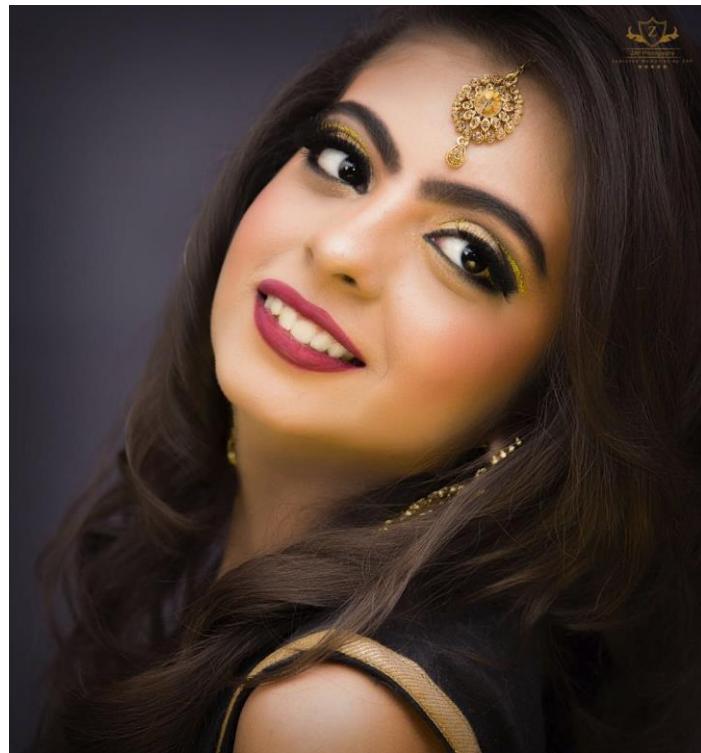


From the Drumbeats of Tanzania to the Heartbeats of the TOS World

By Chandni Mehta



“Eyes Only for the Joy of Community Work!!!”

Chandni Mehta, President of TOS Youth Group, Dar es Salaam

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

The Theosophical Society is a journey that inspires me to be a better person. I highly appreciate Malaika Kapur and a group of young girls, including Khyati Dubal, who introduced me to Theosophy and the Theosophical Order of Service. Seeing their enthusiasm for social work fascinated me. I eagerly wanted to be part of it and the TS family welcomed me with open arms. The satisfaction one attains through social work is a feeling that goes beyond words.

The Theosophical Society, an organization formed to promote brotherhood, and its service arm, the TOS, strives to serve humanity. It is a body that, through countless youths, has imbued virtues like: compassion, patience and the urge to serve.



Garlands of Welcome – KARIBU

Bro. Vicente Hao Chin and Sis. Tesse to Dar es Salaam (Haven of Peace): Seen in the pic are AGS Tanzania Bro. Dubal, TOS Director Sis. Deepa Kapur and TOS Youth President Chnadni Mehta receiving the international guests.



I am privileged to be a part of a team of enthusiastic youngsters, whom I call our "Dream Team". Each member of our TOS Youth Group, Tanzania, is ever ready to take up any task. We are like one big family, understanding each other and supporting one another, knowing that young people have much to do in their academic, career and home lives, in an effort to keep ourselves banded together.

I would also like to mention here, with utmost gratitude and respect, the three pillars that guide and motivate us youths and give us the strongest

foundation: Dubal Uncle (AGS), Lily Aunty and Deepa Aunty. They have always supported us, guided us and motivated us to achieve our best. They uplift our morale in a way that makes us ready to face any challenge that may come our way.

Above all, I want to thank my parents and my dear sister Siya for being my backbone and letting me spread my wings. I feel very lucky to have such progressive parents who believe in me and support all my activities. My sister is also a TOS youth member and we are together, always. Besides the TOS, I also participate in our community events and festivals, as I love Indian dancing, speaking on stage and organising events.

The TOS, Dar es Salaam has successfully completed various projects: holding annual Christmas parties at the Chanika Orphanage, providing the children with necessary school items, food, juices, gifts, carrying out fund raising activities, supporting the Tanzania Heart Babies Project and the children travelling to India for Open Heart surgery, donating blankets to the 'askaris' (watchmen) during the cold season, providing breakfast to cancer patients. These are amongst the few activities that the Tanzania TOS youth group has partaken in.



MERRY CHRISTMAS with the kids of Chanika Orphanage.

Seen here are AGS Tanzania Bro. Dubal, TOS youths Siya Mehta, Anmol Suchak, Chandni Mehta, Riya Sangar (youngset member) and joyful kids of Chanika wearing Santa caps!

