



T.A.S.C. MADAGASCAR

Tossing a Starfish Charity No 1130610

I was walking along the beach one day. I saw a man bending over picking up starfish and he was throwing them back into the sea. I asked him,

"Why are you throwing those starfish back into the sea?" He replied, "The tide is going out, the sun is hot, and if I don't, they will die here."

I asked him why he was doing this; the few he threw back wouldn't make any difference. The man paused with a starfish in his hand. He looked at it, and then he tossed the starfish out to sea and said,

"I have made a difference to that one"

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BEFORE - Maromby State School
September 2014.



AFTER - Maromby State School
April 2016.



Education, Education, Education.

TASC believe the most important thing to do to help Madagascar is to provide primary school children with access to good education. Over the last ten years Madagascar has moved closer towards reaching its goal of primary education for all, but many challenges still remain. Only 60 out of every 100 children who enter the first grade complete their primary school education, this situation needs to improve and that is why TASC has teamed up with The Adsum Foundation and are treating education as our number one priority. Above is our completed primary school at Maromby for 320 children. The second primary school at Salohy, which is a more rural school for 220 children has been started and will be opened in the spring of 2017. With a third primary school at Andasy being started shortly after, once funds are found.



Left - children at
Maromby School,

Right - Charles
waiting for his first
day at school to start



TASC and Feedback Madagascar are helping the homeless of Fianarantsoa.

Fianarantsoa is a city of about 200,000 situated in Central Madagascar. For many years it has been the overnight stop for TASC on their journey from Tana to Tanjomoha in the south east. Since 2015 TASC Madagascar has been working with Feedback Madagascar to try to help some of the homeless people of this city into homes, schools and work. Feedback Madagascar is working on the ground with some of the most vulnerable people who live in appalling conditions.

The 'MIVOATSE' project works towards the autonomy or independence of individuals in nearby areas of Fianarantsoa where homeless people are concentrated. The aim is to empower and help them to be capable of improving their own lives. The name 'MIVOATSE' was chosen for the project because it is a Malagasy word meaning a positive change or evolution, which is inspiring in itself. In Madagascar, it is impossible to obtain an identity card without having a birth certificate. However, without an identity card people are unable to study, to work in the formal sector, to travel, to vote or to benefit from citizen's rights (e.g. buying land). Lack of an identity card therefore poses a major obstacle if you wish to work to improve your life. This is where TASC and Feedback are helping make a difference to individuals initially by obtaining birth certificates and identity cards for them so that they have their rights as citizens.



Left - Laurent (24 years old) and his partner Clara (25 years old) have 1 child. They now rent a room in Ambalavato. They have been provided with a 'varamba' (wooden cart to transport materials) in order to earn money. Clara is keen to start selling vegetables in Ambalavao, support for which is planned soon. They are both very motivated and dynamic.



Above - David was homeless, now he is a street seller and is earning a small income to enable him to feed his family.



Left - Weekly adult education classes which are proving to be a powerful tool in the rehabilitation of the homeless.

Claire - who is 15 years old is mentally and physically disabled and when we visited her she was staring at a blank wall with her only stimulation being a comic book which she thumbed through in silence. TASC and our supporters are now arranging for a special wheel chair for her and paying for her to go to a specialist school with other people with disabilities. The picture opposite was taken only ten minutes after we met her. Pat O'Brien one of our trustees showed her the picture he had taken of her and this is how her face lit up with such a beautiful smile.



Below picture of the street children who are now attending school instead of begging on the streets of Fianarantsoa. Thanks to your donations TASC are able to help fund additional afternoon classes as well as morning ones. In addition we are going to provide clean water and accommodation for them.



Annual Supporters Trip

Why not come and see our work first hand.

Our trip is approximately two weeks. Mid-September 2017. (Date still to be set).

Visit the inspirational Pere Emeric and the children of Tanjomoha. Break bread with the King of an outcast village and see the new schools at Maromby and Salohy.

See lemurs in their unique natural habitat and go trekking through the mystical rainforest at Ranomafana.

Enjoy a cycle (optional) through the unspoilt natural beauty of the Madagascan countryside.

To register your interest send an email to bigstu.martin@virgin.net or phone 07811 390448



New school books donated by Helen Jeffers & friends

Farafangana

Left - some of the stools and chairs the young people of Farafangana have made whilst learning carpentry. This is a small but vital project that empowers the young people and teaches them a skill instead of begging on the streets.



Left - TASC are still supporting the outcast village at Nohona. We hope to buy a number of treadle pumps to help with the irrigation of rice and vegetable fields. We also hope to be able to install a well for clean drinking water.



Below - Working in partnership with Feedback Madagascar and The Adsum Foundation TASC are installing clean drinking water in all their schools and surrounding communities. Within school the children are taught the importance of washing their hands after going to the toilet.

Above - North Yorkshire West Guides during their 2016 trip to Madagascar. They met Malagasy Guides and did project work in Manajary, Manakara, Tanjomoha and Farafangana raising a massive £10,000 in sponsorship for the work of TASC.

Gift Ideas

- Support a homeless person into work £40
- Educate a child £75
- Build a family a home £120
- Pay a teacher's wages for a year £250
- Plant 1000 trees £500
- Provides safe drinking water for a community £3000



Solve the annual tricky issue of what to buy family members, loved ones or colleagues on that special occasion with a donation to our life changing work in Madagascar. No matter what sort of sum you had in mind, big or small, T.A.S.C. Madagascar can help YOU help communities in need. Where 92% of people live on less than \$2 a day and almost half the inhabitants in a country of approx 24 Million people do not have access to clean and safe water.

For more information on our project work in Madagascar please email Stuart bigstu.martin@virgin.net or phone 07811 390448.

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