Natalya's Fund News

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Extracts from Website

More can be found at www.natalyasfund.org.uk.

Giving Street Children a Helping Hand

FISCH, Tanzania, November 2020

FISCH = Future for Iringa Street Children

A need has recently been brought to our attention and we have just decided to go all out to raise the money required. In Tanzania the school year begins in January, and the government there provides free school places for all children. However, students must supply their own uniform and stationery, and that is beyond the street children. Last year we said that we didn't want any child to miss out on school just because they didn't have their uniform and stationery, and were able to pay for those items for 67 children who had not yet received that help. This year, in spite of lockdowns curtailing activities, FISCH has raised almost half of the sum required. Their team in Iringa has identified 193 students with school places waiting for them, and has checked every child to find out what s/he needs. (Some items they received last year may still be good for this year, e.g. maths sets.) Part of the money FISCH has already raised can buy material for the seamstresses so that they can be getting on with making the 193 uniforms. However that leaves a shortfall of £3,828. If we are able to cover that before the end of December, no child will need to miss the start of the school year.

One church has kindly offered its Christmas Day collection, and we will be participating in their celebration over Zoom on 13 December.

We have also devised an Advent calendar, which is enclosed herewith. It doesn't have windows to open, unfortunately! However, it gives the costs of each item we are funding, along with a few examples of our past achievements. The exciting thing is that a small sum of money can make a big difference. For example, 34p will buy a set of five pens. There is no point in having exercise books if there are no pens to write with, so a gift of 34p will enable one student to do his/her schoolwork.

Whilst in the UK uniform and stationery might not be at the top of a typical child's Christmas list, in Tanzania it means such a lot! It will be a wonderful Christmas present for every child who receives it!

DONATIONS

Please see the back of the enclosed Advent calendar for details of how to make a donation.

GIFTS FOR A FUTURE

For an alternative Christmas gift we will post a gift card to you, for you to give to a loved-one. Details are in the enclosed order form.

Tools Despatched!

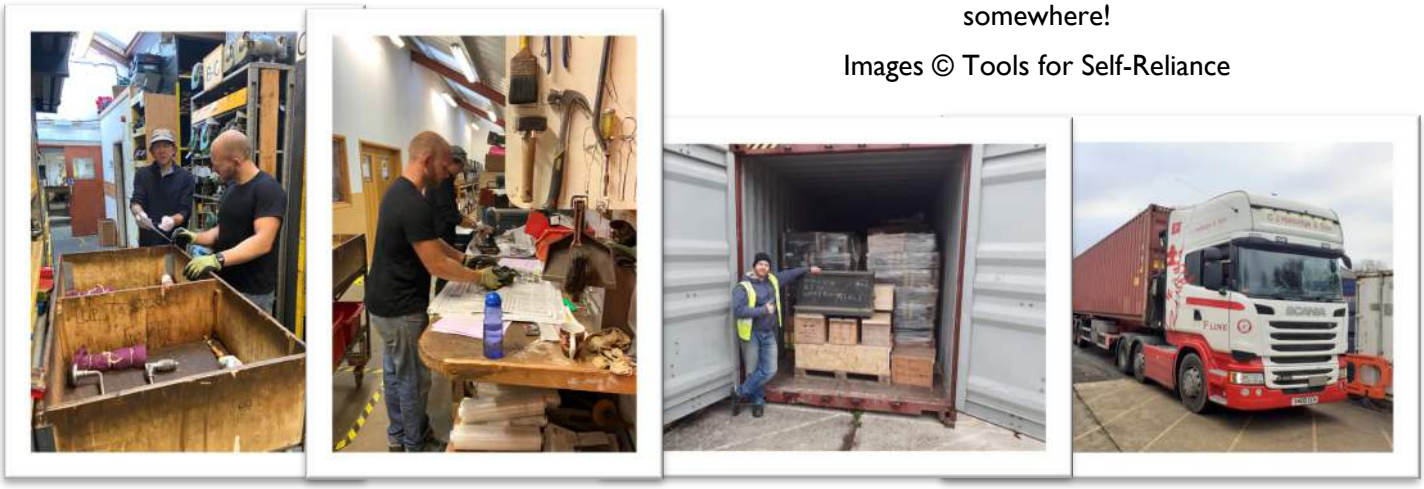
Tools for Self-Reliance, Malawi, 25 November 2020

Last Tuesday morning (17 November) our 76 kits of pre-loved carpentry tools began their journey from the warehouse of Tools for Self-Reliance, near Southampton, to Malawi. These kits will equip two training centres and also help around 290 young people start up in business. The kits should arrive by Christmas - a wonderful present from you, our supporters!

Inevitably the initial schedule had had to be set aside because of Covid restrictions but, after re-planning, the volunteers managed to complete their work well ahead of the new schedule.

The double-sized, 40-foot container (see photos) contains altogether 386 kits for various trades, comprising a total of 13,240 refurbished tools.

Well done to the volunteers at Tools for Self-Reliance for their amazing work!



Picking, packing and despatching: our kits are in there somewhere!

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