Last year, we were privileged to have Bro. Vicente Hao Chin and his wife Mrs. Tesse visit us in Dar es salaam. The TOS "Dream Team" worked tirelessly along with our elders and created a big public function, which was attended by large numbers of youths, who were powerfully impacted by Bro. Vic's inspirational words. It was an honour to hear his empowering speech. He is an inspiration to us, who opened up a new vision for the future of the TOS.

We are also very appreciative of the continuous guidance and inspiration provided by our East and Central African Sections General Secretary, Narendra uncle, Bro. Narendra Shah. As well, we were delighted to meet other TOS leaders from Kenya and Zambia at the TS Convention in Dar es Salaam and also happy to know that TOS Uganda is now on board.

At the international level, it is most heartening that our TOS International Secretary, Ms. Nancy Secrest, takes the initiative to highlight our activities and makes us feel continuously involved. We are happy to note that Mr. David Sztain is the TOS online magazine Editor, whom we say thank you to, for writing about our TOS group. We have also heard about our wonderful International President, Bro. Tim Boyd, and watched the live stream talk from Singapore! Strangely, although we all have not met, we feel we are part of the 'World of TOS'.



Public Talk by Bro. Vicente Hao Chin, organized mainly by the dynamic Youth Group. Seen in the pic, from left to right are: Bro. Vicente, Sis. Tesse, Sis Ranjan Patel (Ladies Group, Dar), Bro. Jaysukh Patel, Sis. Deepa Kapur TOS Director, Tanzania



I have had the very good fortune of attending the International TS Convention at Adyar, India, along with Malaika and Deepa Aunty, in December 2009. I was very young at the time. We met many leaders and heard some priceless talks. Malaika and I met with Ms. Patrizia of TOS Italy, who had sent us Teddy bears for Tanzanian children and have also been donors for our Tanzania Heart Babies project.

Adyar seemed to have a soul of its own! I was mesmerised by the aura of Adyar and felt a sense of belonging!

Being a member of the Theosophical Society and the Theosophical Order of Service is a **BLESSING**.

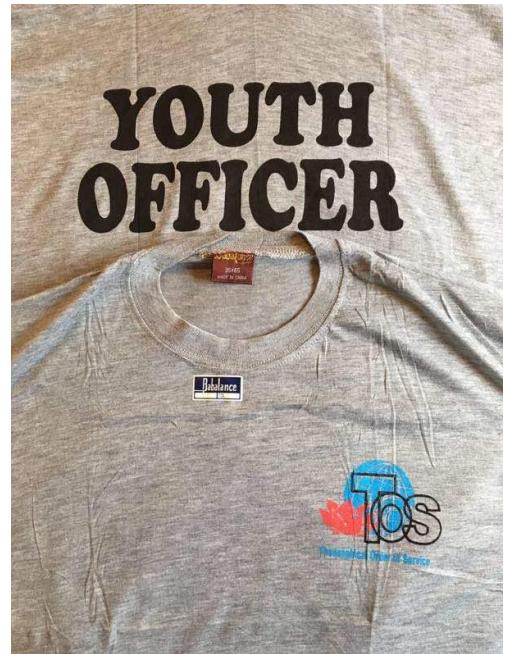
SISI NAKUPENDA WATOTO ZOTE says President Chandni Mehta! We love all the kids! Tongue twister? Nah! Heart strings puller!



Public Talk Event by Bro. Vicente Hao Chin, organized by the dynamic TOS Youth Group, Tanzania: Chief Guest Bro. Vicente Hao Chin and Mrs. Tesse, surrounded by youth members Hoshil, Chandni, Siya, Hitesh, Kanchan, Niti and Tanvi along with 'elders' Bro. Dubal (AGS Tanzania) and Sis. Deepa Kapur (TOS Director)



#UNITED TO SERVE
HUMANITY is the theme of TOS Youth Group, printed on especially made 'Youth Officer' T-shirts, worn by the youth at the Public Talk event of Bro. Vicente





Elders Supporting TOS Youth Group, Tanzania:
Bro. Dubal, Sis Lily Chohan and Sis Deepa Kapur, seen here donating gifts to Buddhist monk to be handed over to kids at Chanika Orphanage.

Pioneers of TOS Youth Group, Tanzania 2009-2010:
Seen in the pic are Samriddha Roy, Saumya, Khyati Dubal, Malaika Kapur, Krunalika, Vidushi and Nishtha (Arora - maiden name)

