

TAFES BRIEFS

Tanzania Fellowship of Evangelical Students . OCT-DEC 2019 NEWSLETTER

“EMPOWERED TO GO AND WITNESS”

By Musa Kimaro

TAFES National Director

*“How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of
your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you
give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the
fountain of life; in your light we see light.” Pslam 36: 6 -9*

How wonderful you are to us, our hearts are full of thanks for your spectacular deeds. May you be exalted forever. God has been our refuge, provider and our delight. Words are not enough to mention of his love. Praise be to him

As we are rolling out the new year 2020, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all ministry stakeholders, partners and friends for their commitment and generous support they gave throughout 2019. It was not an easy one, but through collaborative efforts, we managed to achieve tremendous results from our operations. Thank you for responding to our spiritual and physical needs that we shared to you throughout the year.

As we all know, our ministry year begun in October 2019, and we have just completed the first quarter of the year. Thank you all for your engagement so far. We have been able to accomplish a number of programs because you raised your hands to support them and encourage us to push them further.

A few milestones for the quarter include, warm welcome to first years which took place in every region between



October – November 2019, Go conference in which a total of 727 participants attended, Prayer gathering, etc

We have rolled out an associate staff position and 10 associates across the country have committed to serve in this position.

Through one of our former staff team members, Tanga region has been pioneered and associates meets twice a month. Thank you for the words of encouragement and the support you showed during the hard preparations of all these programs. May God reward all your devotions for his glory.

In these three months however, our finances have not been in a good trend. Our quarterly expense budget (**Tshs. 147,358,884**) was achieved by only **59%**. (**Tshs. 77,301,018**) As a support-based ministry, your participation in funding the ministry activities is an important aspect for the achievement of the laid down plans.

Still we have a long way to go for the ministry year 2019/2020. Our aim is to increase our impact to students. This means more engagement programs and more interactions. It's our desire to strengthen our existing programs in colleges as well as expand our operations to other regions. We are still inviting individuals to enroll in the associate staff team. We believe by joining hands, all our plans for the year will be possible.

A TAFES EXPERIENCE

By Wilmina John

A first year student from the Institute of Rural Development Planning, Dodoma

I thank God for the opportunity presented to me and to be part of the fellowship of TAFES in my campus. Since I joined the fellowship my faith in God has grown.

The short time I have been in the fellowship I have seen my faith in God increasing through the sessions of Bible study and prayers.

In Bible study I have learnt how to relate the word of God personally through the Inductive Bible Study Method taught by my Bible study coordinator in the fellowship. I have been enjoying the fellowship of my fellow brothers and sisters during fellowship activities;



these to me have created bond and see myself being part of a big family. I thank and pray to God that I will keep growing in the faith.

By Thomas Sahinkuye

Masters student at SUA Morogoro



All under International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) umbrella, Tanzania Fellowship of Evangelical Students (TAFES) and University Biblical Group (**GBU: Groupe Burundi**)

share the same mission and vision. I have grown in GBU since my secondary school level. After my undergraduate degree I got a scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Irrigation Engineering and Management at Sokoine University of Agriculture based in Morogoro region.

To continue being equipped with the scripture in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development for enlarging the kingdom of God by transforming my surroundings, I decide to integrate TAFES. I have been joyfully welcomed by the communications officer by phone (I got her number from a staff in charge of our local group of GBU in my undergraduate university

campus) who connected me to the Morogoro region leader and at the end of the day I got the contact of the secretary of my university fellowship who introduced and welcomed me as a family member and I am still enjoying the fraternal communion within.

Furthermore, got a chance attended the Go Conference 2019, which had a motto Empowered to Go and Witness, where I met and interacted with many students from different universities. With its agenda, the main message was to count, rely and depend on the Holy Spirit in living and spreading the gospel. As a participant, I got a burden of praying and asking God, the author of my faith and Holy Spirit, to help me to grow in the ten gifts of evangelism and implement them in my campus so that many more students can be reached by the good news of Jesus Christ.



GO 2019 EXPERIENCE

*One of the core strategies for this TAFES quarter was to build students capacity for evangelism and missions through the Go conference that was carried out in Dec 2019. We are glad to report that **623 students, 54 associates, 18 international delegates, 11 children and 24 staff making a total of 727 delegates** attended the conference.*

*Among the many plenaries and seminars that were conducted, delegates were trained in **Ten Gifts for Campus and Workplace evangelism** that was conducted in small groups and also **76 students** were trained in how to lead manuscript Bible study, who in turn led the small groups Bible study during Go conference, The study was based on the book of Acts*

Abraham Benjamin Enoch's Story A student from Arusha Technical College

Praise Jesus,
It's my pleasure and honour as I take this chance to write my heart touching testimony on Go Conference of the year 2019 with a theme of "Empowered to Go and witness" Acts 1:8.

Go Conference 2019 is one of the events that my heart is always eager to speak of every moment and if I was to be so dramatical then I could simply say that Go Conference 2019 was the number one best mission conference for the year 2019 in the world.

I won't be selective and start listing down nor explain about the most enjoyable and favourite sessions and programs that I loved and enjoyed most during the Go Conference

mission event of the year 2019, instead I am confidently lifting up my chest and declaring that each and every session and program that was conducted during Go Conference was all marvellous and actually made my heart to melt with joy.

Go conference 2019 has been one of my 2019 life changing events since it equipped me with strategic ways of reaching people especially my fellow students with the good news of salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Go Conference didn't just end up at making me to be equipped but it also gave me the boldness of being the witness of the Christ by doing and living the deed of Christ.

Go Conference 2019 also implanted within me the desire and passion of knowing Christ more! and also making the nation to know Him more; I can't run out of words when it comes of speaking about my spiritual and social life transforming event like Go Conference, what I can simply say is that teachings that I obtained during Go Conference 2019 will always linger in my mind and I'll never regret on my time dedication for attending Go Conference 2019!



Profinius from University of Iringa

It was first time to attend GO conference this year. I had never enjoyed the glory of small group Bible study like at GO conference. I had learned the basics but struggling to practice them. I thank God for my group leaders and group members, now I have started enjoying the interaction with my Bible.

Also a testimony from one associate who for more than 15 year had been an active TAFES member inspired me and challenged me to know more about the goodness of this ministry.



William from St. Augustine Mheza Institute of Health and Allied Science (Tanga)

I have had the opportunity to attend TAFES events when I was in high school in Kilimanjaro at Old Moshi secondary but the experience of Go Conference is quite different since the emphasis is on missions (students reaching and discipling students) and reaching unreached people .

As Tanga students we agreed to have two groups , one group per each college, training and learning more on Ten gifts for Campus Evangelism and encourage each one of us to reach students through the gifts God has entrusted us with, we pray for God to make our desires come to pass.

God bless you for supporting 4 students from Tanga to attend Go Conference 2019. It has been a great experience since was the first TAFES national conference to attend as one of them

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THE CALL TO LEAVE OUR COMFORT ZONE

-“The experience of a TAFES staff worker”

By Florentina P. Fabian

Assistant Regional Coordinator (TAFES Lake zone)

My expectations before were to work within Dodoma since it was my very desire to be within the territories of my home land.

When I was told that I'm going to Mwanza, my expectations became somehow negative, because I expected to live uncomfortably because of being far from people I am used to but also for working in a place that has never stuck in my mind that I will live one day. I was very doubtful if I will be able to go along with the new environment, people and

experiences. Since among the difficult things in my life, is to easily accept the new seasons in life specifically the seasons that cause pains or groaning in me.

This God is amazing, even I, do wonder how abruptly I was able to get along with the new situations and people; Of course I knew my twin was living in Mwanza but Mwanza it is not a village it is the city, so I never knew that She was living very near to where I will be living, so I was worried If it will be possible for me to see her frequently.

God amazed me by bringing me to the very same place my very own God given twin is living, the place that I can use only 400 in a daladala (public transport) to reach, what shall I ask again. But also, he proved to me that He has people He had prepared for me earlier in every place He will be sending me, these people are very kind and loving, both, Mary (My co-staff), students, associates, and all other people we are living with. It's been awesome to work and to have my new experiences with them. They are very hospitable and caring. Mary is taking a lead on that



Some activities I've liked most when I was working with students are: Bible Studies with some colleges, fellowship services, leadership Training Seminar preparations and the camps

Sincerely, as I'm proceeding to serve, I get more strength and courage to move on; I am looking forward to help more students to know Christ and helping those who have accepted Him to grow according to the will of God by teaching, encouraging and advising them to rely on the word of God. Looking forward for the transformation of many students through the Gospel.



Q & A WITH MADAM SARAH DOTO



I am Sarah Abel Dotto, currently serving at the capacity of TAFES regional council chairperson in Iringa region. I am a mother of two. I am trained in Sociology (BA) from the University of Dar es Salaam and Master of Sustainable Development from Murdoch University in Perth- Western Australia. I have been working in development management under private sector for 9 years. Alongside ministry, family and employment, I am running a social enterprise by the name ABLE Social Innovation Lab with a primary social objective of investing in improving the lives of disadvantaged people.

Tell us madam Sarah, when did you join TAFES?

I firstly joined TAFES in 2002-2005 when I was a student at the University of Dar es Salaam during my undergraduate studies. After I graduated, have been attending TAFES events upon invitation. I have specifically resumed to the ministry since last year 2019 and have been entrusted to take a leading role.

