

## Lea's testimonial

Together with a friend I took a year off from my art studies to come to Tanzania, with the intention of experiencing the culture, its people and learning about the economic and social structures. We decided to spend the first month, September, working for WATU as volunteers. A teacher connected with the Munich International School Tanzania Project recommended the organization to us. Also, Moshi is a friendly city for a foreigner to come to, though we found we needed to take some time to figure out the schemes of a few youths that spend their days tracking down foreigners, following them into shops and luring them into safari offices. Josiah Mchome, acted as our mentor and gave us an introductory briefing into the "do's" and "dont's" in Moshi. He also recommended us a good hostel that charges a low price for the service and safety it provides.

Upon our arrival, it became clear that education is a highly valued currency in this country. Students from all schools would eagerly study and hold discussion groups under the lights of our hostel's generator. On the street some people would seek conversation with the sole purpose of improving their English. So experiencing the life in Moshi and the evident thirst for education was closely related to our work for WATU. At this stage in WATU's development, our work was most necessary in helping with bureaucratic tasks like typing up the financial plan or going through the applications for student sponsorship. The work gave us insight into how the system of education works here. It also laid out the different factors necessary to make such a large scale project, as WATU, work.



*Lea with Josiah and Richard*