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giving children a hope and a future

“ Welcome to the autumn edition of FISCH Food. The FISCH Team have had a very busy summer with a Mission Team of 13 individuals who volunteered their time and summer holidays to visit FISCH in Iringa, Tanzania. They spent a week running a Holiday Club, a FISCH Olympics and generally having fun with the kids there, among other activities. We hope you enjoy reading about our adventures in Iringa and seeing the great work God is doing there. ”

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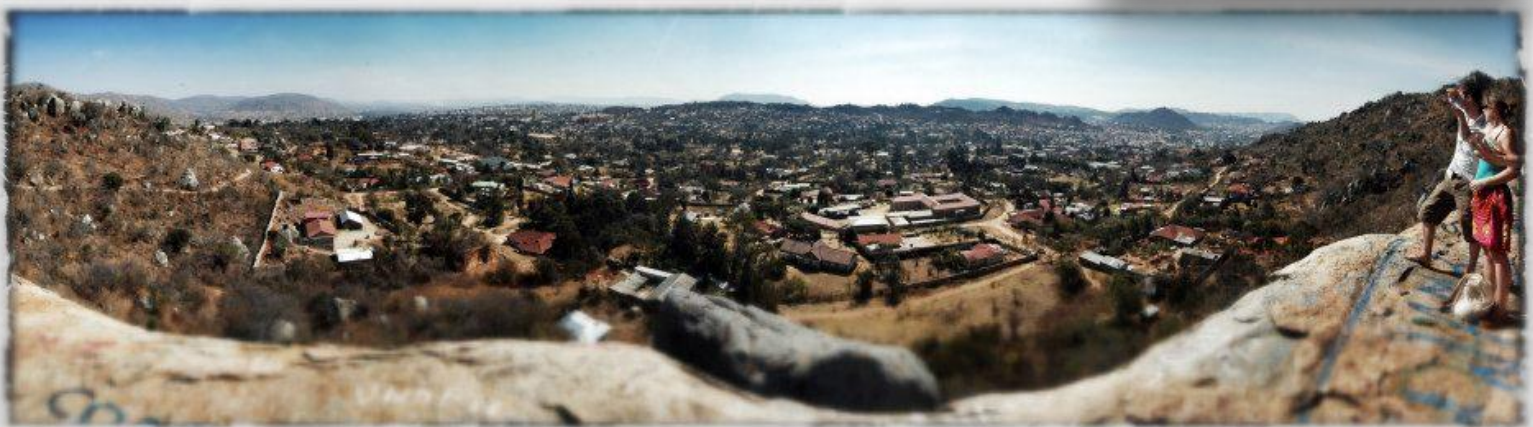
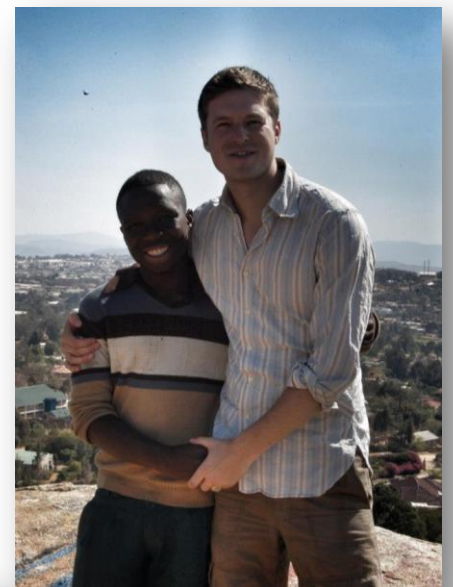
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NEWS FROM THE UK

Rich Gercke Wins Award...

The PwC Sustainability Blueprint awards are for individuals who have made an outstanding social or environmental impact through voluntary work in any capacity. Rich Gercke, co-founder of FISCH, put forward an application based on his contribution to FISCH, and was among those selected for a top award. Great news for Richard, and great news for FISCH as PwC will make a financial contribution towards our work!





FISCH MISSION TRIP 2012

This August a team of thirteen visited Iringa to spend time with the Tanzanian FISCH Team and the Street Children. A Holiday Club was held each morning at the Drop-In-Centre (DIC), which involved activities such as juggling workshops, paper aeroplane making, hand-puppet making, face painting, flag-making, colouring-in, parachute games and footy, plus more. Then the Team would then act out a parable or Bible story – this drew some laughs and giggles from the Kids! One of the Team would explain what Jesus was trying to teach with each parable, with concluding prayer and interaction with the children. Holiday Club would then be finished off each day with a wonderful lunch for everyone present, cooked by the lovely Tanzanian Team ladies.

Above photos;

A very proud artist showing their handiwork; one of the lads in his football shirt; some of the lads together; blowing bubbles; paper-aeroplane making; Mote at the DIC; the Feeding Project; some of the girls enjoying some juice at lunch time; And story-time.

On the first afternoon after Holiday Club we opened up the FISCH Beauty Salon to spend some time with the girls, give them hand and foot massages and moisturises and tell them how beautiful they were. LUSH Bristol had kindly given us some facepacks to take to Iringa, so every girl who wanted some pampering could enjoy a facepack, foot scrub, massage and moisturisation, hand massage and their nails painted. The salon was so popular that it ended up running for three days! We also pampered the ladies of the Tanzanian Team; Atu, Grace and Ruth. Even the boys started requesting facepacks! We hope it made the kids feel special.





