



# BITES BONANZA!



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## Welcome to the Autumn edition of the FISCH Bites!!

With 2016 drawing to a close we wish to give you a quick roundup of some of the activities that have been going on at FISCH Ministries, Iringa. 2016 has been an exciting year, with the acquisition of a plot of land and building for the new future Drop-In-Centre (DiC), a Food Parcel Sponsorship Scheme and the Wednesday FISCH Youth Seminar Series starting. We give thanks, praise and glory to God, without whom none of this would be possible. We hope you all have a peaceful and pleasant Christmas and New Year!

### FISCH Church



FISCH Church continues to meet on a Sunday at the Drop-in-Centre, sharing praise for God and fellowship with His children.

Tea and bread are provided along with the teachings, led by Pastor Stefano, with Miraji and Best also giving the teachings.

The FISCH team have requested help to buy bibles for the children, and for instruments for worship. The bibles cost approximately £4 each. If you would like to donate to this cause, please email [rich@gofisch.org](mailto:rich@gofisch.org), or donate via our website [www.gofisch.org](http://www.gofisch.org).

#### NEW: Ipogolo Evening Fellowship

On Sunday evenings a new meeting has begun in Ipogolo, a suburb of Iringa down on the Dar es Salaam – Malawi highway. Many FISCH Kids live here, and around 10 children have been meeting up with Miraji and other FISCH Team Members to have a small Fellowship with teaching and praise. The Team are praying for provision of musical instruments to help improve the services there.

### FISCH Utd



Being part of the FISCH Utd Team is a very appealing prospect for the Kids, so much so that we have had to form two teams! FISCH Utd A and B Teams train on Saturday 10-12:30. Both teams are improving, building self-confidence, team-working skills and are co-operating well. They are also learning to love each other as brothers of one family. They have played several friendlies against teams such as Ipogolo FC, Gangilonga Kids and Frelimo FC.

However, scarce resources such as drinking water, transport costs and soap for washing the footie kit are motivating the kids to pray for provision of these things. Please join them!

### FISCH Kid News

**Isaka** is a lad who lives with his mother and two sisters in Ipogolo in a small two room clay house. His mother supports the family but they are struggling. One of Isaka's sisters is disabled. The FISCH Team have decided that assistance will be provided to the family, and have suggested that Isaka's other sister come and join the FISCH Sewing Club.

**Sifa** lives in Ipogolo and works selling ice cream. He is doing ok and FISCH are in contact with him, continuing to counsel and encourage him.

**Keu** became a FISCH Kid in March. He is healthy and working and FISCH are in talks with him to arrange him to move back home with his family.

**Nesha** is now living at home and her situation in life is improving. She is doing well at school, especially in English, Geography and Maths. She would like to become a doctor.

**Tina** – do you remember this Kid? He left school to start training to be a motorcycle taxi driver a few months ago, and FISCH have been supporting him in this. He is now working successfully and we are really pleased for him!

**Ibrahim** left home after the death of his parents as there was no one to help him pay his school fees. FISCH have registered him and are now in talks with him to find out the best way that the Team can help him and minister to him.



## FISCH Sewing Club

The Sewing Club continues to meet and utilise the five FISCH sewing machines available to them (Elimina teaches on the sixth). Some girls have now been training for nearly a year. Currently they are sewing torn clothes or those in need of other repairs. We pray that as they continue to learn this valuable trade, they would have the opportunity to bless people with their skills.

Two FISCH kids are reaching the completion of their time at the sewing club, having demonstrated that they have mastered the skill and are highly competent. These two girls, **Neema** and **Eva**, are now ready to step out and begin their own sewing business.

The vision of FISCH is to give hope to a child, and a part of that is to help them gain a skill and become self-sufficient. For Eva and Neema, we have decided to buy each of them a sewing machine to use for making their own goods to sell. We also plan to rent a small office in Iringa where they can work from as they begin their business. In time, as their income grows these girls will begin to pay their own rent, and repay FISCH for their own sewing machines.

We hope that this is a model that we may be able to use for many children in the future. To do so we will need to secure regular funding for the sewing club, so that more machines can be purchased, and to fund the initial purchase of raw materials and rental costs for girls like Neema and Eva who are ready to begin their own business. If you think you can help financially, and would like to donate toward this cause, as a one off or regular monthly direct debit, then please email [rich@gofisch.org](mailto:rich@gofisch.org), or donate via our website [www.gofisch.org](http://www.gofisch.org).



Top: FISCH Utd in training and posing for a group photo  
Bottom: a meal of rice, beans, meat and vegetables are provided at the Saturday Feeding Project.

## Cannabis Concern

As with most young people, sooner or later they will be exposed to illegal drugs and the temptation to partake in these drugs. It has come to the FISCH Team's attention that there are some groups of adult and youths hanging around Iringa who are smoking the illegal drug cannabis. Worryingly, some of the FISCH Kids are associating with these youths and are known to be trying the drug. We are aware of one Kid in particular who is physically healthy and is working well collecting waste material and bottles from around town but who is involved with some of these people smoking cannabis. The Team at FISCH are aiming to minister to him and to educate him on the risks of smoking this drug.

We would like to ask our Friends of FISCH to join with us as we pray against this dangerous influence. Cannabis is known to have physical, emotional and psychological health risks (as of course does the act of smoking) but can also act as a gateway drug to more serious drug use and abuse.

**Please pray that the Children would be kept safe and that the allure of cannabis would fade. We also ask God to keep the Team safe at this time, and to equip them with love and patience as they minister to our FISCH Kids.**

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. – 1 Corinthians 10:12-14

