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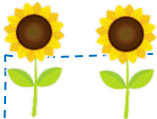
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TO WITNESS THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO THE
STREET CHILDREN
OF IRINGA BY STRIVING TO
MEET THEIR NEEDS
THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE
LIFE IN ALL ITS
GOODNESS



Welcome to the Summer edition of FISCH Food!

Greetings, our Friends of FISCH! This summer we have celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. There was a lot of pomp and fanfare, and plenty of street parties, bunting and flays flying around. Of course, we always have our Heavenly King to honour, and to celebrate His goodness! We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the FISCH Food. As always, we give God the glory and honour. He is good, and His love endures forever! Mungu aku bariiki!



The Saturday Feeding Project

This is where it all began – a Feeding Project in a community hall every Saturday in 2007, providing a safe place for the Street Kids to gather, play games, listen to Bible stories, and importantly, enjoy a nutritious filling meal. Now, nearly 16 years later, the Saturday Feeding Project is still going strong!





Laptop Provision

Two of our FISCH Students have been provided with laptops for use during their studies. **Adam** and **William** are both at university and these items had become essential for them to continue successfully with their studies'. Here is a photo of Adam (left) receiving his laptop, and William (right) outside his university.



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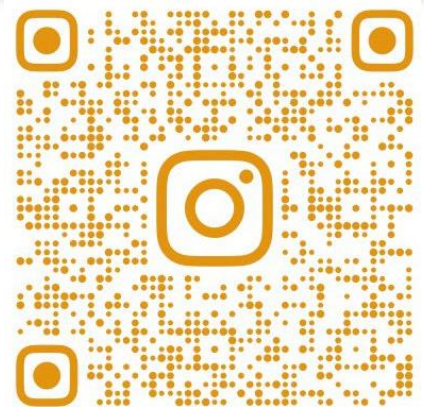
The Football Team have been regularly training and playing friendly matches. One of these games was in Tosamaganga, a 45 minute drive from Iringa. For this match the Team invited some of the FISCH Kids to join and cheer the lads on. Come on you Blues!



Instagram

Did you know FISCH has its own Instagram page now? Check us out **@FISCH_Tanzania** and follow us to see new photos of the Children, Team and Drop-in-Centre regularly. Here's the **QR** code that will take you straight to the page.

For those of you not familiar with QR codes – just open the **camera app** on your phone and point it at the weird dotted image here. A link to the Instagram page should then appear on your phone – click it and arrive at our Instagram page!



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Sewing Club Student Focus



FLORIDA:

Florida is 16 years old and lives locally with her mother, a firewood picker in the hills. Her father abandoned the family a while ago and Florida has been registered with FISCH since 2018. She originally attended Primary School where she completed Grade 7, but was unable to continue with her education. She was enrolled with the FISCH Sewing Club after **approaching the FISCH Team for help** and has since been studying with the other Sewing Students. With this practical education and learning of new skills, she is **empowering herself** and hopes to be able to support both herself and her family through the income she will be able to generate as a seamstress.



FATIMA:

Fatima is 16 years old and lives locally with her grandmother and siblings whilst her mother lives away. Before joining FISCH and the Sewing Club, Fatima worked in large city hours away from home as a domestic worker (housemaid) against her wishes. When she visited her grandmother for the Christmas holidays, she had visited FISCH and learnt about the Sewing Club. She longed to have a skillset that would **help her with her future prospects**. Fatima's mother was very hesitant for her daughter to join the Club because she could not afford to pay for it. However, after finding out that Fatima could attend without payment, she was happy for this chance for Fatima. Fatima enrolled with the Sewing Club and is grateful to receive **breakfast and lunch** at the FISCH Drop-in-Centre, as her family has limited access to food in the home and mostly get by on a single meal a day, or sometimes no food. Looking forward, she hopes to provide an **income and food for her relatives**.



Food Parcels



We are currently providing **48 Food Parcels** through individual sponsorship of FISCH Children in need. What's in a Food Parcel? Well I'm glad you asked! A Food Parcel includes **25kg maize flour, 5kg beans, 5kg rice, 1kg sugar and 1lt of oil**. Not only does a package of food ensure basic nutritional needs are met for these Children, it frees the Child up to pursue an education or vocational training, rather than work to earn food or beg. It also blesses the Family of the Child – they benefit from the food too. If you're interested in finding out more, contact Sarah, our Food Parcel co-ordinator, on sarahmaguire@onething.org. We always have Children on the waiting list. Thank you!

FISCH Church

Recently FISCH Church has been able to invest in a **sound mixer** to help project the sermons and messages during the service. Here are some photos of FISCH Church in full swing!



Barber Visit

A local barber was invited to visit the Drop-in-Centre to provide **haircuts** for many of the Children there, especially those still living on the Streets of Iringa. The Kids were very proud and grateful!





