



NEWS FROM TANZANIA!

Wow! We've almost been resting...!

It has been a couple of months since we last wrote...it may have been a turbulent time around the world, but at SWTz we have been quietly finishing off some projects, Wendy and Rebecca have been travelling, and we've had several visitors. It has been a good time to rest a bit, work on maintenance projects, and reflect on probably the busiest 6 months we've ever experienced.

- We completed the teachers' housing (2 houses, kitchen block, toilet block) at Kitefu Primary School. Remaining tasks were painting, plumbing, installing solar systems and officially handing over to the school and local government so teachers and their families can move in. Such a great feeling to finish this project and see how excited teachers and students were to officially open the houses. Government officials came to see the work at the official handover (right), and were full of praise and thankfulness. The District Education Office have asked us to help more schools so we are already planning projects with Nord Anglia Education for their 2016-2017 expeditions which start in October. Our workmen finished the houses to a very high standard (pics right), and we are so proud of what has been achieved...remember, this was



all built by high school students with no prior building experience!



- We have had many visitors and volunteers recently, and we've enjoyed working together with them and showing them around. Notably Cheryl and Mark; the team of ladies from Project Grace who built a goat shed for a family in our community; David Ryttersgard from Canada; and Neil Bolding from the USA. Our children loved the football kit David brought from Canada! (left).



• We have been converting one of our old chicken sheds into a playroom for the children so they have a large indoors space for different activities during the long rains (March-May), and the cold season (July/August). Almost done, we're waiting for more furniture to arrive, but here are a couple of before and after pictures (right). This, and a recent septic tank project was funded by the amazing group of Learning Academy Partnership



(www.lapsw.co.uk) schools in Torbay, UK. Rebecca has been visiting the schools to find out what fundraising activities the students organised - everything from Zumbathons to cake sales! One of Rebecca's favourite things to do in the UK is to meet young students who continually impress her with their enthusiasm for learning about Tanzania, and their inventive fundraising ideas!

Here's news of some of our children and alumni:

- David (right) had a great first term boarding at secondary school and got a brilliant school report - he is enjoying it, and though it is a much tougher environment at his new school in terms of workload and general environment he is coping well.
- Elibariki has now completed his 2 year teacher training diploma and has started teaching at Cheti Primary School. We are very proud of the responsible young man he has become - such a great leader and role model (right).
- Fatuma has gone off to Edmund Rice High School, to begin her A level studies in Biology, Physics, and Chemistry. She was very excited to start this new chapter in her life.
- Eliza has almost finished her 2 year bakery course - she has been getting great reports and she is very popular at the college. She loves baking and is hoping to secure a job in the hotel industry on graduation. She has been spending her holidays working at SWTz and has been practising her baking skills much to everyone's enjoyment (right with Fatuma and Mama Josephine)! Yummy!
- Johnson is working at Nelito nursery school, founded by his mother, which provides a free nursery education to vulnerable children in Ngaramtoni, a suburb of Arusha. We're very proud of the work he is doing!
- Zipporah our female goat had her second set of twins, who have been named Mark and Cheryl after visitors who were staying at SWTz at the time...
- We have some fantastic volunteers at SWTz at the moment - thank you so much Rosie, Judith, and Martina... They have been doing a bit of everything, including taking the children swimming, which is brave as the water is quite cold at the moment.



Finally, we are selling these beautiful geckos to raise money



for our Education Fund as we have just placed another child into private school to give them a better opportunity... Email us at info@swtz.org to get your gecko...different sizes and colours!!

Thank you for making a difference in Tanzania!