

English translation by Mansur Fazal in Calgary of Swahili hand written letter by the Headmaster of Qangded for BRIDGE THE GAP TANZANIA

STATEMENT / SHORT SUMMARY HONOURING AND WELCOMING OUR VISITOR FROM CANADA

13 MAY 2013

Our very dear guests Mr and Mrs Carlos, Councillor for Baray Ward, Secretary District of Eyasi, Hon. Village Chairman, Executive member of the Ward, Executive member of the Village of Qangdend, Coordinator of Education of the Ward, Chairman and vice chairman of the school council, our dear parents together with all our teachers of our primary school Qangdend, we humbly bring our greetings and wishes, welcome you all.

Our dear Guest, before any proceedings, we wish sincerely to thank you for your sponsorship of the thirty desks in 2011, and again this year twenty nine desks. We wish also to express our heartfelt thoughts for the long journey you have taken to be with us today, and we say to you KARIBUNI SANA – Heartiest Welcome. And please feel very much at home!!

Our dear guests Mr and Mrs Carlos this is a short history of our school.

Primary school Qangdend was established in 1978 under the leadership of Headmaster Daniel Mollel and until today we have had eleven headteachers amongst the leaders who have guided us.

Our dear guests, our school has a total of 740 students – 367 boys and 373 girls. And educationally we have standard one through to standard seven.

Our dear guests, below is our passing numbers of students since 2008 until 2012

2008 – 30 boys and 31 girls – total 61

2009 – 32 boys and 02 girls – total 34

2010 – 23 boys and 28 girls total 51

2011 – 40 boys and 35 girls – total 75

2012 – 41 boys and 22 girls – total 63

Total – 166 boys and 118 girls – grand total 284

Our dear guests, we expect this year 2013 to have an even higher passing rate. And a lot of this success can be attributed to the 59 desks together with text books we have received from you. This has enabled us to uplift education standards at our school.

PROBLEMS

Our dear guests, our biggest problems is the shortage of classrooms and staff housing, text books together with dining hall for students. In addition to the subjects being taught in this school, we have the subject of TEHEMA – (TECNOLOGIA YA HABARI NA MAWASILIANO) – technology information and communication. Our school has shortage of teaching materials.

Our dear guests, our school has shortage of sporting materials – soccer balls, shoes, shorts, shirts.

Our dear guests, In addition to the existing classrooms and staff housing these are all run down and we need these to be refurbished.

Our dear guests, we have a preschool programme of 30 students who do not have enough student material and teaching aids.

Our dear guests, our school also has shortage of staffing compared to the number of students. Presently we have 12 teachers – 6 males and 6 females. Realistically, our requirements are total of 19 teachers hence shortage of 7.

Lastly we like to thank our dear guests, together with our dear friends from Canada for their assistance of desks and school supplies / teaching aids, not forgetting our honourable guests gathered here today with students and teachers.

Our dear guests, we have nothing more to say except praying and thanking GOD to wish you a safe journey and back to your work. Lastly, we say THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU