

CHRIS LOTT is an honored **WomenInBusiness.Org** Associate and one of our first esteemed role models.

Toby is proud to share with you the (edited) letter below she received from Chris providing an update and year-end review.

I remember when Chris first started the Foundation. It's been quite a struggle, but there are so many wonderful rewards.



2018 was another unforgettable year for the Tanzania School Foundation

Fr. Christmas Academy celebrated its official grand opening with over 20 new students and welcoming five new staff members. We are amazed to see how far we have come in educating the future leaders of Tanzania. We received our official registration by the Ministry of Education in 2018. Our first official students just finished their first year.

We look forward to accepting an additional 30 youngsters to our **Fr. Christmas Academy** preschool class next month and expanding our educational services to grade one and two. Our school will also serve as English classes to secondary school students twice a week. Hopefully, we will implement a young women empowerment class to secondary school girls. **We have big plans for 2019.** We have a great team on the ground in Tanzania year round who keep things growing when I am in the USA raising funds for our work. 2018 was a year of electricity too. We are so grateful Tanesco moved us to the top of their waiting list. Our office and classrooms have computers, printers, music and lights!

We even have a Christmas tree with blinking lights all year long.

We doubled our staff, furnished all our classrooms and offices, sold our previous plot of land and expanded our campus building adding: 1 classroom, a large assembly area, two teacher offices, two teacher toilets, water tower and a new septic system. Construction is still in progress. We hope to have it completed shortly after the New Year. Our new playground equipment will be installed after the building is complete - and we are so excited. The student population at **Fr. Christmas Academy** consists of both children who can pay school fees and children born into poverty who cannot afford a quality education. We are so thankful to the generous individuals that sponsor a child to end the cycle of poverty for those children. **With so much growth planned in 2019, we are looking for additional sponsors.**

We were fortunate to have visitors from 3 continents and 8 countries in 2018. Consider your Tanzania experience in 2019. Spend time with our students, visit the beautiful national parks and experience the beauty of nature with the great migration or climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Aside from a wonderful visit at **Fr. Christmas Academy**, Tanzania is a beautiful country rich with culture, hospitality and an amazing safari experience. Our guest rooms should be completed in early 2019. **We can arrange all aspects of your perfect Tanzania holiday.**

My little house is finished and quite lovely. I love living on campus now when I am in Tanzania. As 2018 winds down and it is time for all of us to spend time with our families, I want to say thank you for making us what we are today. We look forward to your continued support and sharing our good work with you. **Best wishes for a blessed holiday season and a healthy and happy 2019!**

Hugs,



Christine

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Chris (center) and friends in Tanzania.

[Alliance Affiliates can read more about Chris, a former VP at Goldman Sachs.]

