

## New Staff – 2008/09

### Elementary School



**Jenny Kremer**

I graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1999 with a BA in Sustainable Development. Throughout my years in Berkeley I taught at local schools as an Environmental Educator. I joined the Peace Corps in 2000 as an Environmental Educator in the country of Guinea, West Africa. I met my husband, Brad, in Guinea and soon after we returned from the Peace Corps we got married and started our family. We now have two children: Aidan and Alex. We moved to Kinshasa, Congo in 2006 to begin teaching for the first time internationally. I am currently finishing my Master's degree in Elementary Education with The College of New Jersey's Global Programs.



**Alefiyah Adamjee – Grade 1**

I was born and raised in London, England. In 1998 I graduated from the University of Brighton with a Bachelor (Hons) Degree in Primary Education with Qualified Teacher status. I am qualified to teach ages 3-11/ My career began in a North London primary school where I taught children aged 4-6 years. I also co-ordinated Personal, Social and Health Education and went on to take the role of Early Years Co-ordinator. After four and half years, I left teaching to have two children of my own. Subsequently I moved to Dar es Salaam with my family in 2005.



**Tenley Newcomb – Elementary Technology Co-ordinator**

I began my overseas teaching career in 2004 at the Munich International School. There I worked at an IT integration specialist at the elementary school and as an ESL teacher in the junior school. I am happy to be with at IST in a position that blends the advantages of technology with the possibilities of elementary education.



**Kate Bond – Grade 2**

I have been living in Dar since 2006. Prior to my arrival in Tanzania I was teaching English as a Second Language to children in Penang, Malaysia. Whilst working as a substitute teacher at the secondary school I completed a Masters of Teaching (Primary), and am looking forward to commencing a rewarding experience as an early elementary teacher.



### **Tamara Peterson – ESL/Elementary Spanish**

I was born in Colorado, USA and have studied and traveled in Spain, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Puerto Rico and enjoy sharing my passion for learning language with my students. I have also visited many countries in Southeast Asia where I spent three years teaching in my first overseas position at the International School Yangon in Myanmar.

I have taught since 1995 at all levels in schools in both Colorado and Myanmar. I have also worked with elementary English language learners while integrating K-5 curriculum and taught secondary United States and World History courses. I have also coached volleyball, softball and been a director for Model United Nations (MUN).

I feel that 'variety is the spice of life' and am anxious to be involved in the community, take advantage of the wonderful outdoors, and continue expanding my international learning.



### **Tammy Schaapherder – Special Needs**

After being away from Africa for several years, I return to IST where I began my overseas teaching career in 1992. I have a degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special education. My eighteen years of experience include elementary and high school special education, elementary classroom teacher, language arts coordinator and building from scratch the Beira International Primary School in Beira, Mozambique. My husband and I are looking forward to introducing our children to the Africa that captured our hearts so many years ago.

### **Paula Siegmund**

Prior to joining IST I worked as a kindergarten teacher in Holland for 12 years. I also attended the School of Arts in Amsterdam and worked part-time as a performer at schools. In 2003 I came to Tanzania to work at a local school in Zanzibar. I also lived and worked in Bagamoyo and was involved in projects with children in the local community. After one and a half years I joined IST to become a class teacher for Nursery and Reception and also be a dance teacher.



### **Katie Fowle**

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree at Colorado College and Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Multicultural Multilingual Education from George Mason University. Previous to IST, I taught Grade 4 at American International School of Lagos, Nigeria and Grade 5 in Fairfax, Virginia. This year I am excited to work with English as a Second Language students. My husband, daughter, and I will be moving to Dar this summer.



### **Jess Tweedie – ESL**

Prior to joining IST I was based in Uganda where I was working with the ISU School Board on Board Policy Development. I completed my Bachelor of Education (Hons) at Cambridge University in the UK and have a Masters of Education (with a specialisation in Curriculum Planning) from the University of London. In addition I have had certified training in the teaching of bilingual learners and in the teaching of English literacy with a special focus on teaching approaches to reading and spelling. I am British but was born in Nairobi and have spent a large chunk of my life in Africa including Zambia, Botswana, Sudan,

Malawi and Uganda. I am greatly looking forward to living and working in Tanzania.