

# FISCH BITES



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**Happy New Year from FISCH!!!**

Welcome to the January edition of the FISCH Bites. 2015 was an exciting year for FISCH, and we pray that 2016 will bring new blessings for the Teams and Children of FISCH. As we embark on the new year, we pray that Christ's love will continue to be shown to all people through the work of FISCH and that God would be glorified in all that we do. We hope you enjoy the Bites, and we hope you have a wonderful 2016 too!

## **Sewing Club Update**

You may remember last year one of the FISCH Team, Elimina, started running a Sewing Club in one of the rooms at the Drop-in-Centre. This has been a really valuable resource for the FISCH Kids, especially the girls, because not only is it teaching them an important trade, but also producing useful garments. We mentioned that FISCH only had one sewing machine which Elemina was using to teach the Kids one at a time. Since then, we have been blessed with financial gifts towards further sewing machines, with the result that we are able to provide 8 more sewing machines this year!! This means that more Children can be taught at once and more clothes can be made. This is such a blessing to FISCH because the Sewing Club offers an opportunity for community and ministering to the girls at FISCH. Thank you for your support!!



## **School Bag Donation**

In Tanzania, the school year runs from January to December. Having a school uniform and the appropriate equipment is essential to a child going to school.

A Friend of FISCH in Iringa visited the Drop-In-Centre in December one Sunday and donated new schoolbags to the Kids who were present. A total of 45 bags were given away on the day. You can see in the photos the Children were thrilled with their new bags!



## **Christmas Activities at FISCH**

This Christmas the Team in Iringa celebrated the birth of Jesus with a service at the Drop-in-Centre where they were joined by around 80 Kids. The praise and worship was led by Milaji, with Pastor Stephano shared the Word of God from Isaiah 9:6 and John 3:16. After hearing the Word, the Kids shared a meal of spiced rice, meat, vegetable, beans, juice and fruits, prepared by Elemina. The Children then left for their homes in peace.

Another service was held on New Year's Day where Pastor Stephano oversaw a sermon on "Thanking God for the advancing new year". Another meal was shared, and attendance was 60. It is wonderful that not only do the Street Kids come and join the services held at the Drop-In-Centre, but locals from the area also feel welcome to join. Praise God for FISCH Church!

*I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands. As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love – 2 John 5-6*