



TO WITNESS THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO THE
STREET CHILDREN
OF IRINGA BY STRIVING TO
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THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE
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GOODNESS



Welcome to the April edition of FISCH Food!



Greetings, dear Friends of FISCH! Spring has sprung, the sun seems to have arrived, and the bluebells are in full bloom! We hope you had a wonderful Easter, celebrating the redemption of Good Friday and the new life of Easter Sunday! Naturally the Drop-in-Centre has been a hive of activity over Easter, and has continued to be since! Here we have all the April updates for you to read and digest. Please feel free to share this newsletter to whoever may be interested. We love to share the good work of FISCH! And, as always, thank you for your ongoing prayers, kindness and support. Asante sana!

Pastorship

Erasto is our Acting Operations Manager at FISCH and oversees everything that happens at the Drop-in-Centre. There is a lot of work and ministry to be done at FISCH, so he is always a busy man!

Fortunately he ensures he has the time each week to **engage with the Children**, to **build relationships** with them and to have **meaningful conversations**. For many of these Children, Erasto is the closest they can come to having a **father figure** in their lives, as many are orphans or without extended family to care for them. Erasto focuses especially on those Children in the Short-Term-

Accommodation. This includes listening to the Children sharing their thoughts and opinions, finding out how they are getting on day to day, and checking in to see if they are facing any specific challenges. Erasto is also an excellent **role model**, encouraging the Children to remain calm, **avoid negative influences in life**, to listen carefully and to uphold respect and discipline. **He** particularly encourages them to **live in love and care for each other**, and to be open and honest in sharing anything that affects their life, so that support can be offered and help made available.

In Erasto's own words, *"Awareness and capacity-building are essential tools for transforming mindsets of these children as they are much affected with the street life. God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good!"*

We give thanks for all of Erasto's hard work, and for all the work of each individual member of the FISCH Team. **We are so grateful for you all!**



Erasto engaging with the Children at the Drop-in-Centre





Easter Celebrations at FISCH

Happy Easter!



We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday this year. The Children and Team in Iringa celebrated the **resurrection of Jesus** at FISCH Church in the Drop-in-Centre with additional families and members of the community joining in the festivities. The Children were provided with a **nutritious meal** and a fruit drink, a **cake** was shared amongst everyone, and FISCH distributed **items of clothing as Easter Gifts**. Elizabeth Swai, the Regional Head of Gender Desk, was the guest of honour.

Originally, the FISCH Team had prepared to host and feed 150 Children, but on the day over 200 Street Children arrived. Thanks to Jesus, the Team were able to share all that was prepared with all who arrived in need - what a wonderful testament to God's provision and the hard work of the Tanzanian Team!



Here are some photos of the day. As you can see, the clothing gifts were excitedly accepted!





Street Visits

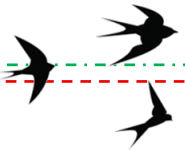
How can we help the Street Children of Iringa if we don't know they exist, or they don't know that we exist to help them?

Fortunately, word of mouth travels fast, and in the Street Child community most Children are aware of FISCH and the work we do. However it is always good to go out into the city of Iringa and **meet them where they are at** - this is what Jesus would have done. Each week after work, and sometimes during the night hours, Erasto and the Team go out to **visit the Kids, share with them** the good news and mission of FISCH - to set the Street Children free from poverty, crime, disease and educational ignorance, in the hope that they may become self-sufficient, healthy, upright and valuable members of their community. Erasto and the Team share the ministries available, such as the Breakfast Club, Short-Term Accommodation, Counselling, the FISCH United football team, Education support and more; all ministries that can support a Child who wants to leave the life of wandering and begging on the Streets.

It is our hope that by reaching out to the Children where they are, they will realise that they are **seen, valued, and worthy** of our **time** and care - they are made in the image of God, and this is what Jesus would be doing. We also hope it will give them the confidence to approach us if ever they decide they want to try and change their life for the better.

Thank you to **each and every one of you**, our Friends of FISCH, who have supported us through the years and highs and lows as a small charity - your support is so important to these Children who often have little or no hope left. Thank you for joining us in this vision; to bring the love of Jesus to the Street Children of Iringa, by striving to meet their needs, that they may experience life in all it's goodness.

Above it all, we thank Him who is behind it all. Let us keep striving to serve and love the Street Children of Iringa, and **change lives.**



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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. – Ephesians 2:10

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