

Gimme Shelter

February 2008

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"Diamonds in their brains"... is what our labourers told fws builder Darren that the fws team must have, upon understanding the roof will collect clean water.

So, what is that?

Why, that's the massive **rainwater collection (and passive cooling) roof** of Kesho Leo children's village, of course. If it looks a little intimidating in the photos above, think about this: **each triangular truss weighs** the equivalent of **a small car (800 kilos)** and is being lifted into place by hand! Daz and bursar-builder-barbecue-maker volunteer Nick are working with our 20 labourers to **ensure the rainwater collector is up before the rain** comes. We have **three short weeks to go** before the long rains arrive, but **Daz and Nick remain unflustered**. "We were panicking, but now we've worked out a way to complete whole sections of the roof bit by bit, so **no matter when the rains come, we'll be able to collect water** from some of our roof, if not all of it..." says Daz.



With the program! Kesho house mamas and kids were stoked to get with the program this month! Our lesson **timetable** sees mamas enjoying **health, budgeting, English lessons** and more, and kids improving their **fine and gross motor skills**, plus a nutritious **salad and clean water** each day. We still **need to sponsor 8 of our 12 house mamas** (asante to the first four sponsors): just **\$90 for three months**. Visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx> to help.



what's going on...

Final Founding Fifty: member profile

Darren Chek, 32, property and finance worker. "I was just blown away by the fws story. What I love most is it's not only providing help for kids, but giving them **a home and a real chance at a quality life** in the future, too. It's been a lot of **blood, sweat and tears** for the self-sacrificing fws volunteer crew to get things to where they are now, and I've been **so inspired that I felt compelled to donate** and be a part of this **great cause** and the FFF. Knowing that my contribution can **help complete this project** is very fulfilling."

Term 2, teaching in Tanzania?

Kesho education programmer **Clare** soon returns home (boohoo), so we're looking for a **primary and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher** for 25 clever little Tanzanians **from mid-March to late July**. Contact Shona. Arnell@foodwatershelter.org.au if you're interested.

This month's tick-offs:

- Moved **Bibi Frank** and her **three grandkids** out of the slums and **into a home** in Bibi's childhood village, Sinon.
- Got **Mary's daughter Nora**, aged six, to an **ear specialist**.
- Sorted out **Esther's seriously problematic masifitis**.
- Got **Elizabeth safely over her malaria** so she could leave hospital and return to her **four kids who were home alone**.

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fws art: see you there, March 14-16

We warned you it would be h...o...t! Here's your invitation to a **top-notch, beeeautiful Food Water Shelter art sale**. Accompanied by a **thumping African beat, fine food and wine**, we'll gather inside some of Sydney's most historic walls. We have **art from Archibald, Sulman, Dobell and Wynne prize winners**, plus lots of established and emerging Sydney artists, **all donated and well-priced**, with proceeds to build Kesho Leo children's village. Tickets are **\$25 per head to the opening night**. To be a part and get your pick of the best, ring the lovely Leanne on 0408 477 501.



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7.30 - 11pm
fine art, food, wine & an african beat
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sat 15 & sun 16
free admission from 9am-5pm

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FFF just got easier

Any-any-anyone who thinks they may know someone willing to join our **Final Founding Fifty** (you know: the **\$2000-all-to-cause**, name-on-**tw**-website-then-on-Kesho-plaque, tax-deductible contribution that will help us get **Kesho Leo** children's village building **completed ASAP**) will be pleased to hear we now have an **FFF sponsorship document** you can email to any group of people that you think might be interested (**easy-peasy**). Contact Rebecka.Delforce@foodwatershelter.org.au for a copy or **sign up for FFF yourself** by contacting Craig.Rudd@foodwatershelter.org.au.



Janelle the gardener...



and Ms Janelle (teacher)!

Aussies for orphans

We've had **Janelle Gibson of Aussies For Orphans** (www.aussiesfororphans.org.au) with us as a **volunteer and potential funder**. She's been a huge help: **teaching English, shopping, cooking, running kids' activities...** She's going to get home to AFO exhausted (but hopefully happy!).

contact us...

If you've queezies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at: anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

Like our newsletter?...

Got a working **knowledge of the Indesign program** (and access to it)? Don't mind a bit of **sub-editing**? Then why not fill in for the getting-very-pregnant Anna Goode for a few months and **proofread each issue of Gimme Shelter** for us? If you're up for it, contact Rebecka.Delforce@foodwatershelter.org.au.

Fundraisers – join in or host your own

We still need **more dosh** to finish building. Help us get there by supporting a fundraiser, or holding a **barbie** and charging people \$10 to come, having a **trivia night** at the pub and donating funds to **fws**, or organising a **movie night** and charging people \$20 to come – **too easy** (and fun)!

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