

# Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for kids

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In partnership with Plan Canada



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# Climb Mount Kilimanjaro with Barry & Chris!



Ever wonder what it would be like to climb a mountain? Here is your chance to participate in a climb from the comfort of your living room while helping out some very needy kids in Tanzania.

As some of you might already know, we'll be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in January 2009. Please help us make this 20,000 foot adventure more meaningful, by helping us give back to Tanzania and children in need.

## Why Plan?

We chose Plan because of the fantastic work they do in making immediate and long-term improvements in the lives of impoverished children throughout the world. Coming from financial backgrounds, we like the idea that Plan is one of the few global organizations that publish worldwide financial statements so their operation is completely transparent. From the time we approached Plan Canada with our idea, their representatives have been professional, enthusiastic, encouraging, responsive and forthright and they so clearly believe in what they are doing. We are absolutely convinced that we have made the right decision in combining our Kilimanjaro adventure with raising money for Plan to help fund schools in Tanzania.



*"Celebrating life and my 60th birthday with the challenge of Kilimanjaro, doing it with one of my sons and at the same time being able to give something to the kids of Tanzania...it doesn't get better than that".*

- Barry Finlay



*"Providing help and inspiration to others while fulfilling a dream sounds like a perfect adventure to me!"*

- Chris Finlay

## About Plan Canada

Plan is one of the world's largest development organizations, working in more than 65 countries worldwide. Plan creates the conditions that make it possible for communities to turn their hopes for their children into reality. We engage children in shaping their own future. Plan has no religious, political or government affiliations. For more information, please visit [plancanada.ca](http://plancanada.ca)





**Above:** We will climb Mount Kilimanjaro (as indicated by the green star) and – with your help – improve the lives of children living in Mwanza (as indicated by the red star).

## Tanzania Fast Facts

- Population: 38.3 million
- GNI per capita: \$730 – compared to \$32,600 in Canada
- Almost 58% of the population lives on less than \$1/day
- Life expectancy is 49 years – compared to 80 years in Canada
- The United Nations ranks Tanzania 162<sup>nd</sup> out of 177 countries according to basic quality of life indicators
- Only 76% of children will reach the 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Only 6% of children enroll in secondary school

## Achieving our first goal

In January 2008, we set about fundraising for a worthwhile education project in Mwanza, Tanzania. Our goal was to raise \$8,025 to construct a pre-school classroom and accompanying playground, provide books and essential play and art materials, and provide 3-month training in pre-school education to the teacher at the Sabasaba Pre-School. With the support of our friends, family, colleagues and neighbours we have achieved this goal. We are humbled by all of your generosity.

Education is one of the keys to ending poverty and the early years of a child’s learning are critical - making a significant difference to the way they develop and go on to learn throughout their lives. The pre-school years are pivotal in the development of a child's ability to learn, create, communicate, trust, and to develop positive self-esteem. In Tanzania, parents are often too busy simply working for their family's survival to be able to provide instruction during those years

**You have all helped pre-school aged children in Tanzania gain a strong educational foundation! Thank you.**



## Setting new heights

After achieving our first goal, we couldn't stop there!

Fortunately, Sabasaba Pre-school had access to a clean water supply, but nearby Kayenze Pre-school did not. Bringing a well to this community was a priority of its families, and we are answering their call for support.

Lack of immediate access to water can have adverse effects on the health and development of a community, and especially affects the women and children of the community. In many parts of Tanzania, women and children spend an average of 6-8 hours per day accessing clean water. This can prevent some children, especially girls, from attending school, since water is usually collected by girls. Traversing long distances also leads to more danger for women and girls. Children also frequently miss school due to illness, stemming not only from water-borne diseases, but also from walking long distances without shoes.



**With your help, we would like to bring clean water to Kayenze Pre-school, benefiting hundreds of children and their families.**



**When you provide a gift to Plan for our project, we will write your name on a Canadian flag, which we will take to Kilimanjaro's peak – you will virtual-climb a mountain AND make a huge difference in the world. We will make sure the flag with your name on it will remain with the Sabasaba Pre-school.**

**To ensure you make the virtual climb with us, make your donation by January 1st!**

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