



Edition 3

the Future for Iringa Street Children monthly news bulletin



Welcome to the latest edition of FISCH Food! Thank you so much for your prayer and support for this work. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and pray that you may be inspired by how God is giving these children new hope for a better future! As always, we welcome your thoughts so please do get in touch...

{Rich Gercke}



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Building for the future...

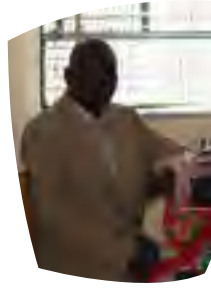
One of the biggest challenges faced by our team in Tanzania is how to address the immediate physical need of safe shelter for the street children. Whilst our aim is always to help them return to relatives where possible, or to live with a foster family, this process takes time and meanwhile these children remain sleeping on dirty streets at night without the basic provision of shelter.

To address this need, FISCH plans to build a 'half way house', a short distance from town, where children can find a safe refuge for a number of weeks whilst the process of praying, planning, counselling and reconciling continues to identify and enact a more sustainable solution.

We are currently in the process of identifying a suitable site, and hope to begin building over the summer months of 2010 as God provides! Please pray for this vision!

SPECIAL REPORT — SPECIAL REPORT — SPECIAL REPORT

It's not often that you experience something that makes you feel joy, guilt, shame, delight, satisfaction, grief, surprise and troubled all in the space of a couple of hours. No, I'm not about to tell you of an amazing book I've been reading, an incredible theatre performance I've just seen or the best movie ever made, instead I want to share with you my experience of visiting the FISCH Saturday Club held at St. Luke's church on the outskirts of Iringa town.



During a 'reccie' trip to Tanzania in the summer half term holiday, Kate (my wife) and I had the absolute honour of spending some time with Mote and the team discussing the various projects FISCH run and the day to day work in the office.

It is amazing to see the dedication of the Tanzanian team and their determination to help children and young people that no one else cares about. Although we enjoyed discussing the work and exploring future possibilities with the team, it was the Saturday Club that really brought home the impact of what FISCH is doing in Iringa. Visiting the St. Luke's project was a real encouragement, seeing the local church and FISCH in partnership, providing activities and particularly a big healthy meal for the kids was just brilliant.



Kate and I are looking forward to taking a group of young people out to Tanzania in the summer of 2010 to develop the work of FISCH and we're particularly excited about the possibility of helping to build a half way house for the street children who need a safe place to stay while family reconciliation takes place or a different home is found for them.

{ James Robinson }

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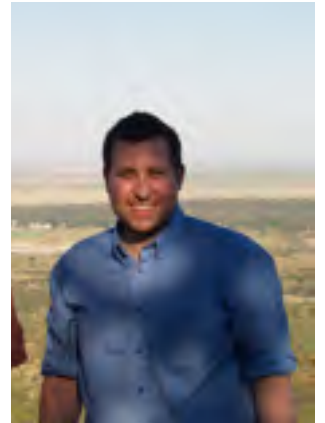
Profile of the month

James Robinson—FISCH Food Designer / Editor

Favourites: Colour - Red, Film Genre - Sci-Fi, Music - 90s Dance, Food - Ice Cream, Drink - whatever is fairtrade.

Involvement with FISCH: I first became involved with FISCH through my wife Kate who knew Richard from a trip to Tanzania some years ago. As a couple who are both involved in youth work and who have a heart to see Tanzania changed through the power of what God is doing there, FISCH seemed an obvious choice of project to become involved in.

Current Involvement: As a member of the UK FISCH team, my current involvement is largely based on getting as many people as possible to hear about the work FISCH does and encouraging those people to consider praying, giving and even going to be involved in FISCH. My commitment to FISCH includes being designer and editor of FISCH Food as well as encouraging my own youth group to help in the fundraising effort for the vital funds that FISCH needs to continue its work in Iringa. Kate and I are leading a trip next summer through Youth For Christ taking 12 young people out to Tanzania and one of the projects we will be visiting is FISCH. We are hoping to get involved in a new exciting project, the details of which are being discussed and will be shared in a couple of months time!



Prayer Points



We are hoping that Mote and his wife Atu (who lead the FISCH team in Tanzania) will visit the UK in 2010. Please pray that God will make this possible.

Alex - a street child that FISCH have worked closely with since we began. He has run away to Dar es Salam. Please pray that God will protect him and bring him safely back to Iringa.



Shazna - A street girl with no parents who has recently been taken in by Mote and Atu to live with them. Please pray for all of them as they adapt to their new situation.

Answered Prayers

Once again God has provided the necessary finance to ensure that the needs of the project have been met.

James and Kate were kept safe on their trip to Tanzania and free from illness. Praise God for their desire to serve him and the blessing they are to FISCH.



St Luke's feeding project - this new feeding project has been up and running for a few months now and is proving very successful. A good team of helpers is being established and up to 20 children are regularly attending.



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Fundraising idea of the month

This month...

BRING AND BUY SALE

as demonstrated by

TAYC youthgroup from St. Mary Magdalene Church, Belmont, Durham who raised over £200 for FISCH by selling bric a brac, playing games, running an origami workshop and serving delicious home baked cakes to members of the local community.

If you've had a fundraising event for FISCH then we really want to hear from you! Please send a short description of who you are, what you did, how much it raised and a photo if you have one to noahsapprentice@yahoo.co.uk



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