



Dear Everyone

Belated Good Wishes for a Happy New Year!!



My last newsletter was in December when we had photographs, which were sent by Japhet, of the new buildings: the jikoni (kitchen) and the store room. He seems to have built quite a little township around himself and the children now, and things are going well for everyone. The two youngest children Frank and Judis are now at school (kindergarten) – see the latest picture, left, and Japhet continues his teaching.

Way Back in 2009

When I first met Japhet in July/August 2009 I had no idea what I would be able to do to help him. He had the ten orphaned children, but no proper house, no clean water, no clothes, no school, no beds, no money and no help. However, with your donations and the sale of the cards we have together achieved an AMAZING amount since that first meeting.

Look what YOU have helped to achieve!

Japhet and the children now have a safe secure house with doors and windows.

And also.....

- A secure place to store charcoal and foodstuffs.
- A kitchen, to cook in and eat in during the rainy season.
- A well, providing clean water for drinking and washing and watering.
- Beds and mattresses
- WC's and washroom
- All the children have shoes and socks and school uniforms and all attend school.
- They have received books to read, paper and pencils to write with and some contacts have sent suitcases of clothes and shoes for the children.

We are now approaching the final stage of the target which I had set myself. Once this target has been reached, we shall of course stay in touch with Japhet and the children, but the Mchungwa Project will be essentially complete.

The target?

This was to help Japhet and the children to have access to education, clean water, a safe and secure home, a place to eat, and sleep, and for Japhet to be in a position where he would be able to approach the Social Welfare and Mwanza City Council to become "registered" and hopefully then receive some help from the authorities.

However, in order for Japhet to do this he has one more hoop to jump through!

New Building

The Social Welfare has been insisting for many months now that Japhet must provide separate sleeping quarters for the children. This is perfectly reasonable, as the children are growing up.



Japhet has costed out the building of these sleeping quarters and given me a full and detailed list of all the materials needed. Fortunately we had some funds in the Mchungwa "kitty" to start the building off but now our funds are exhausted. He does not include labour costs as he (and some friends) do all the labouring. The picture (left) shows work starting on the new building!

In order for the building to be completed we will need to raise at least £500.

PLEASE If you are able, maybe with a group of friends, to raise some money towards the target of £500, perhaps by holding a car boot sale/coffee morning/Bring and buy sale/Quiz night /garage sale or any other bright ideas you may have ~
GO AHEAD PLEASE !!!!

Meanwhile any donations NO MATTER HOW SMALL **will make such a difference** and will help us to reach this target: To enable Japhet to continue his dedicated work with the Mchungwa Children, and hopefully and eventually get some help from the authorities.

Your donations can be made SAFELY with PAYPAL via the website or you may send a cheque made out to: **Mchungwa Project** c/o Carol Doyle, Ivy Cottage, Church Lane, Cheddington, Bedfordshire, LU7 0RU.

Please don't forget us.

Asante Sana
Thank you again everyone.

Carol Doyle

