

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



ABCDreams-UK

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Objectives:

- ◆ To educate and increase the public's understanding and appreciation of the arts from children in developing nations through presentations, seminars and fundraising events.
- ◆ To provide scholarships, bursaries and prizes to children in developing nations.
- ◆ To relieve poverty in developing nations by providing food and other basic supplies to children and their families.
- ◆ To support and share the vision and mission statements of ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (Canada). Our mission and vision:

Mission

The mission of ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams is to provide financial assistance to the schools and families of orphans and children at risk by using the children's art to raise funds for their education and for community development.



Vision

The vision of ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams is a world where vulnerable children can achieve their dreams.

VISITS TO THE VILLAGE

Since arriving back in Tanzania I have paid a number of visits back to the village to renew my plans and to re-acquaint myself with the principle people there.

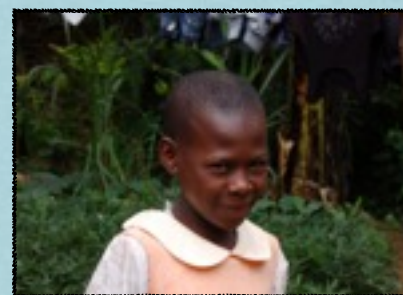
I have met with Pastor Nixon, the Lutheran pastor who is doing so much for the village. His dedication goes above and beyond his ministry. He is a true servant of the community, a reminder of one of the pledges of the new pope, too! The pastor has promised to set up a meeting between myself and the village committee to allow me to acquaint them with my objectives.



HANMINA LEMA AND KELVIN: Kelvin was 6 months old when he was orphaned. Hanmina is his grandmother



HEAVENLIGHT A. LEMA: Yes, that's her real name! She was 11 when this was taken last year. She is now in Standard 7 (end of Key Stage 2 in Primary School)



ERICA FRED: Erica was also 11 years old when this was taken last year. She is also in Standard 7

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I have also met with Mwalimu Mkuu (principal teacher) Hildegard Beda of the Lyamungo Sinde Primary School



in Machame, Tanzania and presented her with paintings from the children of Roxwell



Primary in Essex (see photo on page 1).

The Mkuu and the children were delighted with them and I am basing a new art project with the children of Standard 4 on them.

THE CHALLENGES

My idea is to exchange paintings and letters between the children of Roxwell Primary, perhaps the pupils of classes 2 and 3 and the children of Lyamungo Sinde Primary in Machame, Tanzania. The purpose of this project is to bring attention to the lives and the struggles of the children and to allow the children to share their dreams.

THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

Apart from the school exchange with Lyamungo Sinde Primary I have set up funding through abcdreams.org.uk to pay for school fees for all orphans of the village, including those who attend the 4 other schools in the village - 1 pre-primary, 1 other primary school; the muslim school - although there is no discrimination as to who should attend where - and 2 secondary schools!

So the challenge is great and stretches well into the foreseeable future!

The broad overview will see all children, no matter what background or disability having a chance to fulfill their dreams. Until next time.....

1. Pictures for L.S. Primary

2. Letters and penpals project

3. Internet to L.S. Primary

4. Teacher training

5. Primary School links

6. Art exchange by email

7. Photos of standard 4

8. Language practice

9. Headteacher links

10. Links database

OUR NEWSLETTER

This is my ABCDreams Newsletter from the ground in Tanzania. I intend to update quarterly so keep a look-out, please! My time here has so far been very busy and very fruitful. It will take a long time to build the project and I'm looking forward to meeting the challenges...

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