

HESHIMA NEWSLETTER

September 2015

Heshima has had a good few months. Highlights include:

- Finishing of the shop
- Taiwanese visit

Volunteers

Megan came in June for 3 weeks and took on the herculean task of sorting out the shop. She arranged for a carpenter to make shelves and rails. She worked on finishing the floor, walls and ceiling. Amazingly at the end of 3 weeks we had a fantastic looking shop.



Shop before



Shop room after

2 student friends of the Patels, Shivani and Holly, came in May and spent 2 weeks, working with the preschool class.



The Taiwanese school Ming Dao came again this July and spent time doing community service at Heshima. They built up the sandpit wall so that it doesn't flood in the rainy season. They put up swings and made a bicycle track, as well as painting the outside of the classroom. We look forward to more collaboration with Ming Dao and Rift Valley Adventures who organized their trip.



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Textiles

The new training group has had a successful 6 months under the tutelage of Adelfina. Some of women have finished now, due to having had babies, but have left with a really useful skill. 2 are continuing until December to learn how to make some of the Heshima products.



Trainees



Bags + Tunic top



Coffee bags

The shop now is well stocked with all our products.

Saturday School

The Saturday school continues to run very successfully. A special thanks to Sheelagh for her help this year, she has now returned back to the UK.

Preschool

Mwamvita has finished her teacher training and is now a qualified teacher. She has returned to Heshima and she and Costantine have now split the students into a Nursery Class



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(ages 3 and 4) and Reception class (ages 5 and 6) with 12 students in each class.



Zach and the new gate

DONATIONS

Thanks to all who have donated money this year.



General

The shop room was finished in June and we hope now to encourage tourists to come to Heshima before or after their safaris.

Steve has succeeded in registering Heshima as a Tanzanian NGO. A huge thanks to him for all his hard work on this. We will now look at whether we need to register the pre school.

Best Wishes,
All of us at Heshima



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