

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 Winter 2019 edition of FISCH Food!

Greetings Friends of FISCH! Winter is upon on us here in the UK whilst in Tanzania it's the middle of the rainy season. But it's December and the time of Advent is here – when we anticipate the arrival of Jesus to Earth to bring His Good News and His Kingdom. Rejoice! We hope you have been enjoying your FISCH Advent Calendar (see below for more info), and we'd like to thank you, our Friends of FISCH, for supporting the Children in Iringa over this past year.



We hope you have a very Merry Christmas! Peace and goodwill to all!

Food Parcel Update

The Food Parcel Sponsorship is going really well! We now have **35 Children and Families** supported with a **monthly provision** of a 25kg bag of **maize flour**, 5kg of **beans**, 2kg of **sugar** and 2 litres of **cooking oil**. This regular Food Parcels means instead of the Children begging on the Streets or finding menial work to help provide food to eat for the family, the Children can **go to School with full bellies** instead and concentrate on their education. If you are a Food Parcel Sponsor, we'd love to say a great big

“Thank You!”

because you are making an amazing difference to a FISCH Kid and their family each and every month.



⇐ Left to right;
 Somji's mother,
 Seleman, Bonifasi's
 brother, Nicolas,
 Philipo's granny,
 Zainabu, Isaka's
 mother, Simba's
 mother, Janeth.
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Education Update – University Students

Did you know we **have six FISCH Kids** at some stage of **Further Education**? Here's a quick update on each student, what they are studying and how they are getting along;



Tibilius - final year of Clinical Studies (towards Medicine degree)

Promina - Degree in Human Resources Planning Management, Year 2 of 3 (Diploma level)

Best - Teachers college

Aloyce – Social Welfare Development, Year 2 out of 3 (Diploma level)

Happy – Social Welfare Development, Year 1 out of 3 (Certificate level)

Maria – Law, Year 1 out of 6 (Certificate level)



The Education fees for Semester One have been covered thanks to various one-off donations and Gift Aid claims, however we are yet to cover the fees for Semester Two, apart from a kind personal **sponsorship of Maria** which has covered both Semester One and Two. Please **pray** for the other Further Education Students, that their fees will be covered. It is an **ongoing challenge** for FISCH to support these students, as University is much more expensive to fund than Primary or Secondary School, but we are loathe to let these Students down as we have supported most of them from Primary Education through to where they are now. University fees are approximately £1-2000 a year (including tuition fees, books, stationary, travel to and from university, and in some cases accommodation and board).

If you're interested in supporting any of these Kids through their education, please do let us know at office@gofisch.org.



Short Term Accommodation



The STA has been progressing well. In September **all Children had been re-united with their families!** We were really pleased to say that the STA was empty for a period. However it was back in use in October, providing a short term place for Street Kids to stay whilst they **transition** back into family life, with the help of FISCH Team's counselling.



The Sewing Club

The Sewing Club is progressing well, with **three girls** under Eva's tuition. Currently the Club are making primary and secondary school uniforms, which they will **sell on for a small profit**. It's not just sewing skills the Girls are learning, but **business skills** too!



❄️ **Additions to the FISCH UK Team** ❄️

We'd like to introduce two new members of the UK FISCH Team to you, our readers.

Firstly, we have **Roy** (married to Sarah, of the Food Parcel Sponsorship Scheme). Roy has been to Tanzania twice and has seen how much the Project has grown between those two Trips. He is going to be overseeing the **Short-Term Accommodation** at FISCH.

Frances is from St Saviours Church in Guildford and has come on board recently after she heard about FISCH. She is a teacher and is going to be overseeing and support the **Education Fund**.

Please give them both a big welcome! It is great to have their knowledge, experience, and most importantly, their enthusiasm on the Team!



Uniform & Stationary Supplies



You may remember from August 2019 FISCH Food edition that **Carolyn** of the UK FISCH Team held a **birthday fundraiser towards uniform and stationary supplies** for Kids. We reported that her kind friends and family raised enough funds to provide **50 Children** with uniforms and stationary, and even more finances have come through to provide even more Children with these necessities. Without these, they cannot go to School, so this has been a real blessing. **Thanks again Carolyn!**



Christmas Celebrations

Each year FISCH celebrates Christmas at the Drop-in-Centre. The festivities begin in the weeks leading up to Christmas – at the Saturday Clubs the Children start making **Christmas crafts and decorations** for the Drop-in-Centre. Then on **Christmas Eve** there are Christmas songs and worship.



On **Christmas Day**, a **FISCH Church service** is held and many people from the local community join the Children, their Families and the Team in celebrating Jesus' arrival on Earth.

A meal will be shared together. Not much different to Christmas in the UK!

After Christmas, there is a **FISCH Kids Tour** (previous treats involved a trip to the zoo and a local stone-age site) and the Youth Club will meet on the following Saturday.

Not forgetting **New Year Eve** celebrations, and a **meal together on New Year's Day!**



FISCH Advent Calendar



Have you been following the **FISCH Advent Giving Calendar**? It's Advent with a twist – instead of each day receiving something, **instead you give something!** Many FISCH Supporters are Giving each day to the Giving Jar in aid of FISCH, and at the same time are learning more about Tanzania, Iringa and life at FISCH. We'll let you know in the New Year how much this has raised. If you are taking part, we hope you are enjoying it, and **Thank You!**

Some decorated Giving Jars by a church Youth Club ⇒





FISCH Utd



Are you a **football player** or part of a **team or footie club**? Then **FISCH Utd need; you!** We are on the lookout for a football-mad Friend of FISCH **to oversee and encourage funding for FISCH Utd.** The football Team is a great thing for the Kids to be part of – it promotes **teamwork, communication and fitness.** However the other Children who aren't on the Team only get to be there for some of the matches – there is no provision for FISCH Utd's supporters to go along to away matches, unless they are within walking distance. We would love a football fan to step forward and **'adopt' FISCH Utd,** to help raise awareness about the Team and to help raise small funds each year towards **replenishment of football strips and boots,** and the costs of **transporting the other Kids** to the away matches. If you think you are the person for this, or you know a football club who might be interested in sponsoring the Teams, please contact Rich directly at **rich@gofisch.org.**



The Saturday Feeding Project in full swing – every Saturday since September 2007!!

For to us; a child is born, to us; a son is given... and He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



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