

Tanga in Touch

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A BELL TOWER FOR ST. FRANCIS



St Francis Mapinduzi now has a bell tower, complete with bell. After several years of negotiation, it was finally blessed by Bishop Maimbo in January 2013. Now it is rung twice daily—for morning service at 8.30 am and for choir practice, normally around 6 pm.

The bell and its tower were the gift of Christ Church, Watford, St. Peter's Hednesford and Tanga in Touch. The Keltek Trust, which finds homes for unloved bells in this country, organised this. Many thanks to all concerned.



Work is also going well on the new church hall (above, right) which has now reached roof level.



This (left) is the first **beehive at Misufini**, under a mango tree. The Chief Nursing Office, Hamisi Mwanyoka, was doing so well with it that we sent the money for another two. Unfortunately, there was a muddle and a decimal point in the wrong place. They ended up with twenty new hives instead of two!

WATER!

The dam at Buhuri in January 2013, showing the effects of the 2012 drought. Water normally comes up to just below where I am standing with the camera. Luckily the Spring rains came up to expectation. With literally hundreds of cattle and goats coming here every day for water, the situation would have been very serious without rain. At Misufini the rains were not enough to fill the new dam. The SIM tanks once again proved their worth.





MAGILA. One of the first mission stations in East Africa, the site was selected by the German missionary Dr. Krapf in 1848.

Magila has some beautiful buildings and one of the few stone churches in Tanzania. Decades of neglect meant a large repair bill, which Bishop Maimbo has taken on board with admirable enthusiasm. In 2012, staying at Korogwe for a few days, we left a donation towards repairing the bells. There are six, in a chiming mechanism with wooden hammers. In 2013 we were able to chime them.

THE BOAT

South of Tanga, at Kigombe, is a clinic run by the Fisherfolks Trust for the benefit of local fishing villages. In 2010 a boat (right) was given in this country to the trust with the idea of setting up a mobile clinic, road access to the villages being poor. The story behind getting it to Tanga is long and involved. But having got it there, the question of money for the extra staff involved proved insoluble. It has now been decided to hire the boat out to local fishermen, both to go ahead of the fishing boats with a bright light to attract the fish, and then to take them back quickly ahead of the opposition, to attract the best prices.



MISUFINI LEPROSY CENTRE

Earlier this year we paid for a solar installation to provide electricity for lights and a laptop. One great benefit is that the residents can now charge their phones for nothing, rather than going 5 km. to the next village and paying 30/-Tz to charge them there. They also have a television, the first some of them have seen! The photo, right, is of me presenting two girls with sewing machines. They girls had just completed a tailoring course, funded by the Episcopal Church of Massachusetts. I also presented a number of mattresses and bedclothes, a gift from the Government.



TANGA MUSEUM (above right). If you should find yourself in Tanga with an hour to spare—do visit the museum. Three rooms were open in 2013, but it is still growing. Among other things, there is a very good exhibition showing the history of the sisal industry in the area, and photos of some of the beautiful old German buildings in the city. The museum is near the library.

TANGA IN TOUCH is Whitbourne's charity which runs our Tanzanian link. We support the Misufini Leprosy Centre as well as our link parish of St. Francis, Mapinduzi, a suburb of Tanga. We no longer send so many computers (we sent around 400 over ten years) as the need for these is now not so great.

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