



experience quest

Tanzania Schools & Community Project



Where? Waang'waray, near Babati, Tanzania

History: Experience Quest has been working in Waang'waray, Tanzania since 2007 alongside the Livingstone Tanzania Trust (LTT), to alleviate poverty through education, concentrating in particular on the school in Waang'waray village. Since primary education became free in 2002, pressure on schools has increased immensely and a large increase in pupil numbers has meant severely overcrowded classrooms and inadequate facilities. In order to improve the quality of education available, LTT has been working to construct new classrooms at Waang'waray to reduce class sizes and has been developing various income generating projects to enable the school to support itself. One such project is the sustainable school farm, which not only brings in money for resources but also allows the school to teach sustainable farming methods to the children. As most will not continue to secondary school, these skills are vital for success in the heavily agricultural Tanzanian economy. The school is also providing a model for the surrounding community who, with the help of LTT, are adopting many of these grass-roots income generation projects to improve their own livelihoods.

Sustainability: LTT is a UK registered charity and has local Tanzanian staff working all year round in partnership with the school and the local community, supporting their ongoing development when there is a lack of suitable skills or resources. Alongside their labour, Quest teams also bring a financial commitment in the form of volunteer donations to LTT, which go towards short and long term support for the project. This could, for example, go towards the building of new classrooms, teacher training programmes, the development and implementation of income-generating projects and the upkeep and maintenance of existing school facilities.

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What will your students be doing? A mixture of community, agricultural and construction work: building a classroom, teacher's house, or other school and community facilities, with your students laying bricks, mixing cement, digging, carrying, plastering and painting. Your students will also be assisting in the development of the sustainable school farm, whether this is through the construction of animal enclosures, the digging of new Tilapia ponds or simply helping with the day to day running of the farm.

There will also be the opportunity for your students to work with the children at Waang'waray school, organising sports and activity days and arranging after-school clubs and English conversation classes. Your students will have the chance to become truly integrated into the community in which they are working, taking part in football matches and visiting local churches, and will form close friendships with the builders on the project site and children in the school.

Other activity options: Following the project there is the opportunity to take a 4x4 safari through Tarangire National Park, the Ngorongoro Crater or another of East Africa's premier game reserves; climb Mt Kilimanjaro; trek to the summit of Mt Meru; head into Kenya and learn to scuba dive at Malindi; spot hippo at Lake Babati; overnight with a nomadic Maasai tribe and take part in daily Maasai life.