What motivates you to serve among students?

Being a Christian and a mother, it is my obligation to work with the young generation and help them know Christ and live according to his purpose. Similarly, having gone through university life, I am aware of the challenges and opportunities that students face in relation to staying firm in proclaiming Christ by their deeds and words. Campuses exposes one to new people. In most cases, religion tends to be a most sensitive topic to introduce to new people. An instance, in campuses a single utterance of your religious belief gets you easily noticed. It is therefore very easy to either deepen your faith in Christ or loose it once you enter into college/university.

What have you learned so far through serving students?

Talking about real life experiences that the youth struggle with have been an effective way for them to open up and I used this to reconnect with the truth of the gospel.

How has student ministry impacted your life?

As days go on I feel that my passion for working with youth is increasing, I am indebted to do more. In fact I haven't done much yet. All in all I am glad that I have found the right place to invest my potential. I am confident that God is and will continue to provide all that is required for me to serve in this ministry.

One last word to associates.

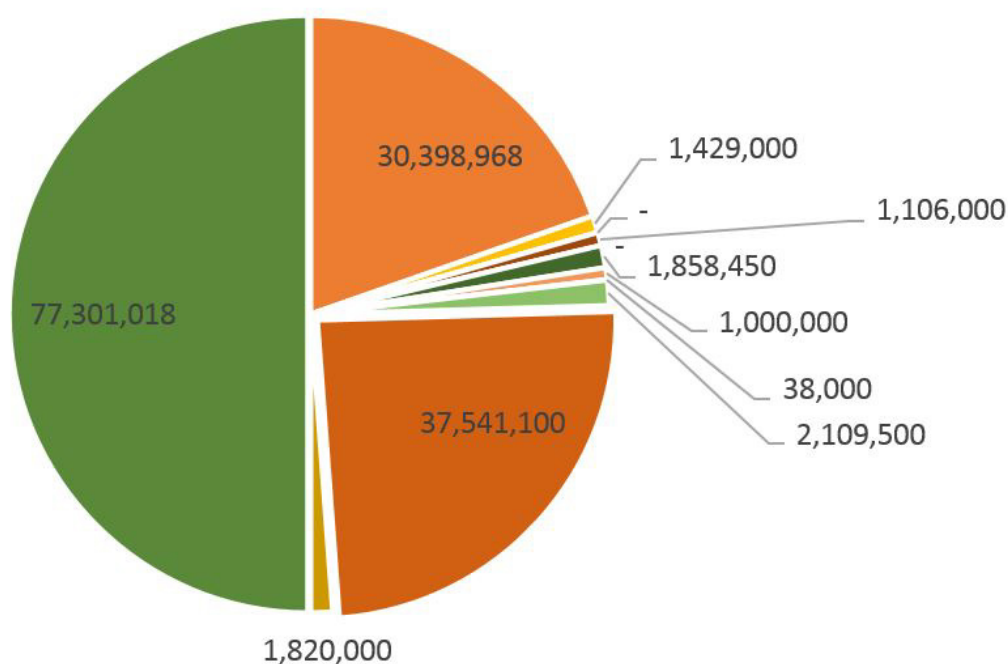
Associates have been and can continue to show justice to the young generation by supporting the ministry. Associates have so much that is worth sharing to the young generation as they deepen their faith in Christ, TAFES offers an avenue for this.

It is such an injustice to know about eternal life and do nothing

OUR FINANCES FOR FROM OCT -DEC 2019

Our income and expenses in Tanzania Shillings.

