

BUCKLE UP FOR A LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY

BUSES AT ST JUDE'S



A message of thanks.

The school day is coming to an end here in Tanzania and as I write this from my office, I can hear the playful sounds of hundreds of students boarding buses before heading home for the night.

It's a special sound to me.

Every morning we start our day with the same sound, students laughing and giggling as they get off the buses and run cheerily to the classrooms to absorb the life-changing gift you are giving them.

When you support our buses, you support the journey from some of Arusha's poorest areas to a brighter future.

Without our fleet of 22 buses, we wouldn't be able to reach as many students, ensure they arrive to and from school safely, or take them on mind-opening excursions to learn about the wonders of the world around them.

Over the years, our demands for transport have grown.

The happy chatter of just three students when we opened St Jude's 14 years ago, has grown into an ecstatic roar of more than 1,800 students today.

It is because of you that we are able to reach so many students and change so many lives.

So, strap yourself in and prepare to see the impact you are making.



Gemma Sisia

> **"** It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.**"**
> **-** ***Seneca, Roman Philosopher (4 BC – A.D. 65).***

GOING THE EXTRA MILES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Your donation to transport supports:

22 BUSES

18 DRIVERS

+

1 MECHANIC



Our buses travel almost **3,900km** per week – that's the drive from Sydney to Perth!



The longest route our buses travel in a day is: Moshono Campus to Kikatiti, **80km.**

Your support helps us transport:

fresh **products, goods** and **donations**

300 local staff members safely home to their families

Approximately **1,800 students** to and from school

+

excursions to places like **Olduvai Gorge** (the 'Cradle of Mankind'), **Lake Manyara National Park,** and the **Serengeti Plains.**

bus talk



GWANTWA - Grade 4D
Giraffe bus

"I like reading my Geography and History books on the bus."

"My government school did not have a school bus. I think it's better to have a school bus since you don't get tired going long ways to school on foot."

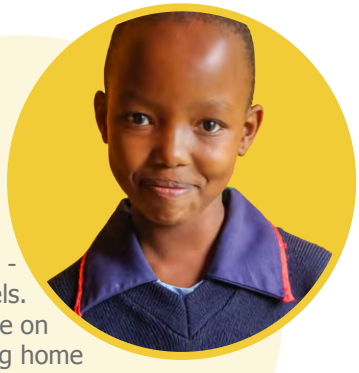
"The best place I have been on a bus is Lake Manyara National Park. We saw elephants, giraffes, lions and zebras."



MWANAISHA - Grade 4D
Zebra bus

"My favourite thing on the bus is chatting with my friends about all the studies of the day. I really like that the buses give us time to do some homework."

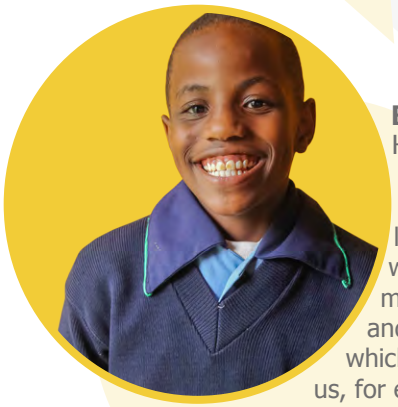
"People in town know our bus because we are taught good manners, to be polite and quiet when we leave the bus."



OLIVA - Grade 4D
Warthog bus

"I love to read books - class textbooks and novels. I am so proud to be on the Warthog bus going home because everyone knows that St Jude's is a very beautiful school that teaches well and has smart students."

"My favourite place to go on the bus is Tarangire National Park. We saw some beautiful animals like warthogs, monkeys, flamingos, lions, zebras, deer, elephants and giraffes."



BAHATI - Grade 4D
Hippo bus

"On the bus, I like reading stories with friends, doing mathematics problems, and singing the songs which our teacher teaches us, for example, the East African Community song."

"The best place that I have gone on a school bus is Kilimanjaro International Airport. We went to learn about the weather instruments such as Stevenson's screen, rain gauge, anemometer and wind vane."



SERAFIHA - Grade 4D
Leopard bus

"It is good to have the buses because we do not get so tired walking long ways home and we discuss any things that were a challenge to us in class. We can also teach each other all the songs that we know the words to – I like that."

ST JUDE'S **BUS TIMETABLE**

2002

The School of St Jude opens on the January 29th with **three students**.

Gemma's husband, Richard sells his safari vehicle so that the school can buy **our very first bus!**



Old faithful:
This is St Jude's very first bus, it was retired to the playground at our Moshono campus.

2004

The school bus fleet now numbers eight!

St Jude's educates **423 students** and employs **over 80 local staff.**



Bright buses for bright students:
St Jude's buses are fun inside and out.

2008

School buses travel **up to 40 km** for staff and students every day.

They paint a rainbow through the back streets of Arusha!



From little things, big things grow:
In earlier times we used smaller buses to transport our students and staff.

