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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 Summer edition of FISCH Food!

It's been an exciting few months at FISCH as we welcome back co-founder Atu and say hello to some new staff members, although we are sad to say goodbye to Stephano, our Operations Manager. We have also been massively blessed by Evie returning to Iringa to volunteer for 2 months, as she gets her teeth into her new role as Education co-ordinator. Read on to see what she's been up to, and much more!

## A fond farewell and thank you to Stephano

On 31<sup>st</sup> July Stephano completed his time as Operations Manager at FISCH in Tanzania after 2 years in the role, and 3 years with FISCH. He is much loved by the staff and children and will be missed, however he leaves to begin an exciting new chapter, working for the Lutheran Church in a multi-national role. We would like to say a big thank you to Stephano for all his efforts in guiding FISCH in Iringa over the past 2 years, and the blessing he is to many of the FISCH kids.

### **How did you first get involved with FISCH?**

I heard about FISCH from a friend and began working as a patron of the halfway home.



### **What has your role involved over the years?**

In 2014 I was working as a patron of the halfway home, before social worker, then operations manager in 2016.

### **What have you most enjoyed at FISCH?**

I love to interact with the children, trying to guide, counsel and encourage them.

### **What have you learnt during this time?**

This work has given me a great insight into the hardships that some people face, and a real empathy for them in their difficulties.

### **What would you ask people to pray for?**

Greater awareness and financial support for FISCH as the number of children at keeps growing and it is difficult to support them all.

**What next?** When possible I will still be volunteering at FISCH every Sunday as the pastor for FISCH church.



# Welcome back Atu!

Some of our long term supporters will remember Atu Magomba. Atu is one of the **founding members of FISCH**, and was a key member of the team for many years, before moving to South Africa 4 years ago with her husband Mote and three children.

Well, during that time Atu has invested her time to gain a degree in Social Science, Psychology and Sociology, and we are delighted to announce that she has returned to FISCH on a 6 month placement as Operations Manager.

Atu has made a significant sacrifice to do this, leaving behind her family in South Africa, to oversee FISCH during a key period of transition, as **we appoint a new Social worker and Patron** for the short term accommodation (more on this next quarter), as well as move into our new drop in centre. We are delighted to have her back!



## Update from Evie (Educational Coordinator)

After spending 4 months at FISCH from January to May I returned to the UK with a heavy heart and a strong desire to get back to the project. I had been asked to be the Educational Coordinator for FISCH and thought that returning would help me be as effective as possible in the role by exploring any limitations and possible new initiatives.

I got back to Tanzania a month ago and it's been absolutely brilliant! We have been focusing a lot on nurturing the talents of specific children, from artists to scientists and introducing some new projects, such as hair braiding classes.

I was able to come at a time of great transition for FISCH, as the previous operations manager Stephano moved on and his replacement Atu arrived. This transition has been really exciting to watch, and I can see FISCH growing and becoming more and more powerful everyday.

I will sadly be returning to the UK shortly to begin my masters, but I will continue being involved with FISCH and hope to return at Christmas!



# Education – the key to life

For many years FISCH has sought to support children back into education, helping them with fees, uniforms, stationary, books and much more! Here are just a couple of examples of how we have been doing that over the past couple months



Left (top): Primary and Secondary School FISCH Children receiving **school requirements** (Socks, Pens and Pencils) at FISCH Centre.



Left (below): Primary School FISCH Children receiving new **shirts, skirts and shorts** thanks to a kind donation from a visitor from Czech Republic.



As well as conventional education, we support FISCH kids to pursue other **vocational paths** when appropriate such as Robbie (left) and Ezekia (next page).

Above: Robbie had his first Maasai class, learning how to make paintings to sell.

Left: Robbie with the first painting he has sold.



## **Education fund opportunity**

We are delighted that more and more FISCH kids are **achieving high scores** at school, and reaching A Levels and even University. We are currently waiting on results for 2 FISCH kids (Promina and Best) to see if they have been accepted to University!

We are actively **seeking people to support** the education fund at FISCH through a monthly donation. If you would like to find out more please contact **Evie** at **bootonevie@gmail.com**

We also want to take this opportunity to thank **ATTICUS Promotions** who have kindly set up regular funding for this cause! With their help we will be able to support many more of these children into higher education!



**Apollo** excited that he has been accepted into a boarding school in Songea (towards Zambia) to do his A Levels in **Physics/ Biology and Chemistry!**



Left: Ezekia showing off his **Driving Licence** at the FISCH centre. Ezekia is now driving a bodaboda as a part time job. This is a type of motorbike taxi in East Africa.



## **THANK YOU!**

We want to say a massive thank you to Roy and Sarah Maguire, (and all those who sponsored them), who ran 15K in the hot weather to raise over £700 for FISCH! **You guys are amazing!!!!**

**It's not too late to donate - see [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-maguire-1](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-maguire-1)**



### **Want to Get Involved?**

FISCH exists by **prayer** and was founded in response to **God calling people to make a difference** in the lives of the Kids of Iringa who live on the streets, in the name of **Christ Jesus**. We couldn't do it without Him!

There are many ways you can support and partner with FISCH. We would be so grateful to be included in your prayers, we would be thrilled for you to share this newsletter with a friend, you could fundraise, you could make a one off donation or you could commit to regular giving, either for a specific purpose (eg Food Parcel Sponsorship) or for general purpose within the ministry. **The choice is yours!**

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