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JESUS CHRIST TO THE
STREET CHILDREN
OF IRINGA BY STRIVING TO
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Welcome to the January FISCH Bites!

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 FISCH Bites. We hope you had a lovely festive season and a peaceful start to the new year, and we are really grateful for your support in the coming months. We already have some great news from the Project to share with you, including a new fund we are starting – the provision of School Lunches for those Children in education. Read on to find out more!

New Year Celebrations!

The Children and Staff in Iringa had a wonderful time celebrating the New Year! A party was held at the Drop-in-Centre, with **music and dancing**, and a wonderful, **shared meal** of spice rice, beef, fried potatoes, beans, peas, kambuchari (a fresh onion, tomato and chilli salad), fruits and soft drinks. Operations Manager Erasto also welcomed his friend **Josephine**, who spoke to the Children and brought them words of encouragement, urging them not to lose hope as they pursue their life dreams. She also kindly brought **gifts** for the Children, which included **fresh bread** and **laundry soap** for them to wash their clothes.

Here are some words from Erasto himself; “We sincerely **thank God** for safely bringing us into the year 2026. Our Children had a wonderful time celebrating the New Year. On behalf of FISCH Tanzania Team, **I am very honoured** to serve these Children in need together with my fellow **staff members.**”





Back to School – School Uniforms

In our last FISCH Bites we shared with you the challenges that we face **providing enough school uniforms and equipment** to the Children we are supporting through education. Amazingly, some of you lovely readers came forward with contributions to this Fund – **thank you so much!**

On the 6th of January, parents and guardians of the FISCH Children came to the Drop-in-Centre to collect the Children's uniform. All the skirts, trousers and shorts were **measured and made** by the wonderful Sewing Class. The Team had to ensure each Child got the right size clothes, in the correct school's uniform, and more Children turned up than were scheduled for that day – so quite the undertaking! However, as you can see from the photos, we have **many pleased and proud School Children** showing off their new school uniforms and equipment. They are ready to go back to school, to learn, and to give themselves a better chance at a better future. We wish them all the best! And of course, if you would like to get involved, please check out the financial details below. Asante sana!



Back to School – School Lunches



Do you remember in our October FISCH Bites we shared the fundraising efforts of our Team Member Paige who ran the FoD Autumn Half-Marathon, to kickstart the provision of **School Lunches** to many Children who do not get them? Well, we're thrilled to share that we have managed to provide the school meals for all our Children in Education for this coming year – **hurrah!** We are now looking to continue to raise provision of these important meals, so we're asking if you'd like to hop on board and join us in this. Most schools run from 7am – 4pm, and if you factor in the walk to and from school, these Children can be **very hungry** and therefore **unfocussed** on their studies. School gives them a chance to better their futures, and so this is why we feel this is quite an important area of provision towards the Street Kids.



School Uniform & Meals Project Launch



Could you spare **£3 a month** to provide a **Child's meal** or **School Uniform** for a year? £3 a month will provide a **full Uniform** or **Meals for a Child for a year** (your choice!), and £6 a month would provide both a Uniform and a Meal for a year. Our bank details are included below (as direct bank payments are the most helpful to us) and we are also more than happy to receive a one-off donation if you'd prefer.

Either way, **we'd be most grateful**, and the Children enjoying a School Meal instead of studying in hunger will be even more grateful! It may feel like a small gesture, but it will mean so much to a FISCH Kid. It's the promise of a full year of learning, a regular weekday meal, the comfort of routine and the chance to simply be a School Kid and learn.

Truly, we thank you so much!



A Big 'Asante Sana!'

A huge shout out and Thank You to the United Reformed Church in Colchester who have already made a wonderful contribution towards the School Uniform & Meals Project! Thanks to your generosity, so many Children have been provided with Uniforms and Lunches. Amazing! We are so grateful – asante sana!

Team Meeting to Start 2026



We are so grateful to our Team in Tanzania. They are at the frontline in witnessing, serving and loving the Street Children of Iringa, and without them, FISCH couldn't function!

To start the year off strongly, the Team held a Meeting together, **praying and praising God** for the provision in 2025. The Team then refocused on the vision and mission of FISCH.

If you're not familiar with either of these, check out these photos – they are copies of the original vision and mission when FISCH was first founded, and hosted in our first Drop-in-Centre many years ago. **They have not changed!**

Finally, the Team shared a celebratory cake together. **Here's to 2026!**



Our 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 its goodness.



Our Mission

To set the street children of Iringa free from poverty, crime, disease and educational ignorance, in the hope that they may become self-sufficient, healthy, upright and valuable members of the community.



Join the Team!

We are looking for a passionate volunteer to **help coordinate and run this School Uniform & Meals project**. If you have a heart for Children in education and are interested in helping us manage this initiative to ensure its long-term success, please contact **Rich Gercke**, CEO, on rich@gofisch.org for more information. Thank you for helping us break down these barriers to education with us!

Bank Details for Regular Giving;

Account Name: **FISCH**
Sort Code: **60-09-21**
Account No: **77518462**
Reference: Uniform/Meals Project
Or, through our website:
<https://gofisch.org/donate>

So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day, it is said, "on the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." – Genesis 22:14



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