



FISCH food

giving children a hope and a future

“ This edition of FISCH food is well overdue but is now ready in the new look we are testing out. It has been another exciting year so far with the addition of 4 new members to our UK team in September last year and some new projects getting off the ground at the Drop in Centre in Iringa. We hope you enjoy this latest edition and enjoy finding out the new things we are doing.

[Lissie Gercke]

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News From UK

- Rich wins ICAEW volunteer award for FISCH

In May the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales) awarded Rich the 'Everybody Counts' award, which is given to members in recognition of their contribution and involvement in voluntary activity. The awards ceremony was held at the ICAEW headquarters in London where a short film was shown about FISCH and a donation of £2000 was made towards the work we are doing. The money has been used to pay the annual Drop in Centre rent.

Right: Rich receiving his award from Mark Spofforth, the president of the ICAEW.



- Sawa Sawa Afro Band

We have been talking for a little while now about starting a FISCH kids choir (Glee here we come) and earlier this year a group of the FISCH kids formed a small choir to sing at the church at the Drop in Centre and also at Amani Bible College.

The group later became the 'Sawa Sawa Afro Band' and has performed at the Samora football Stadium for the African Child Day as well as at a local Crafts Centre and restaurant, Neema Crafts. After the event at the football Stadium Mote posted on facebook

'We have just come back from the Samora Stadium where SawaSawa Afro Band aka FISCH Street Stars was performing to mark the African Child Day. Things went well. After the celebrations at the Stadium all the kids went back to the Drop in Centre for lunch, and thereafter they departed.'

The band are hoping to get a regular slot to perform at Neema Crafts and it will be exciting to watch their progress.

Being a part of the band is a great way for the children to get creative and express themselves. It will also teach them important lessons about working as a team and looking after each other and their property. It is giving them a positive voice in the community and helping to break down some of the social barriers that have previously existed between street children and the local society.



The band is currently looking for sponsorship to acquire the following items: an electric bass guitar, a keyboard, a mixer, a flute and a set of drums.

- Globe Trotters

In July Mote travelled to America for the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. While there he preached at St.James' cathedral in Chicago, has visited a church in North Carolina and met many interesting people.

On the 2nd of August a team from the UK will be arriving in Iringa for 3 weeks to visit FISCH and volunteer the time, skills, energy and enthusiasm. While at the project the team is going to be running a holiday club in the afternoons as well as putting on our very own FISCH kids Olympic Games. Watch this space for some great photos and stories on their return.

- Short term Accomodation



When FISCH first started we imagined 2 buildings: a drop in centre and a half way house. Our drop in centre has now been running for 2 years and over that time we have seen such a dramatic reduction in the number of children regularly sleeping on the street that often none can be found. As a result we no longer need a half way house in Iringa and so instead last summer two rooms at the Drop in Centre were set up with beds to create a means of accommodating children on a short-term basis. This means that when a new child is found on the street the team can rescue them immediately and provide them with a safe to stay while they research their story, trace relatives and make a plan for their immediate future. We have been blessed to find a lovely couple, Abel and Grace, who have come to work at the Drop in Centre to act as an emergency Mum and Dad to any children staying in the short-term accommodation. Several children have now passed through and been a part of Abel and Grace's little family before being settled with a relative or new foster family and starting school.

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Future for Iringa Street Children

PRAYER POINTS:

1. PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. THAT THEY CAN CONCENTRATE ON THEIR STUDIES AND THOSE PREPARING FOR NATIONAL EXAMS. THOSE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL MAKE IT TO SECONDARY AND THOSE IN SECONDARY TO MAKE IT TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

For the SawaSawa Afro Band as it continues to raise awareness in the community about street children. That the message clearly reaches the people and they may have more musical instruments for it's concerts.

Pray for the financial needs of the children's education, and general fish activities.

Pray for the arrangements to be finalised for Rev. Mote to work full time for fish.



2. Pray for the summer teams for this years holiday clubs and programmes involving the team.



Pray for Alex Ngota and Thomas Nwanevele who have just recently been released from prison. That they may be fully rehabilitated.

PRAY FOR PROMINA KULYAKWAVE

WHO RECENTLY HAD A MINIBUS RUN OVER HER FOOT , SHE SUSTAINED SOME INJURIES AND IS NOT ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL .



Fundraiser Favourite



The students of St Gregory's school in Tunbridge were given the challenge of raising money for FISCH over 1 month. They used a variety of different ideas – a cake sale, guess how many sweets are in the jar and other fun events. As a result of their hard work and over £100 being raised the staff were challenged to teach for the day dressed up as a variety of intriguing characters and have provided a photo for us.



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