

# ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



## ABCD (UK) Newsletter

### THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS IN THE UK AND WORLDWIDE

First and foremost on my list are my gracious colleagues at **Morden Rotary Club** who have this year donated very generously both directly and indirectly through **Morden Family Fun Day**.

With the Roxwell Primary School Summer Fayre as a launchpad, I looked forward to the Morden Fun Day on 20th July where I had been promised a stall and later to the coffee morning on 22nd July organised with the grateful assistance of my hosts, Mike and Janet Gibson, my son-in-law's parents. As two of their children had moved overseas this Summer along with their grandchildren they felt at a loss as to Summer commitments! I quickly filled the gap with a suggestion for a coffee morning in support of ABCD (UK). We had a very good and stimulating morning. I enjoyed the prospects of a new network and the possibility of new connections (but more of this later!)



### MARTHA'S TENURE

When my first volunteer, Martha Austin arrived last year, we expected her to just be teaching some English at Lya-mungo Sinda Primary School. This quickly escalated to helping with English classes at all 3 village schools. Moreover, and also with Martha's help, we were able to build a new toilet block and to establish a girls' hygiene support system. Martha's girls, as they were to become known, benefitted from help and education about their



sanitary requirements. Starting 15th September, we will supply new pads and bags for the new girls. Girls currently supplied will be re-supplied. In future we hope eventually to seek help for this initiative from 'Days for Girls'.



Bibi Lema thanking Abcdreams (uk) for contributions to school fees for the children - with John and Mr. Mwashu, head teacher.



Martha's induction: Yes, that's her under the kitenge! It's a traditional commemoration.



Mr. Moshi, head teacher at Mwowe receiving certificate of gift from ABCDreams (UK).



# ABCDreams (UK) Objectives: 2014 Q4

## Q3 PROSPECTS

Meanwhile, with a change of pastor at the Lutheran Church at Lyamungo Sinde I need to re-connect with the local community officials. I will be meeting with the new pastor, with the ward education officer as well as with the village chairperson to plan for next year's assistance programme for orphans and vulnerable children. As well as planning for next year I will finish up tasks begun last year, including supplying running water to the new toilet block. My Autumn schedule this year includes further painting sessions with Standard 6 pupils not only of L.S. Primary, as was the case last year, but also with the students of Mwowe and ARI schools.

## NEW LINKS!

Last year I represented ABCD (UK) at Roxwell Primary School in Essex, linking L.S. Primary standard 4 pupils with Class 3 at Roxwell. I plan to continue this link and perhaps to develop it further by connecting ARI School rather than L.S. Primary. At nearly twice the size of Roxwell, L.S. Primary proved a mismatch as there were 2 Tanzanian pupils for every Roxwell pupil. ARI, being approximately the same size, allows me to continue the link on a more equitable basis. Links will include the ex-

change of greetings cards and pictures.

Meanwhile, thanks to my new connections arising from the coffee morning at 10A Great Austins, we have now been adopted as a charity by Prior's Field School in Godalming, Surrey. We look forward to working with Ms. K. Sapseid to fulfil some of our objectives for this coming year.

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Finally, this year's fundraising has doubled the funds we raised last year. Last year I began with the support of 65 children, paying school fees for which guardians and carers were barely able to provide. While last year's assistance was restricted to primary pupils, this year I hope to extend this to students on our list who are now eligible for secondary school. As I mentioned in a previous post, the Tanzanian government is doing the best it can under the circumstances. With a demographic skewed in favour of young people and a 56% informal economy, resources are limited and parents need to make up the difference where possible.

I begin this year therefore on a very positive note, thanks to our generous friends and donors. More soon.

1. Pictures and paintings from all 3 schools
2. Sanitary supplies and education for Martha's girls
3. Introductions between Roxwell Primary and ARI
4. Meeting with new pastor and village officials
5. Planning for assistance programme for 2015
6. Develop links with Prior's Field School in Godalming
7. Establish water supply to Martha's toilet block
8. Assessing numbers and assisting students accepted for secondary schools

## OUR NEWSLETTER

This is my 7th ABCD (UK) newsletter. This quarterly update keeps you in touch with our work, our donors and our families 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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