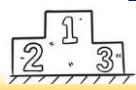


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Greetings Friends of FISCH! The Olympics are here, and as the world celebrates team spirit and athleticism, we salute the FISCH Team, the Sewing Club and the FISCH Utd footie team. We hope you enjoy catching up with the news from Iringa, and also hope that you would hold the Team and Kids in your prayers.



FISCH Sewing Club

The Sewing Club is continuing to meet daily during the week to learn sewing techniques and to make garments, led by Elimina. Regular attendees include Vaileth, Rucy, Neema, Promina, Salome and Eva. The Club is now considering offering sewing lessons to people from outside of FISCH, for a small fee, which would go towards purchasing fabric for the girls in the club to use.



Wednesday FISCH Youth Seminar Series

During the month of May a series of three seminars were offered to FISCH Kids focusing on preparing the youth to become a functional and effective part of society and FISCH Ministry. Each seminar was attended by 6-7 children and topics covered included tolerance to other people and identification and utilisation of individual gifts.

The FISCH Team are now preparing to further develop these seminars to help influence the youth to greater things.



FISCH Life Story: Nickolausi

We'd like to share with you Nick's story.

Nick is one of six children. After his parents divorced, Nick and his siblings remained with their father at home in Ikonda village in the Makete District. Life was hard at home with little nutrition available for the children. Consequently Nick decided to leave Ikonda and move to Iringa in search of a new life. However, life in Iringa was no easier, with Nick failing to acquire enough food on a regular basis. Fortunately for Nick, Pastor Stephano found him sleeping outside a shop in Iringa. When Pastor Stephano found out how hungry Nick was, Stephano and the Team offered to help him by providing nutritional support. The Team then set about trying to find Nick's relatives to arrange for him to move back with them. We thank God that in June the Team succeeded in locating Nick's family and he moved back in with them. The Team is still in contact with him, and will continue to maintain communications to keep an eye on him.

FISCH Life Story: Lucy

We'd like to share with you Lucy's story.

Lucy was born in Ledewa District, Iringa, 19 years, the eldest of four children. Five years ago her parents divorced and Lucy moved to Ipogolo with her mother and siblings. Sadly her mother died two years later, so Lucy and her siblings moved to stay with their grandmother. However life was hard and so they moved on to live with Lucy's uncle. Tragically, Lucy's uncle beat her. Despite this Lucy did very well at secondary school and in her final exams in early 2015. However Lucy then stopped going to school due to the trauma of living with her uncle. Eventually she ran away to Dar es Salaam, where she found work for a few months, but unfortunately had to return to her uncle in Iringa. Here Lucy met her friend Eva, a FISCH Kid, who told her about FISCH, and brought her along the Team. FISCH took Lucy on and encouraged her to join the Sewing Club, and also continue her studies here. Sadly she was beaten very badly by her uncle in 2016 which resulted with her running away in the middle of the night to the FISCH Drop in Centre, where she was met by Pastor Stephano. Lucy moved into one of the rooms at the DiC for a period. Happily, in June this year, the Team managed to locate one of Lucy's cousins in Dar es Salaam who was ready and able to take Lucy in. Lucy moved to Dar and is living with her cousin, and the FISCH Team are in regular contact with Lucy, until they are satisfied that she is happy and well looked after.



FISCH Utd Update



The FISCH Utd footie team have continued their training through the summer, meeting for two hours training on Saturdays at 10am, overseen by Erasto of the Tanzanian FISCH Team. They continue to have friendly matches against other local teams and have been doing very well.

Recently FISCH Utd benefitted from a private donation which allowed them to invest in some football boots (see pictured) which has been a real encouragement to the team as most of the Kids do not own their own boots to play in. Further fundraising is continuing in a school in the UK and the proceeds of this will also go towards helping to fund the FISCH Utd Team.

We give thanks to God that the Children are really developing a sense of unity and team spirit, and are continuing to build relationships with the other local footie teams.