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SIDO SUCCESSES

Blacksmiths from five Regions

supported by TFSR Cymru, attended Saba Saba last July. This is the main trade fair of the year in Tanzania and attracts people from all over East Africa. Thanks to funding provided by Cardiff Rotary Club they were able to attend and exhibit their products.

They returned home having sold almost everything they had brought with them, & with plenty of new ideas after networking with blacksmiths from other parts of the country. SIDO won first prize in the Engineering Products Category, and second prize overall in the Exhibition.



Some of the blacksmiths who attended Saba Saba this summer

Lake Zone Exhibition - held in Bukoba



Winner of the Mashinji Prize.
Mr Omary of Kamwene Group from Serengeti District, in Mara Region with his winning Pillar Drill

Once again it was the turn of Bukoba to host the Annual Lake Zone Exhibition. TFSR Cymru sponsors the "Mashinji Prize for Innovative Blacksmithing" in memory of Joseph Mashinji - an old friend and master blacksmith. This year, first prize went to Kamwene Group with their innovative pillar drill. Anthony Safari came second with his Jatropha Cooking Oil Stove, his products were also overall winner of the Show. John Mponeja came third with his latest pedal grinder. Good to see he was wearing goggles this time. "Best Blacksmith Products" went to Koyad Group for their display of planes, other tools and weighing scales.



Third Prize went to the Tugeme Workshop in Shinyanga - Mr John Mponeja showed his latest grinder. We have seen his pedal grinders being used by several groups



Dr Shija and his family visited us during warmer days. They spent a morning with us and were impressed by all the varied work carried out by our volunteers.

News from over there

Further congratulations to Viviana - one of our three workers in Mwanza; she took delivery of a baby this summer, and will soon be coming back to work from her maternity leave.

Emmanuel Ngoyinde is the new Technical Officer for Mwanza and he is working alongside Saidi Maguta, and Sunday who has taken over from Viviana as chief saw-sharpener.

Saidi continues to carry out blacksmiths training in between refurbishing tools and keeping track of all the kits distributed by the workshop.



Mark at our recent Open Day; explaining our work to Tendai, Grace and Ruth from Batanai Bambanani Womens Network in Newport. We have agreed to give them some sewing machines for their project back home in Zimbabwe.



Container No Four takes the train

Our latest container left in September, with 14 tonnes of tools & 100 sewing machines, all for Tanzania. The lorry collected it and delivered it to New Street Station, which must help our carbon footprint a tiny bit? After having filled the whole container more or less by himself, Mark is shown here lifting it onto the truck also by himself.

Happy Birthday David



Some of Fridays Group celebrating Davis Handley's 85th - Peter, Jed, Mark, David, Cecil and Harold

News from over here

Donations continue to come in. Many thanks to everybody for your continued support.

We are enclosing a form to enable you to help us pay our next container shipping cost. Just in time for a Christmas Gift . . .

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