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TO WITNESS THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO THE
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OF IRINGA BY STRIVING TO
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THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE
LIFE IN ALL ITS
GOODNESS

Welcome to the August edition of the FISCH Bites!

Wow, it's hot hot hot! What spectacular sunshine we have been having recently, although it does seem that the usual British summer weather has returned... in time for the school year to kick off again. We hope you've all had a superb summer holiday and have managed to have a rest. The Team in Tanzania have continued to work hard serving the Street Children of Iringa, and with so much going on, we have lots of great news and updates to share with you! Read on for more information...



August Youth Club – Mental Health Focus

Each month the FISCH Team hosts a **Youth Club** for Children aged 14 and up, providing fun and food and an **opportunity to engage** with the youth on topics such as social, economic and psychological issues. This month, the focus was on **understanding mental health**, and to this end FISCH invited a **final-year student** from the University of Dodoma who is studying **Psychiatry and Mental Health**, to help lead the discussions. Topics included causes and symptoms of mental health challenges, and **ways to prevent them**.

As you can see, there was a **great turn out** to the Youth Club, with lots of **engagement** between the Youth, Visiting Speaker and the Team.





Match of the Day - Tanzania

In our last edition of the FISCH Bites we shared how the **FISCH Utd football team** had successfully made it through to the knockout stages of the **Municipal District Under-20s League** – and after coming top of their group, no less! FISCH Utd went up against Kigamboni Academy near the end of July and it was a gripping match – FISCH Utd were 2-1 until Kigamboni Academy equalised in the last few minutes of the first half. Neither team scored or conceded a goal in the second half, so it went to penalties! Nail-biting! The FISCH Utd team made some excellent shots and they **won the penalty shootout 4-2!** They'd made it to the quarterfinals!

One football player did sustain an injury during the match but fortunately he was able to receive treatment swiftly.

In August, the **quarterfinals kicked off** with FISCH Utd vs Botafogo FC. It was a tough match and by the end of the first half, Botafogo had pulled ahead 1-0. Try as they might, the FISCH Utd team were unable to score an equaliser, and thus were **knocked out** of the tournament. However, what an **achievement** for the FISCH Kids involved! We hope they are **very proud** of their success and all they have achieved and learnt from this experience. Also, it has been a **huge boost for FISCH itself** – as the matches went by, the number of fans in the community increased. This football tournament has been a real opportunity to **raise the profile** of FISCH in the local and surrounding areas, and **raise awareness** of the work that happens at the Drop-in-Centre – how fabulous.

Well done to the FISCH Utd team!



Barak's Reunification with Family

Last month another FISCH Child **happily returned home** to his family after three years away living on the Streets!

Reunification is the process of returning a Child home or to other family members and supporting them through each step of the way. As much as we do everything we can to support and nurture the Street Children who cross our threshold, nothing replaces what a **stable secure family** has to offer. Once both Child and Family have been located, connected and counselled, the best next step is for the Child to move back in with family. FISCH will continue to support that Child, and the wider family, and this can take the form of simply checking in with the parties periodically or providing a food parcel regularly or assisting with accommodation.

The smiling FISCH Kid in these photos is **Barak***. After floating around the Streets of Tanzania, he is back with his mother. As you can see, **she is thrilled to have him home**, having not seen her son for over three years!

Thank you to the amazing Team at FISCH who spend a lot of time and effort in successfully reuniting Children with their family. **We are so grateful – as is Barak's family!**



**Names changed to protect identities*



Giving Them A Hope and A Future

From the start back in 2007, the vision of FISCH is 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. We want to give the Street Children a **Hope** and a **Future**. When a Street Child is brought to the Team's attention, it is often a heartbreaking story of loss, sadness and hardship that follows. Every Child has their story to tell, and the counselling Team in FISCH is there to **listen, engage, and assist** each one as they welcome them into the fold. Here is such a story, one of many that has been shared over the years, but one that has been changed with FISCH's intervention...

Dreamer* is just 12 years old, but he is already carrying a burden far too heavy for his young shoulders.

He has both his parents but unfortunately having them **does not always guarantee** the care and support every Child needs. Dreamer's father is elderly and his mother suffers from poor mental health, so providing for her family is a challenge. Life is difficult for Dreamer and his family. As a result, this young lad has been **forced to raise himself**.

Whilst other Children focus on their studies, playing with friends and enjoying their childhood, Dreamer **worried** about **school uniforms, school lunches** and other required materials. When he needs something for school, he had to find **casual labour** in order to earn the money **to buy it himself**.

The difficulties of life take their toll on him.

However, Dreamer has other needs besides the physical. Those who know him observe that he is **isolated** from the other children, rarely mixing with them, and **does not freely participate** in games or other activities with his classmates. Others comment that he holds a deep sadness, and that **he does not laugh or smile** the way the other children do.

These remarks and observations raise serious concerns about the **emotional and psychological impact of prolonged neglect and hardship** on Dreamer, and this statement is true for many other Children who, due to various circumstances, end up **fending for themselves** on the Street. Dreamer is not a "Street Child" living on the Streets, but he is in no less need of FISCH's intervention.

We believe that rescuing a Child is **not only about providing food or clothes**. It is also very much about **seeing and hearing a Child, meeting them where they are, and restoring hope, dignity, confidence, and the belief that tomorrow can be better**. FISCH will **stand beside Dreamer**, and all the many other Children in similar situations, and will ensure that their basic needs are met. **Children deserve to have a childhood**, free from the pangs of hunger, free from the worry of poverty, free to happily dream about their future.

If you believe in this and want to stand with us, we would really encourage you to get involved and consider giving regularly to the work that goes on at FISCH. The wonderful regular gifts from supporters like yourselves are the **lifblood of the Project** – knowing what funds we have regularly each month has a massive impact on ensuring we can reach our **minimum requirements** of providing for the Children, and whether we have scope to increase **our** ministry safely, knowing that we can continue it steadily and **reliably to support** the Street Children in whatever context they need.

If this is you, then see the details to the right on how to get involved. We absolutely also welcome one-off donations – **we are grateful for all and any!** Thank you ever so much to all those who already so generously donate and for those of you even contemplating supporting FISCH. We have so many lives to support and changes needed for the better – giving them a **Hope and a Future**. **Asante sana, Mungu aku bariiki.**



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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.



A Handy UK Fundraiser

One of our longstanding supporters has been **getting crafty** and has been fundraising for the **FISCH School Lunch** fund! **Viv Hunter** set to work with fabric and sewing needle and has created these innovative **playing card-holders**. After seeing how much they could help a grandchild with **small hands** hold some playing cards, she decided to create some of her own. They were so helpful and appealing to others that after some requests by friends, Viv was able to start selling them! Not only are these funky cardholders **great for children**, but they are also helpful to anyone who may have a physical disability, poor motor control, loss of sensation in the hands, or simply just those who struggle to hold a lot of cards at once (especially if you're not very good at playing Uno!) Since creating her card-holders, Viv has sold quite a few and has raised **over £375** towards School Lunches - **£3 can provide a FISCH School Student with lunches for a whole month**, so that's a lot of lunches provided! If you would be interested in ordering a card-holder, then contact **Viv** at huntermania@hotmail.co.uk to see what designs she currently has available. They are **£3.50 each**, or **3 for £10**, plus P&P. They'd definitely make excellent Christmas presents...!



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands... in the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth – Psalm 19: 1, 4b, 6



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