

The BETHANY Project (Tanzania) UK

NEWS - UPDATE - DEC 2014

New School Buildings

You will see from the pictures on page one the first 4 classrooms have been built along with a staffroom, headteachers room and admin office. All we are waiting for now is the completion of the toilet block and then we will apply for registration (licence) which we are hoping to obtain in January 2015. We still need to build 4 more classrooms sometime in the future and also we need to fit out our classrooms with chairs desks and all the usual resources.

Jesca and Emma; Both are now teaching some of the younger children at Bethany and helping with extra lessons after school has finished for the older ones. They are in the process of having their UK qualifications verified so that they are accepted as qualified teachers in Tanzania.

Elijah; Our first Bethany boy to go to University in Tanzania to study for a degree in teaching. Hopefully when he is qualified he will return to Bethany to help in the school.

Secondary School Children:

Form 4 children have just finished their exams and if any of them have passed (unlikely) they will be able to attend High school (A level) for 2 years. The form consists of 7 boys and 1 girl and where appropriate we will be offering to support them on various training courses for practical skills (Joinery, welding etc.) Forms 1 and 2 are working hard and we have high hopes for them as Jesca in particular is helping after school teaching subjects the children find difficult.

Primary school children:

All our std seven children have passed their leavers exams enabling them to move on to secondary school in January next year. However, the level of education they have achieved is very low and certainly could not be compared to a Western level of education. The local school does not have either the resources, the teaching staff or the commitment to make any progress and so we hope that when we open our school all this will change. Please see the video interview with Emma and Jesca on our December update website.

Ex Bethany children:

Most are gainfully employed and four of them are now trustees of Bethany Tanzania. They are: Jesca, Emma, China and Mwita along with Daniel and Eliada. Both China and Mwita support Bethany; Mwita by helping with the electrical and plumbing work and China with financial gifts. Many of the others have or are paying back loans we made to them for their various training courses. Some of course have gone their own way but will, we feel, in time return (our prodigals).

Prayers needed:

Please keep in your prayers all our children and staff. Wisdom for those in the government to bring about changes with regard to the beating of children and the corruption at all levels. Please pray for us to be accountable and transparent in the running of Bethany and give us a clear vision for the future.

Diary of events:

Thursday 20th November: [Costa Cafe - Tesco Burnley](#) BB11 2HE. 7.30-8.30pm
(Event run by the Salvation Army - girls to take part)

Friday 21st November, [All Saints](#), Clayton-le-moors, BB5 5HT, 6.30pm
Friday Praise (girls to take part)

Thursday 27th November, [Asda Accrington](#), BB5 1QR, 6-7pm
Carol singing in support of Cancer research

Sunday 30th November, Aspen Fold, Oswaldtwistle. BB5 4PH,
Christmas Lights switch on 5.30pm (girls to sing Christmas Carols)

Sunday 7th December, [Trinity Church, Accrington](#), BB5 2NA, 2-4pm
Bethany monthly meeting, All welcome

**Wednesday 10th December, [Ernest Street Baptist Chapel](#), BB5 4HP,
7.30pm Christmas Concert by the Bethany girls - all welcome**

Saturday 13th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 7-8pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Tuesday 16th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 7-8pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Wednesday 17th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 7-8pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Friday 19th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 7-8pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Saturday 20th December: Singing at [Accrington Mkt Hall](#), 10.30-11.30am
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Saturday 20th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 4-5pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

Wednesday 24th December: Singing at [Tesco Extra, Accrington](#) 2-3pm
(Girls will sing a variety of songs including Christmas Carols)

The Bethany Project (Tanzania) UK
Raising funds for the Bethany Project, Children's Home and School - Tanzania, East Africa

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 10th December 2014
7.30pm to 9.30pm
Ernest St. Baptist Chapel, Walmsley Close,
Church, Accrington BB5 4HL

With the Bethany Girls
Debora, Rehema, Fatuma, Sophia, Stella, Mpelwa, Nkamba and Elizabeth

Carols and Songs all Acappella
Dancing, Stories, Sketches, Testimonies,
Interval with Coffee, Tea and Mince pies

Everyone Welcome

No charge but donations always welcome

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PROMOTING BETHANY

The Bethany UK team are always looking for opportunities to publicise the work we are doing whether that is by visiting Schools, Churches, Mothers Unions or other organisations. We are only a phone call away and we can do very short presentations of 10mins to a full hour. We have video and slides and often the eight Bethany girls who are studying at Blackburn College are able to come along too.