2010

The school now has a fleet of **20 buses**

and transports **1,300 students** and **over 340 staff.**



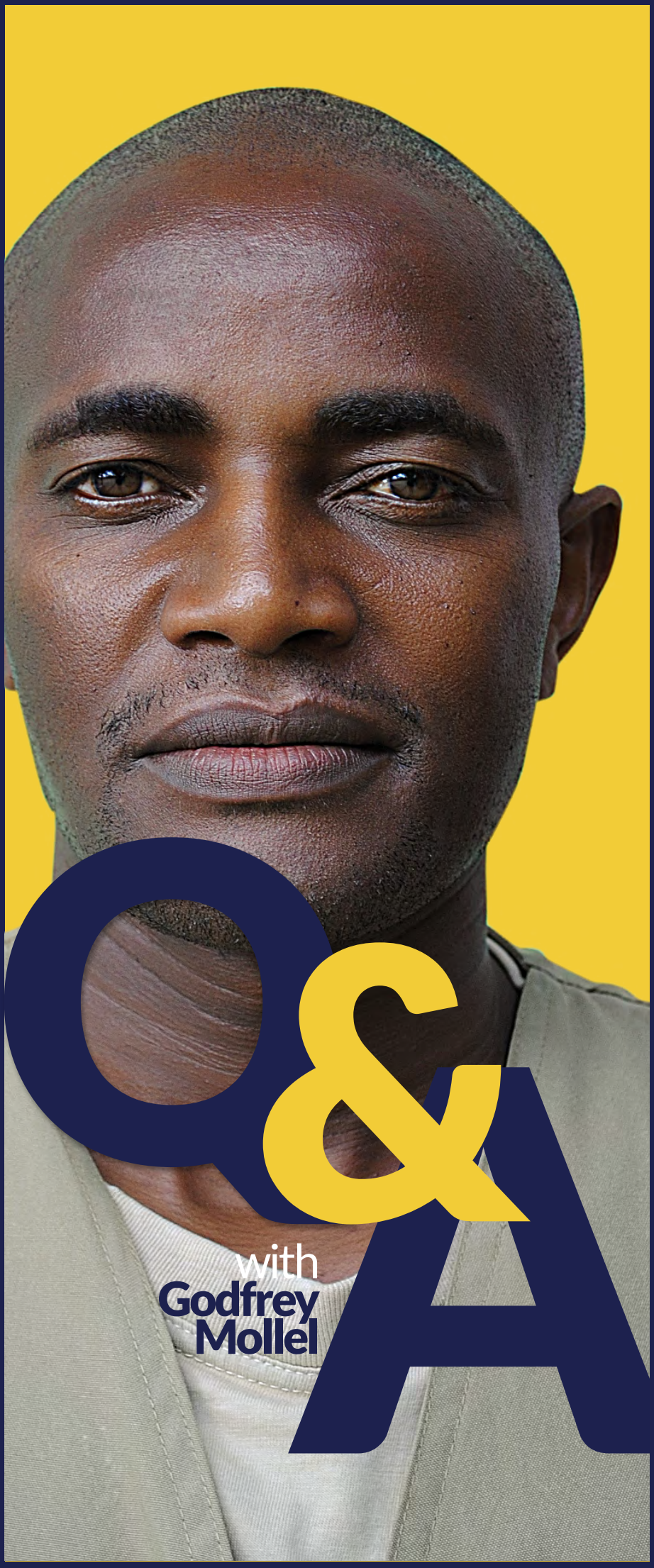
Fantastic fleet:
Time flies and so do our new buses over the rough roads of Arusha.

2016

The fleet reaches 22!

Many of our buses are now **60-seater tatas**.

The older smaller fleet have been gradually retired after a decade's dedicated service on the rough roads of Arusha.



Q&A with Godfrey Mollel

Godfrey is our longest-serving bus driver. He has worked at our school for over 10 years!

1. Why do you like working at St Jude's?
I like working at St Jude's because the salary I get here helps me to support my extended family (my wife, children, parents and other siblings). It is near my home, so I can easily come and go home without the need for transport. I think it is very good that the school provides employment to the people around the school.

2. What is the best part of your job?
I like the whole day. All parts of my job are good. The students are very well mannered, and I like it when they are quiet on the bus because I can concentrate well on driving, but I also like it sometimes when they sing, they sing very well.

3. What do you think of the buses at St Jude's?
It is good to have buses because students can come to school and go home safely. It makes them feel good, respected in general, rather than if they have to go on daladalas (small local buses that are often crowded) which makes them really uncomfortable. Also it makes them feel very special and happy.

4. Do you prefer to drive St Jude's secondary or primary students?
All are my favourite. All students are equal to me, even if some can behave funny sometimes. I like them and they are all really good people. I make sure to talk to them in a good way so that they can change any bad behavior.

5. Do you get to know many parents on your route? What do you talk about?
Yes, I know many parents. They love this school and are so grateful that the school is educating their children. They say that St Jude's is such a wonderful school and that they want to inspire other people to bring their children for the interviews during the enrolment period. For me too, I want to inspire people to bring their children for this chance.

Over the past 14 years, we've done some incredible things. You are an integral part of our story and we hope you are as excited as we are about the new chapters unfolding at our school!

Thank you for powering this life changing journey!

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