Hello! Thanks to you many children like me are enjoying our education.

IT’S NOT THAT WE CAN’T COUNT…….

You may have seen from recent press reports that STOW has reached a total of 200 children being funded for education in Tanga and surrounding area. Happily this is wrong; the total is 201 and for the best possible reason. When the 200th child was being enrolled Marie was aware of some dismay. It emerged that the pupil was a twin and her sister would be left behind. What would you have done? Of course we took them both so STOW is now the proud sponsor of 201 children who would not be receiving education without your help.
Marie’s Report on Monitoring Visit 2008

Jem and I went out to Tanga at the end of May for two weeks. As ever, our itinerary was packed (as was the large suitcase full of clothes donated by The Store for the older children!).

We wanted to visit all the schools and as many of the children as possible. It was good to see that all of the children supported by STOW are attending school and receiving their school materials, uniforms, shoes, etc. Thankfully the long rains were nearly over so we even got as far as Pangani this year, a bumpy and slippery two hour drive. STOW supports 25 children attending three schools there. We had a few exciting moments where the road was washed away and we had to detour through the bush, but it was worth it!

In all we visited 18 schools, the Vocational Training Centre, made 40 home visits and met nearly all 201 children, including 29 new primary school children.

As well as visits and meetings with AFRIWAG and Oxfam Ireland we bought 100 mosquito bednets and distributed quite a few of these to children. The rest will be distributed by MEA (another Tanga charity with whom we have links). The treatment on these nets lasts five years, even when they are washed.

Thanks to Saxmundham Primary School, who raised over £400 through a sponsored run by the school pupils, we were able to purchase school textbooks for several primary schools. Here is a picture of the Head of Mwang’ombe Primary School choosing the books his school needs.

We are able to report that the work STOW funds is being fully carried out; most of the children that STOW supports were seen by us. The only children absent from school were those who were sick, mostly with malaria. Hopefully, now that we have provided bednets, this will be reduced!

Thank you to all our members and supporters.
Now it’s the turn of the widows!

With your help, STOW has done wonders for the children of Tanga. But we are fully aware that our title commits us to helping the widows as well, and we are about to embark on an exciting project to set a first group of seven widows on the way to expanding their own businesses. Here they are discussing the project with Marie and AFRIWAG.

Marie and Jeremy Adams write: We met with some widows to talk about the newest part of the STOW project, which is to provide loans so that they can start up small businesses. Each widow had ideas of what she felt she could do and their plans included: collecting wood in the bush and then selling it in town, running a small cafe, a fruit and veg stall, a second-hand clothes stall etc. Part of the deal is that they must offer some collateral for the loan, even if only a cooking pot or their mattress! We had an interesting discussion about this with one grandmother who owned almost nothing. She eventually agreed to put up an item of clothing as security. AFRIWAG felt it was important to have this collateral as part of the agreement as it shows commitment. In general they have to start repaying the loan at the end of the third month. We stressed how important it was to repay the loan once their businesses were running so that the money could be recycled giving other widows the same opportunity. As well as giving a loan, AFRIWAG will provide training for the widows on record-keeping etc.
Letters from Tanga

Jem and Marie brought these two letters back with them after their recent monitoring trip to Tanga. The photograph is of a classroom in Mwang’ombe Primary School.

Mwangombe Primary School,
P.O. Box 178,
TANGA,
TANZANIA.
3rd June 2008.

Dear Friends,

I’m very happy to get the opportunity of writing this letter to you.
I hope you are fine. We are all fine here too.

I write this letter to thank you for the aids you give to the orphans and other pupils who come from poor family. Nowadays our pupils look very smart in uniforms you bring to them. Also, they’ll follow their lessons well using the textbooks, exercise books, mathematical sets etc. all these from you. Again I say thank you very much.

Since we don’t have anything to give you back, we pray for you that The Almighty God bless you and lead you to the eternal life in the heaven.

I don’t have much to say. I love you and appreciate with the gifts you bring to our students.

Yours faithfully
Josephine Kyazi,
Orphans’ Teacher.
MWANGOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL
BOX 178
TANZA
08TH JUNE 2008

Dear friends,

How are you? I hope that all of you are fine. In our side we are fine too. The aim of writing this letter to you is to thank you for coming to visit in my school and bringing to us the helpful gift which will help my pupils to be able in their lessons. For this reason, I want to say thank you very much and GOD bless you in your daily activities.

