



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

## Land, community, school trips, and more...

It's been an exciting couple of months for SWTz ! And no, that's not because Rebecca was away in the UK most of the time!

We have:

- bought an additional 1/2 acre adjoining our residential centre (pic top right - looking over our wall), which we will use for agricultural projects for the time being (the previous owners had already sown maize, so we will share the harvest with them later this year...)
- completed more community projects including installing small solar systems for local families; assessing children for education sponsorship; and developing a smokeless "rocket" stove that will provide cooking heat more efficiently and healthily (right)
- begun converting one of our chicken sheds (pics right) into accommodation for our teenagers and future volunteers (our first residential volunteer arrives in August!), and another shed into a store/workroom
- been blessed beyond our dreams, and are looking for a newer truck to replace our old faithful Toyota Hilux which we recently retired and sold on to be used for more gentle activities!



Other highlights:

- Having got As for his O Levels, Joshua (right) has been awarded a place at Mzumbe, one of the top government A-level secondary schools in the country, and will study Physics, Geography, and Mathematics. The school is in Morogoro, in the southern highlands. Joshua is really excited to start this next chapter in his life.
- David is number 10 in the district, as he prepares for his national primary school exams!
- Eliza got a great report at the end of her first term at vocational school where she is majoring in bakery!
- Riziki applied to be the Academic Prefect at her school, and out of a shortlist of 3, was awarded the position. Every morning she has opportunity to speak to the student body about whatever she thinks they need to hear. Awesome!
- Elibariki (right), who is at teacher training college, did so well on his practical training semester at St. Monica's School that his students cried when he had to say goodbye. He has already been told to apply for a full-time job at the school!



- Faidha and Idrisa had a school trip to Dodoma to visit the Tanzanian Parliament and listen to speakers. Only an 11 hour bus ride away!!! They loved it - Idrisa said he didn't sleep the entire time away (3 days...)!
- Fatuma (pictured right, with Riziki) got great results for her mock O levels - a 'B' Merit! Her finals are in October this year.



It seems we always have plenty of good news to share, but this month we do have some very sad news to report too:



*Joyce with her granny, when we first met them in 2007*

Joyce, one of our home support children (whereby children live with extended family, but due to poverty need assistance with school fees/food), passed away suddenly, aged 14yrs. She had been HIV+ since birth, and as her health deteriorated this turned into AIDS, leaving her susceptible to opportunist infection. She lived with her granny, also HIV+, and also often ill, and they really helped each other. We celebrate and remember Joyce's life, and pray for her granny as she comes to terms with her loss, and contemplates her future life.

[In 2012 surveys it was estimated that 1 in 6 Tanzanians was HIV+ and very few, if any of our children are untouched by HIV in their family. There is still a lot of stigma and discrimination attached to HIV in Tanzania, and life is not easy for those who are HIV+. HIV drugs ('ARVs' which can be extremely toxic in themselves) and other medications available free of charge, but

otherwise little or no government help and a lack of education. Staying healthy is key - but often HIV sufferers are living in poverty and not able to afford a nutritious diet. For more information: <http://www.avert.org/hiv-aids-tanzania.htm> ]

Joyce's life wasn't always easy, but with help not only from SWTz, but also local churches, and an organisation that helped with her school fees, she lived peacefully.

**Thank You so much for helping to make a difference in Tanzania**



*Joyce with her granny, one year ago*



Finally, this is Julius - he visited SWTz with his dad recently. They need £30 a month for the next two years so that Julius' dad can take him on the bus very day to a town 12km away to attend a special needs school. We don't have the qualified staff at SWTz to be able to help him. He is a lovely boy, full of love, and needs a chance to learn some skills to help him in his future life.

If you, or someone you know would like to help him, please contact us at [info@swtz.org](mailto:info@swtz.org)