

## Quick facts about the Bethany Project and life in Tanzania

**Bethany Pre and Primary School** (English Medium) has 370+ students and provides for: 100 + children from the home and 200+ children from the local village providing Breakfast and Lunch for all children. It is an English medium school, non fee paying and provides education for the poorest children in our village in a ration of two girls to one boy (girls being considered more vulnerable than boys). The school has a staff of 20+ and the average wage is 250,000 Tsh (£83 per month). Minimum wage in Tanzania is 140,000Tsh (£47 per month). The secondary education in Tanzania is taught in English. Unwanted pregnancies are a major problem.

**The Bethany Home** cares for over 140 children has a staff of over 20 carers who work a shift system of one week on and one week off (giving staff time to grow their own crops). Average wages are above the minimum wage. We provide everything for the children in our care, accommodation, food, medical care and Primary education at our Bethany School and then support to form 4 in the local government secondary School. Our children do not celebrate birthdays or Christmas (other than a special meal with a soda at Christmas). The food provided is basic. Our children do not have sweets, biscuits, cake or ice cream due to the cost.

**The surrounding village:** no employment other than the growing of crops and teachers in the village government primary school and the government secondary school. Bethany has two Toyota Landcruisers which are used not only for Bethany but as an emergency ambulance and sometimes transport for government agencies. We also have a tractor to help with the growing of maize (staple diet in Tanzania) along with vegetables and fruits.