



**My dear Friends and Supporters of the Mchungwa Project.**

**It has been many months since my last newsletter to you and I have seen many changes here in the UK and in Tanzania. My 96year old Mum died earlier this year, I decided to put my house on the market in order to move to Dorset, the house was sold and I was ready to move when my buyers had to withdraw. I meanwhile travelled briefly to Ghana for one month to join a team who are hoping to purchase land there, and now I am faced with another dilemma, one involving the Mchungwa project in Tanzania.**

**Together we have achieved an amazing amount to help Japhet and the children and I really did think that soon we would be able to leave Japhet to manage.**

**All the children were at school, the new buildings, including new sleeping quarters for the boys were complete (the photo shows the sleeping quarters in the process of being built). Apart from the lack of rains when food supplies were short, Japhet was teaching and everyone seemed to be thriving.**



**I was therefore very saddened to hear via my friends at Tumaini orphanage that Japhet had come to visit them and he was in a bad way. He has not been paid his teacher's salary for over ten months and he had no money for food. Two children had to be hospitalised (Frank the youngest was concussed falling from a tree) and the hospital bills have still to be paid.**

**I am now faced with what to do next. I sent Japhet around £200 yesterday to help, as he now says he is close to bankruptcy and it seems that the only answer will be for the children to be separated, as he can no longer afford to keep them all together in the present situation.**

**Japhet has expressed how difficult he finds it to keep sending what he terms "begging" emails when he is in trouble and I can understand this.**

The whole concept behind the Mchungwa project was to *empower* Japhet so that he would finally be able to manage without our permanent help.

Unfortunately THIS IS NOT HAPPENING.....

So..... Where do we go from here?

Of course we could all buy more Christmas cards, and to encourage everyone I have reduced the prices to £10 incl postage (from £12).

Also, if each of us would commit to giving a small amount every month to the Mchungwa Project, this would help to set things right again.

**Will you consider giving a regular donation by standing order every month to the Mchungwa Project??**

It will mean the difference between Japhet and the children staying together or being split up.



If we cannot help Japhet by the end of the year I think that sadly the Mchungwa project may have to cease to be. I think we need to raise approx £200 per month in order to help Japhet. This is achievable if everyone would give just a little each month.

Contact me via my usual email address and I will send you the bank details

**PLEASE SAY YOU WILL HELP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.**

Thank you so much  
Asante Sana . . . . . Carol