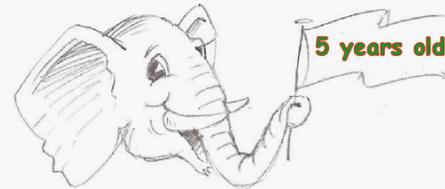


Tanga in Touch



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BEEKEEPING

We are also helping the beekeeping project at Buhuri, where they already have around eight hives – both top bar and the traditional log hives. They need protective clothes and equipment.



The CMM Sisters at Tanga have a 14-acre plot of land near Neema village. This is a very poor community some 15 km. south of Tanga. They plan to build a clinic and kindergarten and run a programme to educate women.

THANKS

We could not manage without the help of so many people. The three bishops who are our patrons are always supportive, and so many other people also help where they can.

There are people who give computers, books and other goods and people who organise the container in this country and sort out the goods when they arrive in Tanzania: people who mend computers which need mending: people who give donations, and people who organise fund-raising for us and draw elephants! People who see to the barbecue and people who make puddings. Thank you, everybody, and keep it up!

If you would like to help, ring Brenda Allan, 01886 821450

Supporting Tanzanian organisations:

- Helping to alleviate poverty
- Supporting education
- Encouraging local links

MISUFINI LEPROSY CENTRE

We have helped where we can with their farming projects and other things but it has not been easy.

The future of the centre is in doubt. Leprosy figures in Tanzania are much reduced in recent years and in some regions centres are being closed down. There is also a severe water shortage in Misufini. However, they have their goats! Last year we promised them three goats, and another dairy goat when these three had increased to six. They have not yet achieved that. We are waiting to see what happens.

LOOKING BACK

Whitbourne's association with Tanga began in 1999 with a visit by our Rector, David Howell. He set up links with St. Francis Parish and with Misufini Leprosy Centre. Then I went to Buhuri in 2001 to teach them to use computers – and one thing led to another.

Our charity was formed in 2002 – and we are quite pleased with what we have done so far. Here is a brief summary....



MAPINDUZI: Because of the link with Whitbourne Village, we are doing as much as we can for this parish. Their avowed intention is to get a good solid foundation so that they can be self-supporting.

We have helped them to finish their hostel building, now providing accommodation for forty trainee teachers. Their English Medium Kindergarten is also going well. The Micro-finance scheme means that now around fifty women have fairly prosperous small businesses. Our annual Christmas appeals pay much of the expense of schooling for the parish AIDS orphans. We shall continue to support Mapinduzi where we can.

COMPUTERS: We continue to send an average of around fifty computers each year. Most of these go to schools. Many new secondary schools are being built by the Government and demand for computers will probably increase in the immediate future. If, for example, we send two or three to a school so that teachers can learn to use them, they will need twenty next year for students.



Left: the Internet connection at Buhuri, using the new mobile phone technology. We paid for this last year.

It is a godsend – much cheaper than other methods, it saves a journey into town each day for their emails.

NEW PROGRAMME AREAS:

SUSTAINABLE COOKING

We have just arranged for an expert to rebuild the cooker at the Duga Old Folks' Home. This (below left) was just a cooker with a flue, but never really worked because the holes for the smoke were in the wrong place: smoke filled the kitchen instead. He will make sure it works, and also give local women a course in building and using fuel-efficient cookers.

We are also trying to encourage the use of solar cookers (below right).

OUR AIM:

From this ...

and this:



To this ...

and this:



Reducing dependence on firewood and charcoal
Reducing lung diseases