



Egbert Kamazima: our pioneer artist

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His Autism Spectrum Disorder does not hinder him from being one of the greatest TINGATINGA - artists.

In 2011 he started his artistic journey when he joined URRC (Usa River Rehabilitation and Training Center). Having knowing his talent and passion for art, we agreed to hire a special TINGATINGA - teacher from Arusha town to come at our center three times a week to train Egbert on TINGATINGA - drawings (special African way of drawing animals).

The outcome was a huge success! People loved his work, very neat and eye-catching.

In 2013 Egbert graduated and went back home.

Having a long talk with his parents and letting them know the work Egbert can do and earn an income, they agreed to support him.

After one year we visited him to see the steps he made but instead we saw what we didn't expect: He was moving backward instead of forward. That was when we decided to take Egbert back at our center and provide him an opportunity to pursue what he loves.



Having him around inspired parents with children with disability who have drawing talent to allow their children to do what they love and can do. We were happy to increase the number of drawing students. This motivated Egbert to continue well as he had company from his age mates and also

having his teacher Mr. Kiwamba back he got more training in making his work much better and building self confidence



Currently we are having Egbert and three students drawing TINGATINGA - pictures under a great supervision of Mr. Kiwamba.



TINGATINGA – Teacher Kiwamba and students

And we can see a really big success from them as their work is really loved by many. And this really motivates them to do much better each day and produce quality products. Our expectation is to increase the number of students for the coming years and later provide them with a good working place here at our center. As we are afraid if they finish their 2 years course and go back home, they won't be able to get the motivation and support as they get when they stay with us at the center. We believe through this way it builds self confidence and sense of independence within them. Most of all we see how happy they are and committed to their work. Also how they help instruct and help each other in doing their work.



Egbert and three students drawing TINGATINGA - pictures

We really are very grateful for the support we get since years from Dr. Willy and the Förderverein URRC .
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especially for the salary of Mr. Kiwamba.
May our Lord continue to bless you all abundantly in all that you do.



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