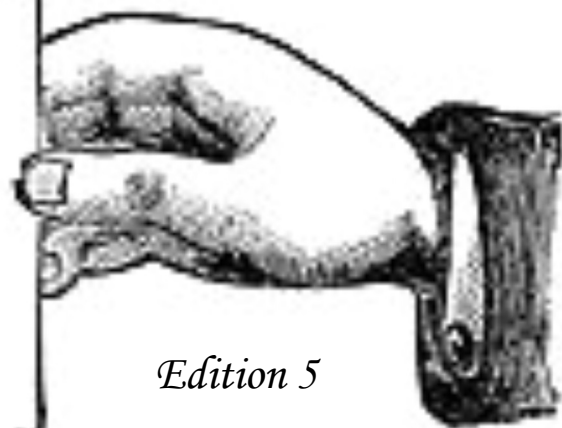


# FISCH FOOD



Edition 5

## the Future for Iringa Street Children monthly news bulletin

FISCH has had a busy summer both in the UK and in Tanzania with trips to Iringa and the arrival of our long awaited drop in centre. What set out to be a summer newsletter is rapidly becoming in danger of being a winter update as I dither about what to include out of the exciting things that are going on! We hope you enjoy this latest letter and the insight it will hopefully give you into the summer with FISCH.

God Bless!

{Lissie Gercke}

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## The Drop in Centre

Anyone who has been following FISCH will know we have been thinking and praying about 2 buildings for the project; a halfway house to serve as a sort of safe place for children to stay a couple of months and a drop in centre to serve the immediate needs of the children very much a part of street culture. Up until July FISCH was operating out of a rented office in the centre of town which while a blessing was not meeting the practical needs of the team and the children. After a lot of prayer and numerous site visits by Mote, God provided us with the opportunity to rent a large building in Iringa. With the help of generous donations we were able to secure the building for one year which will enable us to develop a model for running a drop in centre and get used to meeting the increased size of costs it will entail. It is good to have a reason to need to keep praying!! All the feeding projects, youth clubs, team meetings, basic medical care, equipment handouts and office work now happen at the drop in centre and it is a place the children seem to enjoy using as they know it belongs to them.



*Top picture: Playing in the courtyard of the DIC. Bottom: The youth club meeting in the DIC.*



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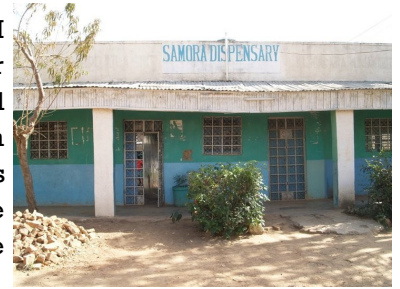
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## Summer visits to Iringa:

This summer there were two trips to Iringa. The first was lead by James and Kate Robinson....

Durham YFC took a team of 16 people, most aged between 15 and 22 to the FISCH project over the summer. The team arrived to a worn out building FISCH are renting for the new drop in site. They joined with local FISCH members and many man hours and tins of paint later all 13 rooms and front porch were complete and renovated. The team used tens of paintbrushes and rollers and litres of kerosene and ruined several T-shirts but all decided the hard work was worthwhile and thoroughly enjoyed running the feeding project on the final Saturday to meet some of the children and young people who will directly benefit. It is so good to be part of such a wide group of people who are interested in making a positive difference.

{Kate Robinson}



*Before and after.....*

*The drop in centre as YFC found it and after a bit of TLC!!*



The second team of four adults was lead by myself in August. It was a great trip and we left in our wake only four broken down cars. I think however the trip is best summarised by the comments made by some of the team and the photos they have chosen to include....

"Team Twenty Ten travelled to Tanzania in August this year and had a truly wonderful time mixing with and embracing the local culture. At the new drop in centre, we refined our painting skills, did some DIY and were reminded of God's faithfulness. With the children we got stuck in at the feeding project by playing football in the town stadium, performing in puppet shows, introducing parachute games, and generally sharing a little bit of our lives and our bad dancing. We also had the chance to visit a local village and go on safari which further confirmed that Tanzania is a beautiful country with beautiful people."

Louise Glenn

" Working with FISCH was a great experience. It was amazing to see God's plan for the street children in Iringa unfolding. Both the UK and Tanzanian FISCH teams were so welcoming and hospitable. Where there is true faith, God works and does amazing things, and this is so evident with FISCH."

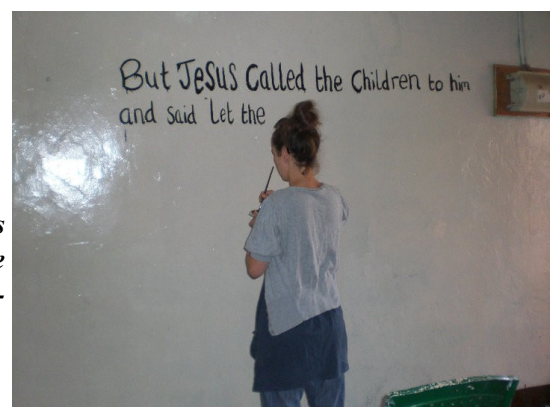
Harriet Dadson



*The August team in the DIC*



*(Left) Playing parachute games at the DIC and painting bible verses on the wall of the reception area (right)*



## Profile of the month

**Alex.** Age: 22.

**Involvement with FISCH:** Alex approached FISCH for help with carpentry tools and equipment to establish a carpentry workshop in 2008. He had started to live on the streets when life at home got difficult but found life on the streets even worse. He was taken in by his Grandmother and was able to complete his education. But with no family to support him had no prospects after finishing school. He now has his own carpentry workshop.

**Future plans:** He plans to develop his workshop and to learn new skills. He sometimes helps out at the FISCH drop in centre and is a great encouragement to the current FISCH children.



## Prayer Points

- Unfortunately Mote and Atu were unable to visit the UK in September as planned due to visa difficulties. We are trying to reschedule this for the next year. Please pray that God leads us to the right time and that visa problems will not stand in the way.

- Pray for the kids who are taking exams, especially those in standard 7 who will soon find out if they have been selected for secondary school.

- Simon, one of the FISCH team in Tanzania has just been accepted into teacher training. Please pray for him in that and also for the FISCH team as they find the right person to replace him.

- Please continue to keep the children in your prayers, that they settle into family, schools and come to know God.



## Answered Prayers

- We thank and glorify God for the provision of the drop in centre and what it means to the children and team in Tanzania.

- We were also thankful that both UK teams were kept safe and healthy in their trips to Iringa this summer.

- Thank God for providing two new local volunteers this past month to help the Tanzanian FISCH team.

- FISCH was 3 years old in September! Praise God that he has continued to provide for this project and been faithful throughout.

## Fundraising idea of the month

### Sponsored run



Louise Hodgetts ran the forest of Dean half marathon in June and raised over £140 for FISCH. If you fancy getting your running shoes on for FISCH or want to do a less energetic fundraiser then please let us know!

*If you've had a fundraising event for FISCH then we really want to hear from you! Please send a short description of who you are, what you did, how much it raised and a photo if you have one to [noahsapprentice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:noahsapprentice@yahoo.co.uk)*

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