

Gimme Shelter

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Strattis steam ahead

Jay, Daniel and Robbie Stratti are managing to grin through the **heat and dust** as they go about **finishing the construction work** started by Darren. The sub floor of the **accommodation block** is finished, so the **floor can now be laid**. In between hammering and sanding, they're **learning about the customs** of our local staff.



what's going on...

This is the BBC...

Some members of our **fws team** have been enjoying their **moment in the sun** – as extras for a **BBC series** being filmed in Arusha. When the **cast and crew** heard about our project, they couldn't wait to **hightail it out** of the comfort of their Arusha hotel and head to **Sinon** to see for themselves what **fws** has going on. There was **excitement aplenty** as BBC actors **Bruce Mackinnon, Damien O'Hare and Lucy Chalkley** met our Kesho Leo mamas and kids, and prepared to **play theatresports** with them. Bruce and Damien came equipped with a lesson plan and the **mamas, kids and volunteers all joined in** for some voice exercises and hilarious games. Our **mamas** then returned the favour with **beautiful traditional songs, dance and drums**.

The Kesho Leo effect

fws acting president, Shona, is back at Kesho Leo and reports that the **mamas and kids look healthier, happier and more confident** since she was last here in January.

Art attack

Calling all arty types: we need donations of contemporary art for the Sydney show of **FoodWaterShelterArt '09**, to be held from February 20 to 22, at Sydney College of the Arts in Rozelle. The show will raise funds through the sale of **top-quality paintings, etchings, sculptures, unique jewellery and design pieces**. Please ask around and direct all donation enquiries to **Cathy McQuade** on 0408 477 501 or cathy.mcquade@foodwatershelter.org.au.

Delightful donors

A huge thanks to **Jan Purser from WA**, who auctioned off one of her **beautiful paintings** for **\$550**, which she promptly donated to **fws**. And a very **happy birthday** to **Ann Leith**, who **donated \$150** of birthday money.

The economic crisis hits fws

Our **last transfer from Australia** saw us **lose** a considerable amount of potential funds due to the **low exchange rate**, so your **financial support is more important** than ever.

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Meanwhile, back at Kesho...

- * Our **Kesho Leo** mamas are taking **sewing lessons** at the local secondary school so they can sew **curtains, cushions and bedspreads** for Kesho Leo, as well as our fundraising stall at the **Arusha Christmas Fair**. We need to **raise \$3700** to set up our **own sewing room** at Kesho Leo. Does anyone have any **bright ideas**?
- * **Site tours** are becoming more popular, so we are now **scheduling them** for groups. Our biggest lasted a whopping **three hours**, and included **23 people** from the BBC, a local **tour group** and local **NGOs**.
- * **Volunteers Heather and Nick** have returned to an ecstatic **greeting at Kesho Leo** – **house mama Gladness** threw her bag of vegies into the air, while **Bibi Frank** said "*Jamani!*" (kiswahili for wow) over and over.
- * An **organic win!** Aphids were setting up house in our **Kesho Leo vegie beds**, so **Environmental Eve** brewed up an **organic spray** that knocked them out. Our **local farmers** are now asking for the recipe.



Top: Our site tours are out of sight! **Below:** Heather and Nick get a warm welcome back.



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Here's something to add to your **'to do'** list: **renew your fw membership** for 08-09. Actually, you can now **pay online** and put a note in your 'jobs done' list instead! This flyer, with details of the web link for payment, will be landing in your inbox soon so keep an eye out for it.

And because we **love our members** so very much, we've pulled together a **fab membership prize** – a "**City Escape for Two**" in your capital city. Just renew your membership **before November 30** to go into the draw. **Good luck** and thanks again for your support.



contact us...

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

This month's tick-offs

MORE BUILDERS A huge thanks to **Kevin Johnson** and the **Kingscliff Seventh Day Adventist Church** for their **generous contribution**, which has helped us bring **three more Aussie builders** to Tanzania. Work is soon to begin on the clinic.
FIRST HARVEST Our mamas have harvested their **first lot of vegetables** from the Kesho Leo farm. They were happy to be able to distribute **fresh silverbeet** to their families.
WE HAVE CHICKS! Anne the **fws** chicken has **hatched 10 chicks**. Our teacher, Erin, gave one away as a **Maths class prize** for the labourers and it was an **excellent incentive**.

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