

Gimme Shelter

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Mudi helping one of our mamas move to a safer house in the village (above); Mudi and his family (below).



Mission accomplished!

They came with hearts wide open and they built like crazy. It has been an amazing journey for us, having Darren's sons, brothers, cousins and mates here in Tanzania, working incredibly hard to finish Darren's building. Daniel, Jason, Robbie, Joel, Terry, Daniel Jr and Heidi: you are awe-inspiring. Thank you for all that you have given us. The frames and roof are now finished, and our labourers, mamas and the entire village have been touched by the Stratti family's love. Kesho Leo is a stunning legacy to this love and to Darren. Fittingly, Daniel has handed the final touches over to our Tanzanian team, but we are thrilled that Jason can stay on to help with cladding and fit-out.

what's going on...

I'll have 'A Bottle Of' that!

'A Bottle Of' is a new line of bottled water you'll find in select cafes, supermarkets and delis. Every bottle promotes fws AND funds are coming to us from each bottle sold. Heidi Albertiri is the amazing woman behind the concept and we can't thank her enough for her generosity. For details and stockists, visit www.abottleof.com.au.



Trading places

Our 2009 nurse Karen has arrived to replace the wonderful Heather. The change-over is progressing well: so far they have finished health histories and completed successful and practical HIV AIDS education with the mamas, plus planned the structure of their health clinic. It's an fws dream to have such a smooth change-over with two extremely capable individuals for this vital position.

A legend by all accounts

After an exceptionally busy year, our 2008 volunteer accountant Craig Rudd has resigned. We are so grateful for all the long hours he has dedicated to our organisation. Amanda Pattison (fws Public Officer) has stepped into the role of looking after accounts until the end of the year.

Welcome Samwel

Samwel Kimaro, our new Tanzanian eco-farm manager, has joined Eve Archbold in managing the Kesho Leo farm. He has vast experience in aquaculture, farming vegetables for export and qualifications in veterinary science.

Greetings from our Tanzania manager

Habari zenu... this is Mohamed (Mudi) Salim.

Just a short thanks to everyone for what you have helped us achieve during this time. Thanks to the Stratti family for your hard work over the last three months. We have gained a lot from you. My fellow Tanzanians and I have a way to go to finish Kesho Leo but we are here now, it is true, and we will do our best to continue. My family and I are excited to move into our new home. Thanks as well to Kels, Shona, Eve, Nick, Heather and Benny. Everyone has done their best to make sure they contribute to make a home for the children of Kesho Leo. I have more to say but let me get back to my activities so I can update you again one day soon. Thanks all!

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Meanwhile, back at Kesho...

Fair's fair!

Our inaugural stall at the **Arusha Christmas Fair** was **fantastic** (if we do say so ourselves!). **Photos** of the project blew people away, **funky doona covers** made by our Kesho Leo **mamas** with local kanga material and **Maasai beaded jewellery** were a great success and we are now busy filling orders. Seeing **Kesho Leo small business** take off makes us feel so **proud** of how far the project has come!

Daz's Birthday Celebration

November 26th is Daz's birthday and here at Kesho Leo we had a **beautiful celebration**. Darren's family, **fw** volunteers and Kesho Leo labourers and mamas gathered around **Darren's tree**. His family placed **candles**, and we placed **bougainvillea**, around it. **Darren's music** played and there was an amazing **feeling** at the site, as these men, who will always see themselves as '**Darren's men**', remembered him. This day will be an **annual celebration** for the community.



Our Fair Ladies: the doona covers made by our mamas were a hit at the Fair.



My cup of chai

The loveliest lips will all be **sipping Ruby's Spiced Chai** this festive season. Launched by entrepreneur **Janine Moodley**, the delicious chai is **100 per cent organic** and comes in several tantalising **flavours**. We're also very happy to report that a **percentage of sales** of special **Christmas packs** will be **donated** to **fw** projects in Tanzania. Throughout **2009**, a percentage of sales from every **Ruby's Green Spiced Chai** will go to us as well. **Single bags** are now available for the introductory price of **\$10 for a 75g bag**. Here's cheers to that! Email **janine_moodley@yahoo.com** for more details.



contact us...

If you have any queezies, please don't hesitate to contact Gimme Shelter acting editor, Kristie Kellahan, at kristiekellahan@yahoo.com. Meantime...

AGM reminder

A reminder that the **fw** **2008-09 AGM** will be held in **Tanzania** (yes, Tanzania) on **December 30**. Any nominations from members for **office-bearing roles** welcome. Visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au for more details.

This month's tick-offs

HARVEST SOLD – Kesho Leo mamas sold our **silverbeet, tomatoes and eggplant** at the central market in town. It's a wonderful step on the path to **self-sufficiency**.
MONTHLY DONORS – Your regular contributions keep things **ticking over**, so we **thank you** from the bottom of our hearts.

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