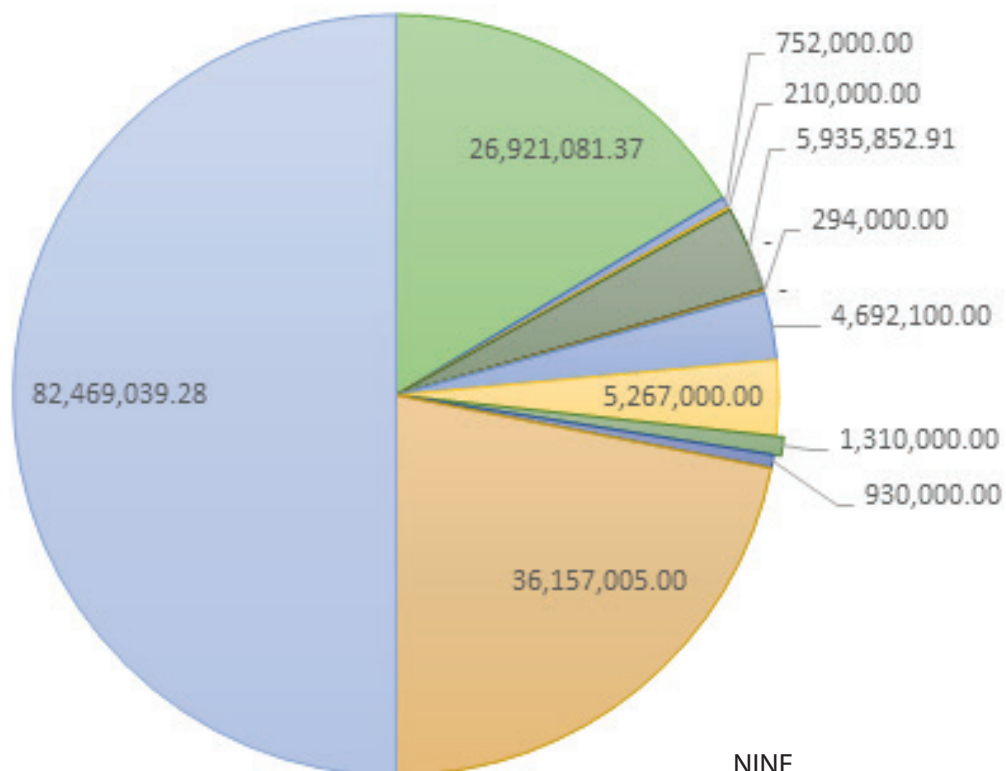
INCOME		Expected Amount	Actual Amount Collected
Associates	73,920,500	30,398,968	
Students	40,467,500	1,429,000	
Churches	4,370,000	-	
Governing Councils	1,424,000	1,106,000	
Partners	5,150,000	-	
Other Income	1,660,000	1,858,450	
Diaspora	2,150,000	1,000,000	
Support from HQ/Regions	961,400	38,000	
TAFES Property -Boko use	1,350,000	2,109,500	
Conference fee	52,989,100	37,541,100	
Staff support raising	3,150,000	1,820,000	
Total	187,592,500	77,301,018	



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EXPENDITURES	Budgeted Expences	Actual Expences
Staff allowance and payroll expenses	39,358,656	26,921,081
Associates events	5,600,000	752,000
Welcome freshers/ staff farewell	3,215,000	210,000
Administrative expenses	8,200,138	5,935,852
Accounting and auditing	3,200,000	-
Transfer to HQ/silver hall	8,779,200	294,000
DTS	125,000	-
Retreats, trainings, and meetings	1,264,949	4,692,100
Equipments and development	9,900,000	5,267,000
Projects	-	1,310,000
Evangelism and outreach	705,000	930,000
Go conference	53,189,000	36,157,005
Contengences	2,437,400	-
Total	147,358,884	82,469,039





PRAISE

PRAYER

- We give glory to God, for the **257 students** who received Christ as a result of campus evangelism where **1,569 students** we reached with the gospel in **Mwanza, Dodoma, Iringa, Arusha, and Mbeya**.
- Give thanks for our participation in **IFES World Student Day. 496 students, 30 associates, 5 children, and 16 staff** participated in prayers on 18th October, 2019. The main prayer item was boldness to witness for Christ in our campuses and we have started seeing God use students in reaching out to their fellows.
- The fruits of **missions training** have begun manifesting, this year, a former staff enrolled as a student in Tanga and she is helping pioneer **TAFES Tanga**. Already **4 associates** are meeting on a monthly basis and **4 students** from Tanga were able to attend Go conference 2019 where they made a commitment to God to continue meeting for prayer, Bible study as they seek for opportunities to reach out to their fellow students with the Gospel.
- We thank God for enabling us to settle in at our new offices in Boko. TAFES HQ offices relocated to TAFES Center, Boko from Muhimbili in September 2019, full operation at the new offices started in October.
- Its elections period in most TAFES fellowships, pray for the new student leaders to be used of God to lead as He desires, also pray for the Leadership Training Seminars (LTS) that are being carried out across the country that they will bring impact to the new leaders.
- Pray for a renewed sense of ownership towards the ministry vision and mission among all stakeholders. That God will place a desire to participate in supporting the ministry.
- Pray for the sexual purity campaign that has been launched by TAFES that seeks to address the issues of immorality in our universities. Pray that God will convict students of sexual sin, restore those who have fallen and break the chains from those who are bound in this sin.
- Our Discipleship Training Seminar (DTS) will be held in all TAFES regions this Easter, on the theme *"Consider your ways" says the Lord, Hagai 1:7*. Pray for all the speakers, and delegates who will attend - for God's provision, safe travels, and that the conference will impact their lives.

DTS 2020 WILL BE HELD FROM 9TH -13TH APRIL, 2020. DONT MISS!!

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