

The Next Smile



Photo report: The Kindergarten of Joy

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Introduction

This document contains a photo collage of our finished project “Kindergarten of Joy.” For this project a team-member of The Next Smile travelled to Mafinga, Iringa in Tanzania. This place is 14 hours inland Tanzania, and one of the poorest regions in Tanzania. The average wages are \$40 a month, while people work and live in rough circumstances.

In this region there are almost no schools, it is common to see children aged 4-17 years old working on the lands. They do hard labour +-10 hours a day for 6 or 7 days a week. They have to do this in order to have 1 or 2 meals a day. Why their parents don’t provide for food? They do as much as they can, but the wages of 1 or 2 parents are not enough to feed a family. On top of this, about 70% of the children is raised by 1 parent or their parents passed away (HIV is a big problem here). Parents are in jail or the parents are working hundreds of kilometres away from home.

On the 5th of October 2020 the brand Ambassador Robin van Popering travelled to Mafinga, to see the situation first-hand and to build a school with 2 classrooms and an office. The project was finished on the 11th of November 2020. By this time, we got 69 children out of child labour and into our classrooms. From the moment the children joined the classes, The Next Smile provided 3 meals a day for each child. Ensuring that they don’t have to go back to work. This is arranged in agreement with the local chairman of the community and it is in agreement with the children’s parents/guardians. The Next Smile will continue to pay for food and will support this project.

Below you will see the work we have done.

Phase 1: Foundation (4 days of work)

















Phase 2: The walls (14 days of work)



























Phase 3: Roofing (8 days of work)





















Phase 4: Plastering (9 days of work)























Phase 5: Painting (3 days of work)























Phase 6: Installing the doors and windows (2 days of work)















Phase 7: School is finished, the opening







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Phase 8: Teaching!























