



### **Supporting Tanzanian organisations:**

*Taking computing skills to young people (and the not-so-young)  
Misufini Leprosy Care Centre  
St. Francis Parish, Mapinduzi, Tanga*

#### **PATRONS:**

*The Rt. Rev. Michael Hooper  
The Rt. Rev. John Ramadhani, retired Archbishop of Tanzania • The Rt. Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop elect of Tanzania*

### **Beginnings ...**

IN 1999 and 2001 respectively, two people from Whitbourne, Herefordshire, visited the city of Tanga in Tanzania. The first was Rev'd. David Howell, the Rector, who went as part of a group from nearby Bromyard, which had links with LITI Buhuri, an agricultural college. They visited churches, schools and other places of interest. David set up links with the parish of St. Francis, Mapinduzi and with the Misufini Leprosy Centre, and his own parish.

The second, Brenda Allan, was a recently-retired Computing teacher, who went to teach the lecturers at Buhuri how to use the computers which had been sent out by the Bromyard group. She also visited various schools and churches.

As a result of these two visits, our charity, Tanga in Touch, was Formed.

### **Quick Summary of What We Have Done:**

#### **Tanga in Touch - FORMED in 2002**

We make REGULAR VISITS, for which we pay all our own expenses.

2004: Christmas Appeal started. We have regularly sent out between £400—£1000, which has paid for school uniform, books etc. for around eighty orphans. More recently this Appeal money has also been put towards food for orphans.

2005: Sponsored climb of Kilimanjaro; raised £5000 towards the Mapinduzi hostel.

2001—2006: I.T. courses for secondary school teachers in Tanga.

2007—2013: Microfinance scheme helped around one hundred women in two parishes to start or improve small businesses.

2009—present: sponsoring teenagers for vocational education.

2013—16: new toilet block for Horten secondary school



**ST. FRANCIS, MAPINDUZI in 2006**



**LEPROSY CENTRE, MISUFINI**

2003—2016: Sent out nearly 500 recycled computers, 50 sewing machines and many other items.

2004—2017: Helped Misufini Leprosy Centre with water tanks, goats, solar power and support for Businesses for Young People.

2017: Helped CMM sisters with a new roof for their house.

2018: This year so far money was sent to the Horten Secondary school to refurbish a classroom, Japani church for the next stage in building their new church, fees for three students for vocational education, Tanga Library for repairs and refurbishments, and money to feed street children. The situation has been particularly bad this year - low rainfall, poor harvest, high food prices, meaning undernourished children. What we can do is a drop in the ocean, but we have sent out several sums of money, feeding thirty poor families.

Here are some photos:



Before



After

TANGA KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Tanga street children—given maize and wheat flour, beans, sugar and rice.





**UNPACKING COMPUTERS 2006**



**I.T. COURSE, OLD TANGA SCHOOL, 2006**



**RAINWATER TANKS FOR MISUFINI**



**COMPUTERS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS**



**MICROFINANCE BUSINESS**



**KILIMANJARO 2005**

**These have been just some of our projects since we began in 2002.**

However, with more problems here in UK there has been a waning of support for overseas countries. There are also fewer volunteers—and we are all getting older. Should we wind ourselves up? We started the process in 2017... but the growing problem of street children in Tanga persuaded us to give this one more shot.. Nobody seemed to know the size of the problem or what to do about it. In March 2018 we sent out £1000, and asked our friends in Tanga to buy some food and distribute it. They gave maize flour, beans, dried milk, rice and sugar to thirty children from three areas.

2019— Continued with programme for feeding Street Children. We sent money each month, with which Hosea Tulole and Martin Chambo have bought food and arranged for its distribution. David visited in September, including Horten School, Misufini, and some of the street children. The latter especially are rewarding—many now going to school and passing exams, some very well. Nearly decided again to wind ourselves up, but we don't want to lose touch with Tanga, and growing support from the Ross area has been encouraging.

2020— Covid year so unable to visit. Continued to send money for Street Children but getting increasingly worried about what they will do when our money runs out.

2021—More Covid, and an end not in sight. Christmas Appeal made slightly over £1000, which will be spent of helping the children to attend school, with items such as exercise books, pens, school uniform etc.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS THIS IS A REALLY  
WORTHWHILE PROJECT AND  
TANGA PEOPLE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.**

