



YAAPHA

Yaapha's mission is to address the needs of youth in providing safe, reliable and sustainable education regardless their economic status in Tanzania.

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Life changing experience, nothing like it in the world

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How to sum up my experience in Tanzania is probably the hardest task anyone could ask of me. I could talk about my trip all day if I wanted to, but I don't think there is any way I could capture my trip by typing letters into my computer. I'll talk about my favorite day of the whole trip. It was the 4th of July, which of course has no meaning to the Tanzanians, but in Arizona (where I'm from) we celebrate the 4th like it's the biggest holiday of the year. I woke up extra early that day so I could wake EVERYONE up by blasting "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus and hopefully start a dance party. I know my YAAPHA friends too well, because at 6am everyone got up out of bed to celebrate 4th of July with me by having a dance party to classic America songs. Then we had a delicious breakfast made by the incredibly hospitable cooking staff who I have come to love. We had Tanzania style French toast which I savored because it was AMAZING, served with fresh juice. Then we got on our bus to head down to Komakya Primary school. Godwin, one of the local staff, had turned all the seats on the bus sideways so it was like a party bus (we officially nicknamed the bus the party bus) and we had a dance party all the way to the school, dancing to our favorite Tanzanian artists that the local staff introduced us to. We arrived at the school and just like every day the local young children, who aren't old enough yet to attend the Primary school, were waiting for our bus to arrive so they could chase us and aim to get a high five from us sticking our hands out the windows of the bus.

