

The Anvil

Your monthly update from Tools For Self Reliance Cymru

With all the excitement in Tanzania revolving around the new temporary workspace for the crew it's easy to forget that they are/were working very, very hard. **Michael, Said, Viviana, Lukas and John** were able to deliver over 128 tool kits just last month alone. OK, some of them were pretty small but still... amazing.



Michael reports that this month he visited Kwimba and Magu which are nearby districts of Mwanza. These are mainly rural areas with many artisans needing support from the project. Six wards were visited and a total of 17 requests were received mainly in carpentry, plumbing, tinsmith, bicycle repair and shoe making. During the visits it was also noted that there is a high demand for sewing machines especially among women and girls. It presents a challenge in that the majority of them prefer working as individuals rather than forming groups which we prefer in order to simplify impact reporting/follow up.

Tools are, of course, our main mission.

You can see that we are still working very hard to find and supply people in areas that are far removed from the tools they desperately need. Training is very important, of course, but skilled artisans without tools will still be unable to succeed. Tools and sewing machines of all sorts are always needed.

Speaking of tools: Container 19 is now full and locked. There is now another 18 tons ready to ship. Among the crates are several machines to make the work in Kalwande more efficient, and work benches, too! I'm sure everyone will enjoy folding up the work mate portable benches finally but that will have to wait until the container arrives. We also managed one anvil and a wonderful, working hand operated forge which we hope to use to train blacksmiths.

Have we mentioned how costly shipping has become? If you have a fiver going spare maybe consider sending it our way and helping us with this container's expensive journey. Our [donations page is found here](#). It's provided to us without fees by Paypal, you don't need an account, you can use any card and you can even set up a monthly donation. If you choose to visit we thank you very much!

Locally:

July saw us at several events. The Crickhowell open day and the Clytha open garden events to name a couple. We also did very well in our little shop which we really like to see.

If you're coming into the Bannau Brycheiniog make a stop in Crickhowell and come visit the shop and browse our stock of vintage refurbished garden tools. Let us know you're a subscriber because you never know, someone may have biscuits and a cuppa for you!

Look for us at in August:

- Green Gathering (03/08 - 06/08)
- Green Man (17/08 - 20/08)
- Between The Trees (25/08 - 28/08)

Thank you, and as we say in Wales and Tanzania:

Diolch yn fawr / Asante Sana