



Ifakara Bakery Project and Free Bread Funds Tanzania - East Africa

December 2011

2011 was an incredible year. We were able to raise the largest amount this year thanks to the generosity of many. We are happy to share an update how all the gifts received have been spent for the benefit of our friends in Ifakara.



Mahutanga Kindergarten

The Free Bread Funds.

We added one more Kindergarten of over 100 children as we exceeded our target for 80,000 loaves of bread. The costs were covered by donations following close to 130 talks to groups and also by individual gifts. The daily bread now reaches:

- * Eight Nursery Schools, Kindergartens, Vocational Training Centre
- * The Nazareti Leprosy Centre and the Lepra Village
- * Nine Wards in the District Hospital in Ifakara
- * The Ifakara Orphanage
- * The Bethlehem Centre for over 100 children with learning difficulties

The impact of this daily bread, particularly for the children, is astounding. The malnourished children in the hospital are regaining their appetite and thus have another lifeline. The children in the Bethlehem Centre and the Nursery Schools are much calmer, show a marked improvement with their attention span, and there are less children's illnesses.

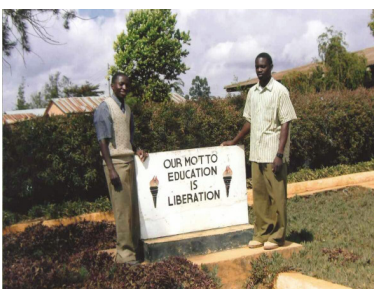
The Bakery.

We established the bakery 10 years ago in September 2001 and never had to intervene financially. They produce up to 900 loaves a day. It is run as a successful business. Whenever there are problems in growing the local staple food of Maize the bakery makes sure that no one dies from starvation. Those who can pay for the bread do so but others, irrespective of tribal or religious affiliations are not forgotten.



The Ifakara Bakery

As two Churches supported our charity with fund raising for a whole year and some clubs dedicated their donations to specific causes, we were able to support other projects.



Dastan and Moses at University.

Education.

Two young ladies - UHINGA and ALFREDA - have successfully graduated from Teachers' Training Colleges and are now teaching in Primary Schools. We assisted Renfrid with his school fees and he is now in his second year at college from where he will graduate as a Secondary School teacher by mid 2012. DASTAN, our first graduate as a B.Economics is employed by a Local Authority and making good progress. MOSES has now completed his third year at University in Dar es Salaam reading Electro Mechanical Engineering and he has recently started his final year before graduation.



Rescue of Maize Crop

Emergency Fund.

We created this fund for those who have so little. It was of great help when many Ifakara farmers lost their crops due to flooding on Good Friday. They managed to rescue only a little and we agreed to fund 80 bags of Maize to avoid starvation. It was distributed by the Valenova Foundation, a local NGO, which we helped to set up earlier.



Maize Distribution by Valenova



Irrigating Maize Field

Irrigation.

The equipment which we funded is now being shared by several farmers and they have made great strides forward. This year they were able to nurture their fields so well, even during the dry season. This enabled them to have two maize crops in one year for the first time. Most of the second crop was sold so they can now afford to pay for their children's education beyond Primary School and also can buy medicine urgently required.

Electrification.

Last year we made the first attempt in providing electricity to a small settlement on the outskirts of Ifakara. This has been very successful as the people have built a study house and their children receive further education in most subjects taught in secondary schools by qualified people. Now they have proper lighting so they can do their homework even when it is dark. A room has been equipped with computers and a small library has been established.



Electricity Reaches Lihami



Computer Room and Library in Valenova Building

The benefits from the supply of electricity and improved harvest results through irrigation are huge and of great importance to these people in raising their standard of living and health.

None of the above would have been possible were it not for the generous support of many. We are very grateful. We continue with our policy to use 100 % of all gifts for the people in Ifakara. Yours make a real difference - particularly to the children!

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