping with donations from Lee Creek
9 Kamloops, BC	1. Gordon Waterous	Helping with the presentation at Sahali Secondary School and teaching me about diseases in trees
	2. Megs Waterous	Showing me arts and crafts from Canada which helped me make a connection with the arts and crafts of Maasai women
10 Vancouver, BC	1. Yom Shamash	Encouraging me in my work and organizing the presentation at the Adult Education Center in Surrey
	2. Linda Shuto	Helping me navigate around greater Vancouver
	3. Alain Raoul	Hosting a presentation at Lord Byng High school and teaching me about the importance of commitment to social causes

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11	Nanaimo, BC	1. Shelagh Cronkite	Organizing a presentation at the Nanaimo District Secondary School and sharing her commitment to girls' education
		2. Leslie King	Organizing a presentation at Vancouver Island University and teaching me about First Nations communities
12	Qualicum, BC	1. Jackie and Neil Worboys	Organizing many of the presentations and arranging stays with host families in B.C. Teaching me about the passion behind community work
13	Bowen Island, BC	1. Adrian VanLidth DeJeude and Ginger Erskine	Helping me discover that many Canadians are content to live a simple and social life also are committed to nature conservation
14	Surrey, BC	1. Stephen Anderson	Helping me learn more about ethnic food and hosting me at the Surrey Teachers' Association
		2. Donna Stewart	Organizing a presentation to the Surrey Teachers' Association and showing me the border between Canada and the USA [Peace Arch]
		3. Bev Ford	Hosting me and giving me the opportunity to go biking and learn about bird watching [eagles]
15	Victoria, BC	1. Alison Hastings	Organizing a presentation at CIVS and helping me participate in the World Partnership Walk
		2. Barbara Mitchel	Hosting a presentation at Mount Douglas Secondary School
		3. Jennine Downie	Helping me understand more about Canadian families and how they interact with their children
		4. Carol Hall	Hosting a presentation and helping me understand more about international development projects focussed on conservation and community development
		5. Mark Miller	Continuing a friendship beyond culture and geographical barriers
		6. Teresa Cousland	Hosting me and helping me learn about family events in Canada
		7. Yvonne Prest	Helping discover Victoria and the University