On the last day of Holiday Club we hosted a FISCH Olympics in the local football stadium. The events included 100m sprint, shotput, sack race, piggy-back and three legged races and acrobatics. Everyone who came first, second or third received a certificate of their achievement and a medal on a podium chalked onto the stadium seating. Everyone also received sweets for taking part and cheering each other on.



FISCH CHURCH

The FISCH Church holds a service every Sunday, run by Rev Mote Magomba, and is held in the DIC. The service is attended by a number of the FISCH children and also members of the local community. Motes gives the children who attend the opportunity to be involved by asking them to read scripture from the Biblia (Swahili Bible). Whilst the Team were in Iringa, they visited FISCH Church services. On one occasion a member of the Team was invited to lead the teaching, which Roy Maguire did marvelously – his theme was Power in Christ. The Team learnt a few Swahili worship songs and also performed and taught some English worship songs. After the service lunch is always provided for any child of member of the community that wish to stay to eat together.



Jon Martin

Why Iringa? I had been on a FISCH-related trip a few years ago – so I'm hooked in. There's no way back now!

Biggest Impact? Seeing the DIC for the first time and seeing how it works and impacts the street kids; FISCH Church was really something; I love seeing how FISCH things develop such as the Street Stars, Sawasawa Afro Band, the footy team and the Church – they are so good for the Street Kids and just seem to come about naturally.

Enjoyed the Most: It's all about the Street Kids. It was great recognising and seeing some again, and getting to know others for the first time. Playing football with them was a good time – it was great to see them encouraging others and applauding when someone else had done something good. They played more as a team than I expected.

Memorable Moment: Meeting these two kids (see left); I was knocked sideways by the way the elder brother would care for his sister at the Feeding Projects. Very caring and you could tell a lot about him from his actions.



MEET THE TEAM

Why Iringa? I have been involved with FISCH for a while so it was time to go there and see it in action for myself.

Biggest Impact? Seeing how hard the Tanzanian Team work – Atu, Grace and Ruth are such amazing women, they are such a blessing for the Street Kids and FISCH. Also seeing the kids look after each other, and seeing their teamwork when they were playing footy.

Paige Hunter

Enjoyed the Most: Being taught basic Swahili by some of the Kids, interacting with them, seeing FISCH in action... so many! I particularly enjoyed getting to know the Kids and seeing them each day and giving the girls some one-on-one time, to demonstrate to them that they are important and special.

Memorable Moment: Finally seeing the DIC and the Kids that I have been writing about in the FISCH Bites for real in front of me. Seeing Mote and Atu's three boys playing with the three kids on the Team. Also when the Tanzanian Team performed a welcome dance for us, and invited us to dance – we all had an impromptu boogie in the courtyard of the DIC. Very liberating!



Sarah Maguire



Why Iringa? A couple of years ago I felt a persistent prodding and God saying to go travelling, to be a missionary, to see it for yourself; see the country, the culture, see the children, see my heart. Then we met Lissie and Rich and as they explained about FISCH I found myself thinking, This is it!

Biggest Impact? I was deeply impacted by how grateful and joyful the children are over simple things like blowing bubbles, kicking a football or making a simple puppet. In spite of hardship they have learnt the gift of living in the moment and it's contagious because I found myself doing the same.

Enjoyed the Most: At first I was really frustrated about my lack of ability to communicate (something I do for a living). But what I could do was look a child in the eye, use their name, tell them how beautiful they were; I could hug them or tuck them under my arm. I think my favourite part was giving the beauty treatments to the girls, because in effect you're saying "I value you, you have worth and you are precious."

Would You Go Back? Absolutely. I can hear Father God laughing very gently...

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For Mote and his family as they have had to move to new Diocese accomodation. Pray that they will settle in quickly and that God may use them to be a powerful witness in their new neighbourhood.

For the UK FISCH team as they weigh up various plans for the future of FISCH. That God will bless them with wisdom and guide their decisions.

For Mote as he prepares to step into the role of full time FISCH Director.



Future for Iringa Street Children

PRAYER POINTS:

Pray for the preparation to register FISCH as a TRUST in Tanzania.

Pray for Emmanuel Mponella; he seems to be very unsettled in he studies - he does not seem to concentrate - pray that the counselling we are doing now may be fruitful.

Pray that God may bring committed volunteers and workers for FISCH so that we may be able to expand this ministry into other towns.

Pray for Rose Cassian whose school progress is not good; the team has made several visits and counselling; pray that God may intervene and change her heart.

Pray for the new partnership that FISCH and the Diocese has formed that may bear fruits for glory of God.

Blandina Melele has left school and she says she does not want to go back to school any more; the team still don't know how to deal with this situation; kindly, pray.

Pray for Nuru fadhili who seems to be changing in her behaviour; recently, she left home and moved in with a boyfriend.

Mote and the team has tried to get her back and now are preparing to take her back to school in Kilolo.

Pray for FISCH church, so that God may continue to touch the hearts of more and more people to join to join in praise and worship of His Holy name. Praise God for all those who are coming to worship Him at FISCH church; we have had several volunteers from Original Volunteers who have come to worship with us.