As I inform you that we have our class which is not yet finished. Its finishing can cost five millions shillings (USD 5000). Please may you help us to finish it. My pupils are sitting more than 130 pupils in one class.

I hope you will do this and GOD bless you.

Your lovely friend
DAVID YOHANA KIMWIERI

The head teacher
Members and friends of STOW enjoy a get-together in the depths of the Suffolk countryside.

Jill and Bryan Sedge opened up their garden to us. Bryan cooked succulent chicken and burgers on his barbecue and members provided salads and puddings and bottles of interesting beverages. There was much chatting and laughing with the occasional worried look at the rain clouds that hovered for a while but then passed over. A collection in Bryan’s bucket at the end of the evening provided extra funds for STOW. Many thanks, Jill and Bryan, for a lovely summer’s evening.

And here is another get-together, this time in Tanga.

STOW provided the funds for our sponsored children to meet each other and have a fun day. Here are some of our young men queuing up at the buffet which is being manned by members of AFRIWAG (see Marie’s report and photographs on the next page.)
Nine year old Magdalena broke both her legs when she fell off a swing. When STOW heard about this we funded all her hospital fees locally. Here she is receiving treatment in hospital. Magdalena is now fully recovered and if you attend the AGM you can see Jem’s video of her running towards the camera!

STOW Annual Get-Together

Every year STOW funds a meeting of sponsored pupils and their carers to enable them to all meet each other and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. STOW pays minibus fares for people to come in from the surrounding villages. Here are pictures of this year’s gathering at Tanga Railway Club. There was a lunch and prizes for the twelve best students based on their school reports. The AFRIWAG chairlady, Margaret, is shown above, giving out certificates for academic achievement.
STOW AGM on Sunday, 7 September at 12 o’clock.

Denny’s Farm, East Green, Kelsale. Reports, buffet and chat. See you there!

Please don’t forget!

**Car Update:** shortly before Jem and Marie left for Tanzania we were told that AFRIWAG had sold the car which STOW had bought for them. This was apparently because OXFAM Ireland are part-funding a larger vehicle and the sale proceeds will be put towards the cost of the new vehicle. Because of the way things work in Tanzania there is a lengthy gap before the new vehicle arrives so in the meantime the AFRIWAG ladies are having to do their visiting on foot or bicycle or minibus again.

**Thanks to SUE**

Sue Potter has decided to stand down as a STOW trustee at the AGM.

We shall miss her good ideas and wise words at our meetings as well as the excellent apple pies which she cooks for STOW functions (although we are not giving up hope of a continuation of the pies!)

**Do you remember Saulati?**

She was the girl who was having great trouble reading until STOW provided her with glasses. You can see how confident she is now!

Jacqueline is one of our star STOW students. She obtained top marks in the whole country in her maths examination and is now studying for A level. Here she is delighted to receive clothes donated by The Store in Saxmundham. Jacqueline has written two charming thank you letters in perfect English to the owners.

**Jacqueline**

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Our thanks go to Mark Oliver who ran a half-marathon in Bath for STOW. He raised £300 which was generously matched by his employer so STOW has benefited by a total of £600.

St. Patrick’s Night: STOW really pushed the curragh out for a St. Patrick’s Night supper back in March. The whole team responded with a magnificent performance. Tables were laid out with beautifully cut-out shamrock place mats, green balloons billowed from the rafters and leprechauns danced on the walls. One member was seen desporting himself in a leprechaun hat and so it was the Kelsale Village Hall was transformed into a small part of the Emerald Isle. The event was attended by many supporters who consumed steaming bowls of Irish stew, served from vast cauldrons, soaking up the gravy with Irish soda bread, followed by dishes of apple pie and cream. There was music to gladden the heart, a fiendish quiz that would have confounded Magnus Magnusson, and a grand opportunity to compose limericks ended the evening on a splendid note. Joan Craighead.

EVERYCLICK: it seems the message is catching on as the number of STOW subscribers who everyclick has now risen to a mighty twelve! Everyclick have invited us to claim our first cash payment and in the next issue we will be able to tell you how much it is. Keep clicking!

Forthcoming Events:

STOW AGM - Sunday 7th September, 12 noon at Denny’s Farm, East Green, Kelsale. Come and hear a summary of STOW’s achievements in the past year, meet other members, give us your comments and ideas and participate in a delicious free buffet, courtesy of Sue and Rob Potter.

