

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



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## Welcome to the February FISCH Bites!

Spring is on its way and the snowdrops and crocuses are starting to bring some colour to the dreary winter we've had here in the UK. The sun has even deigned to start shining, bringing the promise of summer. Seasons may come and go, but God's love is steadfast and everlasting. We thank Him for sustaining FISCH and all the great work that goes on in Iringa. Read on to find out the latest in updates from the Project, and as always, thanks for being a Friend of FISCH.

### Donations from Iringa

Wow! We have had a surge of **kind donations** from so many people in Iringa recently! Word has been spreading through **the local community** about the great work that goes on at FISCH and the impact this has had.

Consequently, we have been the joyful recipients of a variety of gifts!

➔ A family from the Kihesa region heard about the ministries at FISCH and so came to visit the Team and Children at the Drop-in-Centre. They brought with them **25kg of maize flour** (used to make ugali, a staple of Tanzanian meals), **4kg of sugar**, **12 packs of toothbrushes and toothpaste** and **several bars of soap** (to be used in the Short-Term Accommodation), and **6 packs of notepads and exercise books** (for the Children in formal education). How wonderful!

➔ **Aloyce**, one of our FISCH Kids who went on to pursue Higher Education and has since **secured paid work** both as an assistant lecturer at his university and also with the Iringa Municipality, returned to FISCH to make a **financial donation** to the Charity. He chose to do this in **recognition and thanks** for the huge impact FISCH has had on his life, enabling him to pursue education and employment, and to give back to those in need who may be following his path behind him. How amazing and **inspiring!** Asante sana, Aloyce!

➔ One of our Tanzanian Trustees, **Paulina**, donated a **huge stack of firewood** for the all the cooking of delicious meals that goes on at the Drop-in-Centre – wow!

➔ A member of the local community, **Loyce**, heard about FISCH through the local Iringa media and decided to **donate some of her clothing** to the Girls at FISCH. How thoughtful of her – thank you!

➔ One of the Tanzanian Team Members, **Jane**, together with her **family**, donated a **huge collection of clothes and shoes** for the Children of FISCH – asante sana Jane!





## Donations from Iringa Continued...



It is so wonderful to see the charitable giving that is happening on FISCH's very doorstep – and in such practical ways as well. To all those mentioned, and those who have not been mentioned, we say a **deep Thank You** for your kindness and willingness to give out of your own means, to contribute to bettering the lives of these Children who would otherwise be living and sleeping on the streets of Iringa. Asante sana, Mungu aku bariki! (*Thank you, God bless you!*)

Would you be interested in contributing from afar? There are many ways you can make a difference to the lives of the Children in Iringa! Firstly, please **do pray** for the work that goes on in Iringa. There have been many times where FISCH has literally existed on 'a wing and a prayer' – and yet God has never let us down! So please do remember the Team and Children in your prayers. If you would like to get involved with supporting a specific ministry, there are lots to choose from! There's the **School Uniforms & Lunches fund** (£3 provides a FISCH Kid with a School Lunch each day for a whole month, and a further £3 will contribute to their School Uniform requirements); there's a **Food Parcel Sponsorship Scheme** which provides 25kg maize flour, 5kg beans, 5kg rice, 1kg sugar and 1litre of oil a month to a Child (and their family!) for £24.50 a month; the **Short-Term Accommodation** provides a gentle space for Children moving off the Street where they can sleep safely in a bed and have a shower; or an unspecified donation could be used where it is most needed at the time. Whatever you would like to give, the Team would be most grateful! For more information on how to give a gift, check out <https://gofisch.org/donate> for more information, or see the bank details below. Asante sana!



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## Family Re-Unification – Two Years Later...



There are many reasons a Street Kid may be living rough on the streets of Iringa instead at home safe with a family; sometimes there is **not enough food** to go around, sometimes **families break apart** or blended families can be **abusive**; sometimes children become **orphans** through malaria or other illnesses; or sometimes the **allure of the Streets** of the big city is too much for a hungry Child at home in a village.

Where possible, we aim to **reunite** the Street Children with family or relatives and to help contribute to a stable homelife. This may involve counselling, provision of food parcels, assistance with formal education – whatever we can do to help maintain a happy stable family homelife.

Jacob\* was one of these Children who we have supported off the Streets and back into family life; he was registered with FISCH in 2023. He received food, shelter, clothing, counselling and medical support, and was **reunited** with his family in 2024. **Gasper**, our FISCH Social Worker, travelled to Jacob's village to check in and see how life was faring for him and his family two years on, and was **warmly received**.





From L to R: Jacob's Uncle; Jacob's Mother; Gasper, FISCH Social Worker; Jacob himself; District Social Welfare of the District

## Two Year; Later... Continued



Happily, Gasper was pleased to report that **all was well for Jacob!** He lives with his mother and has grown into a responsible young man. He has been trained by his uncle in **welding and fabrication**, along with heavy machinery operations, and he is earning an income from this. Unfortunately his uncle suffered an injury which meant he was unable to work – but **Jacob stepped in** and has been supporting his family with his hard labour, and his contribution has been vital in sustaining his family. Jacob's family passed on their heartfelt thanks for the role that FISCH played in Jacob's life and for facilitating his return to the family.

What a great story to share! It is so satisfying to hear that not only is Jacob happily integrated into family life, but thanks to his time with FISCH, he is now an **upstanding, self-supporting member** of the community and family, and the love of God witnessed and shared to him through FISCH is now rippling out further afield and benefiting his community. Please do pray for Jacob and his family, and particularly for his uncle's recovery. **Asante sana!**

*\*names have been changed*



## Sewing Class Encouragement

The Sewing Class starting for 2026 consists of three ladies and three lads. **Erasto**, Operations Manager on the ground in Iringa, visited the Sewing Class to help kickstart it for the new year – beginning with some words of **advice, encouragement, and prayer time**. He encouraged the Class to **embrace this opportunity** to learn the trade and to make the most of every lesson available to them, to be disciplined and not distracted, and also encouraged them to respect their teacher, each other, and themselves. Erasto concluded by praying with them and for them that this year of Sewing Lessons would be successful and fulfilling. Please do bear the Sewing Class in your prayers this year!



*Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand. – Zechariah 4:10*



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