



### Micro-loans

Johnson is a small, wiry man of thirty-five. He was born in Masasi and was never able to take his education beyond primary school. He got a job with the Sisters just over eight years ago. Married to Veronica and father to young Grace, Johnson borrowed TSH600,000 (£200) to buy a plot of land on the outskirts of Mtwara. He then borrowed a further TSH2m and managed to build a sizeable house. He has repaid every shilling he borrowed and now hopes to build a more substantial house from cement blocks. The Sisters have made a number of such micro-loans to those who are known and trusted, but who have no other recourse to credit. Such loans can transform people's lives, lifting families out of poverty and giving them opportunities usually denied to those without education or money. If you want to help, mark your Standing Order, 'Johnson'.

### Training for Success

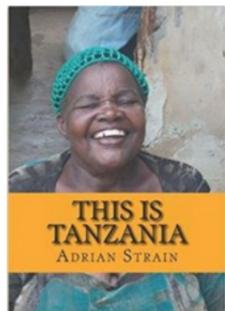
We have now sponsored two students through vocational courses at the Ndanda Vocational College in Ndanda. Mwakibe Kapinga graduated as an electrician last year and now works for the Tanzanian electricity company, Tanesco.



Sylvester Mmole graduates in motor vehicle maintenance later this year. It is hoped he will find employment too. The training at Ndanda is of a high quality and they have a very good record in their graduates finding work. It costs roughly £600 a year to pay for someone to study at Ndanda. Mwakibe and Sylvester will tell you it's worth it. If you want to help with a monthly Standing Order, mark it 'Ndanda'.

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# Mtwaralinks for families in Tanzania



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Gertrude teaches 54 children in her classroom each morning. These are some of the children of Kilidu. They are aged from 4-10 years and have no other opportunity to go to school. The classroom was built thanks to a donation from Leeds businessman, Charles Watkinson and his company, Corrocoat. Each day Gertrude, trained in the Montessori College in Mtwara, teaches her class reading, writing and helps to explore the world of learning through interactive and tactile teaching methods.

So successful is she that parents from Kitere – five miles away, where there is already a government primary school – have asked if their children can attend the Kilidu kindergarten. The villagers see now the value of education as their children will be the first generation from this village to be learning to read and write. As popular as it is, the class still needs woven mats, reading booklets, small desks and chairs and lots of other items of everyday teaching and learning materials.



It costs about £20 a year to keep a child in the kindergarten. That means for £20 a month, you can pay for 12 children. For £40 a month you can pay Gertrude's salary or pay for someone to go to secondary school and teacher training college. If you'd like to help Gertrude teach her class of children in Kilidu, please complete the Standing Order form using the reference 'Gertrude'.

### Food Aid

Majengo is a district of Mtwara – not rich and no poorer than the rest of Mtwara. It is where the Sisters have for many years run a clinic and dispensary in a small building nestled under the large stone church. Alongside the dispensary and the blood and urine tests and apart from the doctors' daily clinic, once a month, the Sisters distribute food to about two dozen of the most needy, older people in that community. Some of them are too ill or frail to walk to the dispensary and send neighbours or grandchildren, but each is known to the Sisters and each would be in grave danger of death without this help. Each month the Sisters are able to give to each older person 10 kg of maize flour and 2kg of beans. If the Sisters could afford to give away more food, they could easily find more people in need. The monthly cost of this service is £350



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Reference (if any).....  
To.....(Your Bank)  
Please set up the following Standing order and debit my/our account accordingly

### 1. Your Account Details

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Account Number: ..... Sort Code: .....

### 2. Payee Details

Please pay: HSBC, Arndale Centre, Crossgates, Leeds LS15 8EU. For the credit of: Mtwara Links  
Account Number: 21525409 Sort Code: 40-27-33

### 3. About the Payment

The sum of: £..... In words: .....  
Commencing on: DD/MM/YYYY ...../...../.....  
And thereafter on the (DD).....of the month until further notice.

### 4. Confirmation

Signature: ..... Date: DD/MM/YYYY ...../...../.....

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