WINE-TASTING - Friday 14th November, 7.30pm at The Market Hall, Saxmundham. A range of fine wines presented by Marc Medland of Marc One Wines of Aldeburgh. Tickets £7.50, available on (01728) 603348 or 603772.

As well as encouraging your Trustees, your attendance at STOW events makes a real difference to the help we can give to the widows and orphans of Tanga. Do please come if you can.
STOW’S OWN UNIVERSITY STUDENT!

This is Faraji Ischaka. STOW is currently sponsoring him on a course at Iringa University where he is studying to be a teacher. He has sent us a long article about his history and achievements, an extract of which follows. The full article is available from Jem and Marie if anyone would like to see it.

My name is Faraji Ischaka. I was started primary school in 1993 at Mzizino. My father passed away in 1993 and I was taken with my grandfather as my guardian. In 1999 I was completed my primary education and I was selected to join with secondary school at Mlindi. In July 2006 I was joined a place at Eckernford Secondary School in Tanga. My grandfather promised me that he will pay each and every thing until the end of my studies. Two moths later my grandfather got an accident and failed to pay school fees, meals and other that made me to live in the hard life. I was passed here and there to find more people who can sponsor me.

One day I saw a place written AFRIWAG. Someone told me that AFRIWAG is non-government, non-religion and non-profit institution and help people with various problems. One day later I attended there and express my problem. I was very much happy to hear from the Chairperson of AFRIWAG that they will ensure I will complete my studies.

In February 2006 I passed first class in my examinations and I started to make some applications in various universities. I was offered a place at the University of Dar es Salaam to study for an award of BA Education. The government sponsor 60% of all school fees, the remain percent I must pay myself. Though the life of university is almost good but there are so many problems that hinder to facilitate my study become smooth. Failure to have my own computer that can make study to be smooth by searching materials, and financial problems: we require to visit various area to make a research but the problem of finance make that issue to be difficult. (He then explains how AFRIWAG provided funds to help his studies).

I would like to thank all people who ensure that I am in that position. However I would like to send my acknowledgement to AFRIWAG. God bless you all. God bless Tanzania. Finally I would like to send my great acknowledgement to STOW through AFRIWAG for replacing my present responsibilities.

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This newsletter is edited by Peter and Jenefer Roberts, 01728 603772.
Carrington’s Barn- Saturday 28th June.

A perfect summers evening, and a glass of bubbly, awaited guests who enjoyed socializing in the lovely courtyard and outside foyer of Carrington’s Barn.

Once inside and seated in tables of 7 or 8, there was a starter followed by a delightful performance by acapella singing group ‘Jam on It’. Jenny, Abigail and Mel entertained us wonderfully with a selection of songs from around the world.

The main course was followed by Marie’s update report on the progress of STOW, including an illustrated account of her and Jem’s recent monitoring visit in Tanzania. This was interesting, informative and well received.

After the desert it was time for the auction, an increasingly popular feature! With Peter Roberts at the helm, it provided not only £705 for STOW, but enormous entertainment for us all! Items auctioned and money raised as follows:-
- David Shepherd signed print - £80
- Fine art Giclee print - £50
- Tanzanian handicraft chair -£100
- Keith’s plane flight - £200
- Tour of the Houses of Parliament with Glenda Jackson - £175
- Two Ipswich Town tickets - £50
- Hamper with local produce - £50

The raffle followed later raising the sum of £189

The climax of the evening came when Roger Hawes treated us to a superb rendering of ‘Albert and the Lion’, as well as two sequels to the sorry tale: great fun, much hilarity and a happy ending!

Especial thanks to Roger, and ‘Jam on It’.
Also thanks to Gemma who ensured the catering ran smoothly, and to Hannah and Chloe for their help with this.

The evening raised a substantial total of more than £2,000 for STOW.

Many thanks to all supporters.

Vivienne Wills-Crisp
These are the accounts for the financial year. As you will see it has been highly successful and we have a healthy balance to carry forward to meet our future commitments.

Supporting Tanzanian Orphans and Widows (STOW)
Receipts and Payments 1 June 2007 to 30 May 2008

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Excess of receipts over payments this period 7716
Funds in hand at 30 May 2008 16835*

*£12017 was on deposit at the accounts date, and £4818 on current account.

P.T. Roberts   Hon. Treasurer   6 July 2008