Powering Potential is an organisation dedicated to bringing the world’s latest educational material to rural Tanzanian schools. Schools lucky enough to be part of the programme are given computers and the solar power to run them. Currently six schools in Karatu have 75 computers between them, bringing reliable technology to 4500 teachers and students. The school’s networks are loaded with off-line educational content – Wikipedia, Khan Academy instructional videos, medical reference books, e-books and more. Access to the material is not dependent on the Internet. Teachers and students have quickly become adept at the technology. After twenty-three secondary school graduates completed the charity’s five-month Train The Trainer course, ten of them were employed as technology trainers. In this way, the most proficient students are spreading the seeds of digital literacy from school to school. Financial support has been provided by Serena Hotels, the Tanzania Postal Bank, and the U.S. and Tanzanian governments.

During the next year, the charity plans to install computers in three schools in each of Tanzania’s 30 regions.

For more information visit www.poweringpotential.org

IN BRIEF

Paa Tanzania regular Lelo ‘Elvis’ Muvu is riding unsupported around the world to raise funds for fellow Tanzanian students of wildlife conservation. He is now on the home straight and is travelling through East Africa. You can track his progress on his Chile to Kilimanjaro Facebook page. Keep pedalling, Lelo.

The School of St Jude is a charity that provides a quality free education to the children who are among the poorest and brightest in Tanzania. Each year it enrols 150 new pupils. Out of the 2014 intake, 70 still need sponsors for their Arusha-based classes. You can find out more at the website www.schoolofstjude.org