Easter Celebrations in Iringa

As we celebrated Easter here in the UK, so did the Team and FISCH Community in Tanzania! It was a fabulous event filled with much joy and merriment. The Children had fun playing games and a **hot meal was shared by all** – Team, Children, Families, and the Community that are part of FISCH Church. Here are some photos of the activities and celebrations on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Salome Update

Do you remember Salome from our last edition of the FISCH Food (Spring/Feb 2023)? Salome briefly lived on the Streets, and this motivated her to work hard and **take any opportunity** offered to her. With her arrival at FISCH she was registered with the **Short-Term Accommodation** and was enrolled in the **Tourism & Hotel Management** course at a vocational training college in Iringa, sponsored by FISCH. Part of her training took her to a hotel in Northern Zanzibar to obtain **field work experience**. She excelled and the feedback from the hotel manager was excellent. Since then, Salome has completed her course and **secured a job with a hotel**. The package includes **accommodation and meals** and is a brilliant outcome for her. Praise the Lord! She is now a step closer to becoming self-sufficient and independent. **Well done, Salome!**

We are seeking further regular giving towards the Short-Term Accommodation facility. As you can see, it has provided a wonderful steppingstone from the Streets, into opportunity, and a future. If you'd liked to get involved and support the STA, please contact Georgie at georgie.fisch@gmail.com or gofisch.org/donate. **Thank you!**





Inaugural Youth Club at New Drop-in-Centre

In March the Children and Team were thrilled to host their Youth Club at the new Drop-in-Centre (DiC) building **for the first time**. This new building has been in the making for quite a while. You may remember from previous editions of the FISCH Food over the years that FISCH partnered with a UK charity called **TSS Aware**. This charity was founded by the family of **Natasha Scott-Falber**, who tragically died from Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). Mandy, Natasha's mother, and Mike Scott have been tirelessly raising awareness of this treatable disease, in memory of Natasha. Mandy also wanted Natasha to have another **positive legacy** in East Africa, stemming from a memorable visit years ago. A chance conversation between Mandy and a UK FISCH Team Member resulted in a partnership, with Mandy, Mike and the family fundraising much of the funds needed to purchase a plot of land in order to build our very own building, the future Drop-in-Centre. **Well, it has happened!** Here are some photos of the joyous occasion, plus a photo of Mandy in front of the original building as it was purchased, a few years ago, and the building work that has taken place. What a difference!

Praise God for His provision. When FISCH started as a wee Saturday Feeding Project, existing on prayer and faith that God wanted to Do Something about the Street Child culture in Iringa, a building of our own was a pipe dream. However, God is greater than we could ever imagine!
Let there be more big prayers!



Family Day

Family Day is celebrated on the 15th May every year in Tanzania, and in Iringa various groups received visits from **Community Development Officers** who give talks on the importance of **morals** and **love** in **strengthening the family**. FISCH was no exception!



FISCH Student Focus

We have two FISCH Students who are engaging in studies at College but are yet to receive any sponsorship. If you would be interested in contributing anything towards their education, please contact Liz at lizzzee.murphy@gmail.com.

HAPPINESS:

Happiness lives near Iringa. Her father passed away when she was 5, and her mother remarried; however neither Happiness nor her siblings know their mother's whereabouts. Happiness and her family rely on support from FISCH, which also in the past included provisions of school uniform and equipment so that Happiness could go through Secondary Education. Happiness completed Form IV with good grades in 2021 which meant she was eligible to join a college. She is undertaking a Diploma in Business Management at the Institute of Accountancy in Arusha. She began this three year course in 2022. When on leave from studies, she works for a food vendor to earn a little money where possible.

TUNU:

Tunu lives locally to Iringa and has been enrolled at FISCH since 2021. She was supported through Secondary Education with the provision of uniform and stationary equipment, and FISCH have provided the admission fee to secure her position at the College of Business Administration in Mbeya, after completing her Form IV in 2021. She lives with her father, who works as a welder, although business is not good presently, and her mother runs a small spice booth. Whilst waiting to hopefully go to college in the future, she Tunu is enrolled in the FISCH Sewing Club to learn a skill and potentially earn some money to help her parents. Tunu's aspiration is to create a business in clothing, fabric, fashion and decorations.





Baby Name Fundraiser

Two of our UK Team members are pleased to share the birth of their second child! **Luke and Paige Ingledow** (of the FISCH Prayer Team and FISCH Food) welcomed a daughter to the family in March. Before the birth, they held a FISCH Fundraiser – they provided a list of 30 possible names, and offered friends, family, and the church community to **guess which name** was going to be given to their daughter, at £1 per guess. No one guessed the correct name! However, they did raise **over £70** for FISCH.



Thank You to a UK Trustee

Roy Maguire has been part of the FISCH Team for many years and has visited Iringa twice. He is a particular **champion** of the **Short Term Accommodation**. He has recently stepped down from his position as a Trustee of FISCH and we'd like to thank him for his faithful service and diligence to FISCH. **Thanks Roy!**



UK Team Meeting

The UK Team tries to get together every year for a big gathering, shared meal, and to talk about FISCH (of course!). We are all volunteers spread across the country, therefore despite regular virtual communication it is wonderful to be able to physically get together and be in the same place! This meet up gives us the opportunity to see old friends, and make news ones, while bonding over our experiences and passion for FISCH and the Kingdom works it does in the name of Christ.

Here is a photo of the gathering in March this year. A few Team Members are missing, but here's a run down of those who made it...



*Back standing:
Andrew Butterfield, Chris Waddell, Chris How, Janet Waddell, Mike Boddington, Sarah Maguire, Bob and Liz Murphy, Mike Gercke*

*Front sitting:
Becky Voice, Carolyn Gercke, Zena Butterfield, Rich Gercke, Mandy and Mike Scott, Jon Martin, Simon and Grace Tolan*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14

