



TO WITNESS THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO THE
STREET CHILDREN
OF IRINGA BY STRIVING TO
MEET THEIR NEEDS
THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE
LIFE IN ALL ITS
GOODNESS

Welcome to the November edition of the FISCH Bites!

Greetings, Friends of FISCH! It may be getting chilly and icy here in the UK, but in Tanzania the weather is hotting up! Hot off the press, we have some news items to share with you this month. We hope you enjoy reading about a special visitor to the Drop-in-Centre, and the success of one of our hard-working University Students, Adam. Please do feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family. We hope you enjoy the read!

A Visit from OCD Samara

Recently the Team and Children at FISCH had a special visitor from the **local government** –Officer Commanding the District, **OCD Bernard Samara**! Mr Samara is the **District Police Commander** for the Iringa District in Tanzania, and is an assistant of the Regional Police Commander. Mr Samara is a **key figure in law enforcement** and **community relations** in the Iringa region and he decided to call in at the Drop-in-Centre.

He **greeted** the Staff and Children, and took a **tour**, including the sleeping apartments in the Short-Term Accommodation, admiring their cleanliness and tidiness, and then **joined the Children for lunch**. Over the meal Mr Samara asked the Children how FISCH was helping and supporting them, and what progress they were making in their lives.

We were delighted to learn that **he was very pleased and happy** to see such a lovely positive environment and he **expressed his gratitude** for the good work FISCH was doing, Mr Samara explained how this was supporting the government and as a result **the numbers of Street Children causing trouble had reduced** over recent years.

Mr Samara **congratulated** the Tanzanian and UK Teams for their ministry and added that it would be great if FISCH could branch out to other cities to do more good work and have the same positive impact in other areas!

Here you can see OCD Samara interacting with the Children.



Adam's Success

Adam is someone for whom FISCH has **played a huge part in his life.**

Adam and his younger sister were registered at FISCH right back in the early days of the charity. They joined the Saturday Feeding Project, and we supported Adam **through his Primary School** education with a **uniform** and **stationary** so he could go to school. Adam worked hard and was able to continue into his Secondary education. He had high aspirations, and so a **sponsor** was found to provide money for his **course**, **accommodation** and a **laptop**, and he went on to Higher Education at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), studying for a **Bachelor degree of Arts in History.**

We are thrilled to share with you that after a lot of hard work he has **now graduated successfully** from the UDSM!

When our Operations Manager Erasto asked Adam about his experiences, this was his reply;

"From street life when I was young with no hope of going back to school, then FISCH brought me back to school and through to today now that I have reached degree level, I feel myself a dream has now come true. Due to the poor background of my family, it is a miracle for me to reach this stage of higher education. God bless FISCH Trust and all supporters for your efforts of raising lost hopes of the vulnerable Children of Iringa. I will be a good ambassador of FISCH wherever I will be, I will never forget FISCH."

Adam has since been back to Dar es Salaam to collect his Degree Certificate, ready for job applications. It has not been an easy path for him to reach this level of education, but it is a testimony to his **commitment** and **determination** to change his life and grab hold of the opportunities. **Well done Adam, we are very proud of you!**

Without the support of Adam's sponsor (thank you!), it would have been difficult to help Adam in this way. If you would be interested in supporting our **Education Fund**, we'd love to hear from you, as we have many Children and Students who are hoping to progress to Higher Education or Vocational Training. Please check out the QR code for more info!



*Left – Adam
receiving his
laptop in March
2023*

*Right – showing
his Degree
Certificate in
Sept 2025!*



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. – Colossians 3:17

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