



RAW Missions News: August '06

Reaching out with God's RAW Love, RAW Power, and RAW Truth

This month we want to concentrate on reporting to you what has been happening with our children's project. It has been an exciting time!

We are an official NGO!!!

After a 6-months of trying to understand the bureaucratic process here, and trying to gain support of a particular local social welfare officer, our children's work is officially registered as a non-profit NGO (non governmental organization) in Tanzania!!

After months of frustration, we had a particularly focused time of prayer with visitors from Seeway UK in June. A few days later we had the breakthrough we needed, and received a letter in the mail from the head welfare office endorsing the work we are doing – this was exactly what we needed to complete registration!!

The NGO is called 'Seeway Tanzania' in recognition of our alliance with Seeway UK, the British based children's charity. (you can visit their website at www.seewaytrust.org).

Our sole mission is to "provide children with food, a home as part of a caring family, a good education and a future"



Our logo!

Now we can officially expand the work we are doing, and apply for land to start building a permanent compound. In the short

term we will rent another house to take another 10 children!

It is an exciting time as we plan for the long term, and look for suitable land.

We need HELP!! Next year we will need skilled help to oversee construction, train our workers in social work, and generally look after our children.

Seriously, consider a trip here. Everyone has something to offer, and it will change your life forever.

And then there were 7...

Since registration, we have taken another 3 children into our care, making our current total 7.

Raziki is 9 years old and is temporarily staying at another orphanage until we secure our next house. She was abandoned by both her parents who each left her to remarry – she was living with her grandmother but often had nowhere to sleep, and was not fed properly. She clings to us when we visit her – she is desperate for consistent love.



Raziki

Johnson (11 years) and his sister Karen (9 years) are also in our care. Johnson is staying in our

boys' house, and Karen is staying with our houseparent Frida until we have the new house – she and Johnson will then live there together.



Johnson



Karen

Johnson and Karen's father left home and is probably dead from AIDS, their mother, Mary, is HIV+ and not well enough to look after her children. They used to live well, lived comfortably, but AIDS has destroyed this family and they have been rejected by other relatives because of the stigma attached to this illness. Mary is now reduced to living in a one-room mud house. She also has a new baby by another man, who has left her. The baby has been taken to an American-run orphanage that specializes in baby care.

New Houseparent...

We have employed another houseparent to run the next house. Her name is Anna Kirway, and she is from Heritage of Faith church. She loves children, though she has none of her own. She is in training at the moment.



Anna

We can change Tanzania...

We get so many great comments about our kids, such as:

"they are so well behaved!"

"they are so happy!"

"they look so healthy!!"

Our kids know how to have fun and to laugh. But they are also being brought up to live their lives in a loving environment to a high standard. We believe if we teach them to live their lives with excellence and passion, they will pass that on to THEIR children, and the generation after that. We believe we can positively change Tanzania, by sowing the best seed we can into our children.

Visitors from Seeway UK...

In June we were delighted to have 4 visitors from Seeway UK: George Bainborough, the Seeway Director; Daryl Fulls, Ruth Pierce, and Jon Owen.

As well as spending time with our own children, we also visited other orphanages in the area, and distributed food. We

are established good relationships with many Tanzanians who have the same heart to help children.



Visiting Huruma Orphanage

This trip was such an encouragement to us here in Tanzania, and we had a great time of brainstorming, planning, and relationship building!



Picnic on safari (can you spot the lion in the background?)

Farmers Day...

...on August 8th is a Tanzanian public holiday and Arusha celebrates with an agricultural show.



We took the boys. They sat on tractors, went on fairground rides and generally had a great time!



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