



Happy new year from Tanzania!

We trust all is well in Bath and you are not being too badly affected by all of the strikes? Our family were able to get away over Christmas to visit Lake Tanganyika where we were camping near the shore. It took us two days of driving to get there but it was well worth it. We then returned to Iringa via Lake Nyasa/Malawi where our friends have a place – lucky us.

- Praise God for a brilliant Christmas season for Neema and SAFI. It feels as if things are back on an even keel since the pandemic and we were able to give our artisans their first proper Christmas bonus for three years.
- Praise God 72 out of 77 of our staff homes are now connected to water and electricity.
- Praise God, sales from our Dar shop (via SAFI) have enabled a number of people like Happy (see photo overleaf) receive a wheelchair for the first time and attend her boarding school this year.



We thought it might be time for a little prayer update, so please could we ask for prayer for the following:

- Please pray for us as we consider a new outlet/cafe/small workshop in Zanzibar, having viewed lots of places in December we are now deciding which would be a good balance of investment time, location and rent.
- Please pray for our sick staff members, Claud, Rehema, David Sanga and our former chaplain Yared Kisalodya who had a serious bout of amnesia after a very stressful time
- Please pray for the rural parishes of the Diocese as they struggle to put food on the table. The cost of fertiliser, poor harvest last year and poor rain in some areas have combined to cause shortages. This is the most difficult time for everyone as people wait for crops to grow but also have school fees to pay. Neema Crafts is looking into how it can help the neediest places.
- Please pray for Hannah and Joe Adams as they prepare to come out to help manage the project in April.
- Please continue to pray for our children Zaki and Alessia as they return to their fledgling international school.
- Please pray for Erick Moshi (next to Katy in photo) as he takes over as our new accountant at Neema

With best wishes for the new year,
Ben and Katy X