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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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Much has happened since the last time we went to Madagascar. The world is in the midst of a pandemic where we have all lost friends or loved ones to this awful virus. Here at TASC we have lost good friends to our charity like Maurice Andriamiandrisoa, Tojo's father. Our friend Tiana who drives for us when we go to Madagascar caught the virus and was seriously ill as a result, thankfully Tiana continues to make a good recovery. We wish all our friends in Madagascar and our supporters around the world good health and hopefully we will be able to see each other in person very soon, in the meantime stay safe everyone.



Pictures show Vola and her mother Nathalie

Vola is nearly 14 years old, we told you in January 2021 that her and her mother had moved into the house that used to belong to Noro who sadly passed away.

Vola has been handicapped since she was born, she can't stand so she uses a wheelchair. Her mother has been looking for appropriate treatment for Vola for many years, something like a special massage to help her, but there has not been any improvement.

She heard about St Josephs handicapped centre and has registered Vola there. The Sister immediately saw the family's vulnerability and accepted them to replace Noro to live in her house by the centre. Her mother RAHANTAMALALA Nathalie, aged 47 was in serious debt and struggling to raise Vola.



TASC and Feedback Madagascar, through our friend Samantha Cameron, have managed to get Vola's mother a job selling second hand clothes. We have just got news that she has paid off all her debts and is now paying a small fee for electricity, school fees and food for Vola and herself. They have a long road ahead but Vola is an enthusiastic student with a big smile and a great determination to

You will have heard in the news of the terrible drought that is again affecting Madagascar. TASC, through our colleagues at Feedback Madagascar decided to fund a new well to provide clean water for our friends and children at Sister Madeline's school. The picture on the right shows the workmen installing the water pipe for the well.



TASC are delighted to continue working with Feedback Madagascar and Ny Tanintsika by supporting the Mivoatsa Project. The full report can be seen on our website, www.tascmadagascar.org

Pupils and parents came to collect their school kits which comprised of notebooks, pens, pencils, a rubber a ruler, a compass, a pencil sharpener and a protective cover for note books.



Freddy proudly displaying his new school equipment



Above right, Pupils Francisco and Jacenhta along with other pupils enjoying their school lunch, which they had each day during term-time, paid for through the project. The menu varied from day to day, examples of the menu were rice with green vegetables, beans, minced meat with macaroni, pork or chicken.



Onja is 15 years old and faces a life on the street. His parents have no work to pay for his education.



Omega is a bright 14 year old, with the right help she has the potential to go to university.

There are 39 more vulnerable pupils from Tsianolondroa primary school who cannot continue to study because their parents have no money to pay for their enrollment fees and their school equipment.

With your support TASC would like to help. Onja and Omega on the left who are just two of the 39 pupils.

Can you help TASC help these children please?

Please contact Stuart Martin on the email address stuartmartin212@gmail.com for details on how you can help make a difference.

On the right, children have a break from school activities, and visit the Ranomafana National Park to explore nature. The goal was to further personal development for each pupil and to inspire them to protect their environment and explore new areas. It was also to encourage curiosity about nature and the environment by increasing their knowledge about the forest and its biodiversity.



Saunia is 22 years old and comes from Sendrisoa municipality. He studies Physics and Chemistry at the "Normal High School" (ENS). He passed to third year in the university and passed his first exam.

Saunia commented "I am happy to have your support and I promise to do my best. I thank you all. This support is important to me so I can prepare for my future and help my country".



Clavinot first went to the outcast school at Tanantsara and then went onto secondary school whilst being supported by Tanjomoha and TASC. He is now going to university at Fianarantsoa and wants to be a teacher. He is studying in leadership and management. He has also been studying English, French and Chinese.

I am so grateful to everyone who has supported me study for my dream. I will continue to work hard and do my best, thank you.

Eliane is 21 years and comes from Miarinarivo municipality. She completed the second year of a social science degree at Fianarantsoa University and has now passed into the third year of university.

"I thank you for supporting my university studies. Without your support, I could not continue my studies because my family are poor. My mother died when I was 5 years old, so I lived with my grandparents. After 10 years my grandparents died too when I passed my BEPC exam. Thank you for all your support.



Seven of the students on the left who were supported by the project at the University of Andrainjato in Fianarantsoa.

Each student received a scholarship of 100,000 Ariary (about £19) a month from November 2020 to July 2021.

Students' studies were interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis and an administration strike, so the school year was extended for 3 months, over which time students waited for their exam results. During this time they received 50% of their scholarship to help them during the "hungry period" (when the price of rice is highest in the market) and to pay their rent.



TASC have been supporting Pere Emeric and the Tanjomoha mission for over 20 years helping to create independent local income streams, whilst also looking to assist in the education of the local populations. Two years ago, TASC helped fund the planting of vanilla crops in the hope this would provide vital cash for Tanjomoha. Whilst growing vanilla in Madagascar comes with an element of risk, Tanjomoha and TASC believe that with the appropriate security measures in place, the potential rewards make it worthwhile. The early signs are looking very good.

An irrigation system 2 years ago for the vanilla. As you can see the vanilla crop is growing well alongside the papaya crop.



Above shows the first of the trees that were planted ten years ago that have now been harvested. These trees were thinned out and cut down to allow room for the better trees to grow higher and straighter which will make for even better planks when they are finally harvested. It is hoped in another three years we can harvest around 10,000 trees a year, then replant the ones that have been harvested in addition to a further 2000 trees that will be left for environmental improvement. Our long-term goal is to provide 50% of the working funds needed for Tanjomoha every year, whilst also providing employment for up to 30 workers.



Thanks to our supporters continued help, things at Tanjomoha are going from strength to strength. The first milking cow arrived last year which helps provides much needed calcium and protein through its milk. The hope is over time they will be able to build up a Tanjomoha herd and use the milk to help the children in the malnutrition clinic.

Tanjomoha also has a number of flourishing vegetable gardens which grow 25 different types of vegetables and fruits, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the gardening team led by Abada Louis who is also in charge of the vanilla growing project.

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