



S.E.E.D.

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Autumn Newsletter

Dear Supporters,

In July I had a wonderful visit to Iringa to see all the students and teachers. I was very fortunate to be joined by Laura and Adam from the UK, who both helped immensely during our time there.

I was delighted to be working again with Stevo who is as popular as ever with both staff and students. Stevo has been in regular contact since our return helping us to make clear decisions even more quickly.

I would like to thank Sue Skyrme who has put so much time and effort into raising money for SEED through her fantastic art work.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Emma Brice (Chairman of S.E.E.D.)

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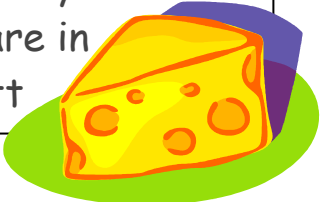


Lent lunch fund raiser



At St Thomas' Leesfield CE Primary School we have a lunch time club every Thursday called Discovery Channel where we play games, explore our faith and generally have fun. About 30 children attend the club each week. We also try to think about others in a variety of ways and one of these is to share a Lent Lunch together. We don't have our normal school dinners or packed lunches but instead we eat bread and cheese and drink water. We leave the lunch feeling hungry but realising that some children experience this feeling every day. This year we gave the money that we would have spent on our lunches to SEED. It was really good to think that as a group we could help other children like us in some small way whilst at the same time being made to think about how fortunate we are in this country.

Mary Butt





Mama Mbwilo

h.Art
herefordshire art week

This is Mama Mbwilo, a mother of four from Iringa, whose photograph inspired local physiotherapist and artist, Sue Skyrme to raise money for SEED through her paintings. The question was where to display them? Victoria Hawkins from Warren Farm, had the great idea for Sue to take part in this year's h.Art event in aid of SEED. h.Art is Herefordshire's Open Studios event which took place in September. One hundred and twenty eight artists' studios and exhibitions welcomed over 23,000 visits in just nine days.

Sue transformed the barn at Warren Farm by painting a fantastic mural of 'The Last Supper', creating a wonderful backdrop for her other paintings. The picture on the left is a magnificently colourful image named 'The Homemakers'.



Sue's main exhibit (above) is a very moving illustration of the thoughts of a Tanzanian woman making a positive move to survive in an area of great poverty. Mama Mbwilo is the mother of Japheti, the first student to be supported by SEED. Her husband was a subsistence farmer, who worked all hours just to tend enough crops to feed the family. Two years ago he passed away, yet another victim of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Since her husband died, monkeys have taken over her plot of land (shamba) leaving her with little hope of producing food for her family and herself. The family now rely on the support of her husband's brother, who also has a family of his own in the next village. However, she remains thankful that her eldest son is now finishing his A-levels after five years of support through S.E.E.D. Once he has finished his studies at school/college or university, the whole family will benefit from his education through the financial support he will be able to give them. He promises to help his younger siblings attend school themselves, as well as providing much needed food and medication for the family.

Sue is now selling her work in aid of SEED.

The pictures can also be viewed at the 'Food for All' bookshop in Bromyard.



These pictures would make a wonderful gift - not only for the recipient but also for the children the proceeds will go to help.

Postcards of Mama Mbwilo/Homemakers:	£1
Original picture of 'The Homemakers'	£250 (Support 2 children)
Mama Mbwilo:	
High quality paper Giclée certificated print:	£25 (Support a child for 2 months)
Canvas Giclée certificated print:	£125 (Support a child for 10 months)
Original picture of Mama Mbwilo	£1,250 (Support 8 children or help to create new water facilities.)

If you would like to buy a piece of art work please contact Sue on 01886 853282.

SEED Iringa July 08



Laura showing photographs



Playing with SEED volunteers during a break.



Teachers show students the new sports kits.



Writing letters to supporters



Students appreciate their gifts including mosquito nets, dictionaries and stationery.



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Another puncture on the dust road



These are two of our form four leavers, who have joined form 5 at Mwembetogwa Secondary school with SEED sponsorship. Others have joined the Vocational Training College in Iringa.

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S.E.E.D. aims to:

- provide education, board and lodgings for as long as each student is able to stay in secondary education
- keep administrative costs down to an absolute minimum by using internet correspondence and volunteer workers to run the charity wherever possible
- send money directly to local schools' accounts ensuring funds do not get 'lost' in the system
- improve opportunities for sustainable school development
- facilitate correspondence between sponsors and students to enable friendships to prosper and bridge the cultural gap.

Please join us for a
**BINGO evening at
Bishops Froome
Village Hall on
MONDAY 24th
NOVEMBER 2008
7pm.**

If you have any fund
raising ideas for S.E.E.D.
please do let us know!

Events Diary

Many thanks to **Charlie and Lissa** who succeeded in their sponsored Great Wall of China Walk. They have raised enough to support two more children!

Congratulations to St Peter's Primary school who have raised a fantastic £100 from their harvest auction for SEED this term.

Please join us for a **BINGO evening** at 7pm - Bishops Froome Village Hall on Monday 24th November 2008.

Our next **AGM** will be in January 2009. Please contact Emma for details at the above address.

Don't forget to buy your SEED



DVD!

Each disc is just £5 (plus £1 p&p) and shows how your support goes to help students in Tanzania. Many of the students were interviewed on film and they were all so delighted to be able to tell us about and show how being at school impacted on their lives.

We are also able to make copies of the DVD in other formats for those outside the UK (please just let us know which format you require adding £2 p&p).

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Form five students

enjoy a soda with SEED staff