

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



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... Catching Up



In July, 2015 in Morden, South London I visited Morden Fun Day where I set up my stall (pictured) to sell African Curio and to sell some of the students' artwork produced in the village both this year and from last year. It was a great event, lovely weather and lovely people. It made me realise I need to do more of this so next year I'm back at Mitcham Carnival and Wimbledon Village Fayre – one in each month of my return to the UK if possible!

Meanwhile, as I indicated in my Q2 post, Morden Rotary Club donated £500 for



the replacement of school uniforms for the children of the Village in Tanzania. This came in addition to CDN\$600 donated by Ndenny Meakins, formerly of the village but now in Saskatoon! At a cost of just under £10 each we were able to commission altogether 115 uniforms and to pay a village seamstress along with two of her helpers to make these uniforms (thus creating work within the village). We finished phase 3 of the operation in August with 45 uniforms for years 5 and 6 at the smallest of the schools, ARI Primary. As you can see from the picture the children (and of course, their families) are very grateful! In 2016 I hope to continue the programme as it manages to serve the children and families together.



A teacher helps the pupils at Lyamungo Primary to look their best for the cameras in an earlier uniform donation exercise!



The children with Stella de Ronde, Headteacher and the seamstress, Mathilda.



Boy receiving his new uniform.

ABCDreams (UK) Objectives: 2015 Q4

ARI KITCHEN

Again, as indicated in the Q2 post I am proposing a complete renewal and refurbishment of the kitchens at ARI Primary as well as industrial cleaning and renewal of the toilets. Both buildings are bordering on health hazards both for pupils and staff. I established a 'GoFundMe' page for this and welcome additional donations to those already generously completed. See my GoFundMe page [here](#).



Also in this quarter, thanks again to Morden Rotary Club I delivered 20 pairs of spectacles donated by ordinary club members and Rotary friends.

These are a very welcome gift for the village.

Where average daily income is officially \$1.65 or below, a visit to 'Specsavers' for most people in the village is out of the question. I commissioned the village secretary (pictured) to notify people in need in the village so that she can donate as necessary. We hope this can be an on-going project as it is easy to manifest and provides so much comfort to recipients.

LYASIKIKA

Finally, and again with thanks to Morden Rotary, we donated football kits to the boys of Lyasikika Secondary School.

While on the subject of Lyasikika Secondary School I mentioned in an earlier post that we were supporting 7 students who were on my lists as primary students last year and who were invited to join Lyasikika because of their success at final exams in the last year at primary. Yes - if they don't pass their exams they don't get 'invited' to join secondary school!

Two of the secondary students were transferred out of the village so we are now supporting only 5. I am very happy to continue this support next year and anticipate a few more students following on from this year's exams. I am very proud to be able to do this as the students are all working very hard to succeed. It's wonderful to see. They certainly don't take their secondary education for granted!

Thanks again to all those who donate and who wish us well in Lyamungo Sinde.

1. New Pictures and paintings from ARI and L.S. Primary
2. Distribute pads for girls
3. Assess new school uniform programme
4. Cultivate further funding sources
5. Helping Morden Rotary with Lend with care programme
6. Prepare for installation of pc's for library
7. Planning work on ARI kitchen and toilets
8. Apply for UK fundraising venues for 2011

OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this, my 11th ABCD (UK) newsletter. This quarterly update keeps you in touch with our work, our donors and our children in Tanzania.

My time in Tanzania will, in the next quarter, hopefully prove as successful as the last. I'm looking forward to meeting the new challenges that our increased funding base affords...

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