

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



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THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE LYAMUNGO SINDE COMMUNITY

This 4th quarter in Tanzania has proved a very busy 3 months for ABCD (UK). I began an art programme at Mwowe school which took over completely, leaving little room for work in ARI and L.S. primary. As in L.S. Primary last year, the children loved learning through their art work. Their picture-making ability improves quickly, considering they normally don't do any kind of art work as we know it. Their work reflects the level of art we expect from children much younger in the UK. Nevertheless, their enthusiasm and dedication is just the same and their sense of achievement at the end well worth the effort.

I did visit all schools with a view to continuing the art programme, though. I intend to start at ARI straight after Christmas with a new Standard 5 class and continue with L.S. Primary in February/March. More on this soon.



... MARTHA'S GIRLS

Martha's girls, as they were to become known in all schools, received this quarter's consignment of sanitary pads thanks to the donations from Martha, her friends and family in Australia. Starting 15th September, we supplied new pads and bags for the new girls in each school, as well as for all the existing girls on the lists. I followed up at the end of November as well and contributed pads to 2 new girls in ARI, 2 in Mwowe and 5 in L.S. Primary. All the girls cur-



rently supplied will be re-supplied in January. The scheme is working well with liaison established in each school through the teacher responsible for health. The girls are briefed and taught how to use the pads.



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



Lyamungo Sinda girls receiving their pads in September with follow-up in November for 5 more girls.



Mr. Moshi, head teacher at Mwowe celebrating gift aid from ABCDreams (UK).

ABCDreams (UK) Objectives: 2015 Q1

... Q4 PROJECTS

With the art work now complete at Mwowe school I hope to return to the UK April next year with a new collection of paintings and introductory pieces from all the children. I have made the arrangements with the ARI head teacher and will finish with L.S. Primary.

Martha's toilets at L.S. Primary are a real success. We installed a water supply direct to the toilet block, but not within each toilet, unfortunately. Nevertheless there are now two taps, one on the boys side and one for the girls. We created a little porch for washing and filling buckets so the children would not get muddy. The old toilets have been closed off, There are no plans to demolish them yet but they may come with the new head teacher.

Through my regular meetings in the schools, each of the head-teachers have now been primed to identify new pupils coming into standard 1 who will need assistance. Many I have already been told are siblings of some of the pupils we are now supporting.

We have raised about half as much again in funding as we did last year so I hope not only to support those children on last year's list who are still at primary school but also those on the

list who are invited to join secondary school. If funds are still available, I hope to start a supply of basic school uniform kits, made to different sizes that can be distributed at the schools. Each day we visit a school we can see many of the children with torn and dirty jumpers, shirts and shorts. Many probably only have one set of each. I think that a new uniform for some, if not all would bolster their pride and make their school experience enjoyable. Quite a statement having been all these years as a teacher against the idea of school uniform!

... NEW LINKS!

Finally, while attending to the work with the primary schools I have followed a course set by ABCD Canada to establish an NGO in Tanzania under the same banner. Frank Smith, of ABCD Canada and I have been working on the constitution for ABCD Tanzania and have now submitted it for scrutiny by a lawyer in Moshi. It is our hope that we can engender an umbrella organisation with whom we can work while in Tanzania. Volunteerism is neither well-established or well-recognised in Tanzania. We hope that ABCD Tanzania will be one step on the way.

... MORE SOON.

1. Pictures and paintings from ARI and L.S. Primary
2. Sanitary pads and bags for Martha's girls
3. Assessment of children at risk in all schools
4. Consensus meeting with village and education officers
5. Assessment of successful secondary school entries from village schools
6. Distribution of 2015 gift aid for children
7. Assess needs for new toilet block at ARI
8. Prepare schools' art works for sale

OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this, my 8th 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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