

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



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VISITS TO THE VILLAGE

I now have the prospect of my first volunteer for Lyamungo Sinda Primary School. Martha Austin, of New South Wales, Australia who has booked her ticket and six months of her teaching career as from next February to come and help us! As there are 3 primary schools in the village, I'm hoping she will be the first of many. Martha comes to contribute to Lyamungo Sinda Primary School here, both as a donor and as a teacher. The staff at L.S. Primary are of course delighted by the prospect. The school struggles with lack of resources, as do all schools here and welcomes all contributions whether personal or monetary.

We are already looking forward to her coming and I think it will be a very rewarding experience for her. The children are absolutely lovely and are full of hope for a better future. Despite the lack of resources, they are



eager to learn and dedicated to doing the best they can. I'm sure that teaching will be a challenge, especially with the language barrier but where there's a will, I'm sure a way will be found.

The current deputy headteacher (the headteacher I mentioned in earlier newsletters, Hildegard Beda is now on retirement) and the children were delighted with the news of a 'mzungu'

teacher coming and will benefit immensely, I'm sure.

THE ART PROJECTS

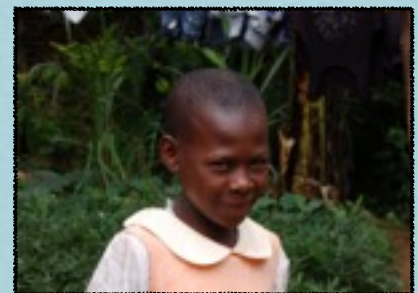
Standard 4 pupils have now finished my 'Plate' paintings (see illustration above) for the children of Roxwell Primary. I had the idea for the plates because the only other resource they have is ordinary printing paper. As Roxwell Primary donated water colour paints and



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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wax crayons, I felt the ordinary paper would not do. The plates look wonderful and the children worked very hard on them. The object of this project was to create decorated plates of the animals they are familiar with in their shambas.

My next project will be a painting project for Standard 6. I recently visited with another school group here in Tanzania - this time from the UK. These were students from [Francis Holland School in NW1](#), London



who brought over a bagful of painting materials which are just not available here. FHS are supporting the construction of St. Amadeus Secondary School here in Tanzania (pictured). I am very grateful for this gift from FHS Art Department and I'm sure the pupils of L.S. Primary will benefit hugely. Hopefully their art work will continue under Martha's guidance next year.

AND FINALLY...



suffered a serious head injury while unguardedly crossing a road near his school. He is one of the orphans who has been working extremely hard to improve his grades at school but he was up against many challenges, not the least of which was apathy amongst the teaching staff here. Amadeus, abandoned by his family aged 8 after his mother died became a houseboy with a Bibi (unrelated) - Bibi is grandmother, of which there are many in the village, and many single and looking after their children's children or neighbours' children.

As village boys they grow up without any cars around so develop no road sense. Now 4 weeks in a coma, we pray for his revival.

Until next time.....

One of the students from L.S. village whom I have been supporting in secondary school recently

1. Pictures from L.S. Primary to Roxwell School

2. Letters and penpals project to Roxwell School

3. Start Std 6 project

4. Teacher training cont'd

5. Visit Roxwell in December

6. Art exchange by email

7. Exchange class photos

8. Language practice

9. New headteacher links

10. Roxwell school event

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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