

# 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](mailto: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 masititis**.
- 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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### 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...

### Aussies for orphans

We've had **Janelle Gibson of Aussies For Orphans** ([www.aussiesfororphans.org.au](http://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!).



and Ms Janelle (teacher)!

## contact us...

If you've queezies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at: [anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto: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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