

**DATELINE:**

**Report from Forest Camp, 2850m ASL, Mt Kilimanjaro  
7a.m. Sunday August 1, 2010  
Day 2, Kili Climb 2010**



The Humpty Dumpty Foundation made history yesterday when it embarked on its second ascent of Mt Kilimanjaro led by two of the world's most famous mountaineering families.

The son and granddaughter of the first man to climb Mt Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary, and the son of his legendary Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay, woke up this morning at Forest Camp on Africa's highest mountain with 19 Humpty Dumpty supporters from around Australia.

Peter Hillary and his daughter, Amelia, joined with Jamling Tenzing to make the historic climb, which aims to raise more than \$1 million for sick and injured children.

Tenzing and Peter Hillary climbed Everest together in 2003 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their fathers' epic climb, which has become part of mountaineering legend.

"It really is a treat to have them with us," said Michele Rosengren, who is heading the team with Brian Freeman from Adventure1000. "Last night Peter was chatting with the trekkers about the fact that the adventure is not just about the physical challenge of the trek and climbing the mountain. It's about the people you meet and the experiences you have, and what you learn about yourself along the way."

The 2010 Kili ascent follows last year's successful adventure in which Federal Shadow Treasurer Joe Hockey – a long time supporter of the children's charity - and Humpty's founder and CEO, Paul Francis, led a team of 20 who raised a spectacular \$1.5million.

The 19 climbers in the current assault on Kilimanjaro began their trek at 1pm on Saturday and spent almost four hours walking to arrive for their first night at Forest Camp, which is 2850m above sea level.

"The first part of the trek was through a rain forest and it was just stunning – it was hilly but not too difficult and everyone made it easily," Michele said. "Everyone is in good spirits and a wonderful camaraderie is forming between the climbers. We had a fabulous day and we had a really interesting drive to the entry gate – the Londorossi Gate which is the entry to the mountain. It was a very bumpy road and along the way we saw a few monkeys.

"The highlight of the day was when we arrived at the gate. About 12 children from a local school, St Jude's, greeted us and sang some songs as a welcome. It was really very special and the kids were absolutely gorgeous. They walked with us from the Lemosho Trailhead for the first part of the trek and had lunch with us before we set off."

Humpty has allocated \$10,000 from the funds raised to pay the medical bills for the children for the next 12 months at St Jude's school. The 2009 Kili Club attended The School of St Judes last year and realised the importance of supporting this amazing cause that was founded in 2002 by Australian Gemma Rice. The School of St. Jude is a sponsorship-supported English Medium School in Tanzania that primarily serves orphaned and vulnerable children from the lowest socio-economic backgrounds. Every day staff and students work hard to fulfil the school's philosophy of "Fighting

Poverty through Education" helping our students break the cycle of poverty that has gripped their families for generations.



"The kids were a great surprise, they were absolutely wonderful," said Andrew Burnes from Melbourne, who is making his second attempt to conquer Mt Kilimanjaro for Humpty after he was forced to turn back last year.

"Last time I didn't get to the top of the hill, so I've come back for Round Two, simple as that," he said with determination. "We've got a great group of people and there's a really good feeling."

Other climbers include Graham Berman, television personality Holly Brisley, Peter Campbell, Tony Chamberlain, Claire Driver, Anton Goldman, Alice Hocking, Dean Kirkland, chairman of Humpty's medical equipment subcommittee and senior Neonatologist Dr Martin Kluckow, mother and daughter team Catherine and Airlie Murray, Craig Neil, Anastasia Papadopoulos, husband and wife team Jane Flemming and Ian Purchas, Evan Smith, Mike Suttor, and Nick Tobin.

They are being assisted in the climb by a team of about 130 local porters, who set up the camp and prepare the meals, which consisted of grilled fish with vegetables and baked potatoes for dinner last night, and porridge, scrambled eggs and toast for breakfast today.

Humpty's intrepid trekkers left Australia on Thursday and have spent a night in Johannesburg, South Africa and a second night in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania before heading up the mountain yesterday.

They have six hours of climbing today to get to Camp Shira 1 around 3.30pm, Kili time. "We'll start at 8am and climb for three and a half hours before stopping for lunch, then we'll do another session to arrive at the camp, which will have been set up by the porters," Michele said.

The climbers will attempt to make the summit on August 6.

For more information on Humpty's climb and to support our trekkers go to [www.humptysmountain.com.au](http://www.humptysmountain.com.au)