



Hi Everyone

Well I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter holidays, and those who flew away for the holiday are safely back home, now that the ash cloud has dissipated!

***We have some snippets of news:***

On Easter Day several of the children were baptised Emmanuel, Frank and Pili

Japhet threw a party for them all and the wamamas joined in too. He sent me some great pictures. Everyone seems to be enjoying the food!



On the subject of the wamamas (these are some local women who help out with washing, cleaning, cooking and presumably look after the little ones who are not yet at school – see photo left!) and of course this enables Japhet to go to his teaching job in order to earn money.

Shortly after the Easter Baptism party the women decided **not** to come to work to help Japhet. They are each being paid 40,000tshs a month by Japhet. They said they would not come unless they were paid **70,000tshs!**

As you can imagine, this caused a major problem. Japhet had to stop work at school and do all the chores involved in looking after 10 children.

I contacted several of my local Tanzanian friends and put them in touch with Japhet. They were all willing to help (at a price). Transport costs were the major drawbacks, as they would have had to make two daladala journeys and this meant too much money was needed. I appealed to several different charities in the Mwanza area, but no one was willing or in some cases unable to help. Finally we agreed a compromise with the wamamas and I suggested Japhet tell them either work for 55,000tshs or nowt... so they are back at work again!

I emailed Japhet and told him to tell the wamamas that "Mama Carlo is watching you"

Hopefully I have frightened them sufficiently to get them to stay working.

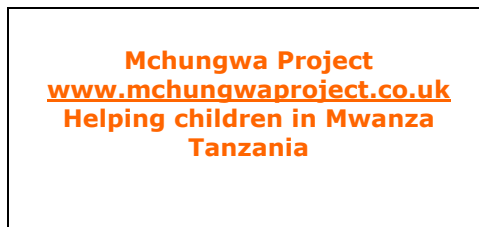


### **Website news**

The website has been seen by many of my friends. One friend has posted the link onto her Facebook page. I received several messages from well wishers and the good news is that **some** people are buying the cards albeit very slowly..... and others well sadly just don't! Having to increase the wamamas wage has of course put an extra burden on Japhet and his already stretched resources, and I have found myself having to send money personally to Japhet.

### **However all is not lost:**

All the cards I sell now have an orange sticker on them saying



So this is a good marketing ploy I hope! Finally.....

**My Sincere Thanks go out to all you lovely people who responded so positively, with your good wishes, your donations and your purchases of the cards to help Japhet and the children at Mchungwa Project. Please continue to pass on the details of the website and the aims of the project to anyone who will listen!**

**Lastly my heartfelt thanks to Steve Cliften and the trustees of The Cicely Foundation who donated £250 in response to an application I made for a Project Support Grant in aid of the Mchungwa Project. Thank you again Steve.**

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**Tutaonana badaaye  
See you later!**

**Carol**