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### Fonelisco

The Banana Tree Project will continue to support children from Fonelisco Orphanage through their secondary education in 2010, thanks to support from students at Edinburgh University and also the US charity Affirmation. Sanja Lupo in Mwanza has worked hard to organise this and I am very grateful to him for all his efforts. Only one of the children in Forms One, Three and Four didn't achieve a



grade C or above in their end of 2009 reports. We have, however, decided to give Ibrahim Netto (who gained a D grade!) the opportunity of completing his final year of secondary school. Ibrahim earned a scholarship from primary school to attend Form One at a government secondary school and then moved to Sunrise Secondary for

Forms Two and Three. He hopes to rediscover his academic talents to finish his schooling on a high! All the other children have risen to the occasion with excellent reports. Loveness Leonard (pictured in her Sunrise School uniform), Witness Musa (in a stripy top) and Ngussa Ntemi (in the t-shirt) all performed particularly well in their reports. We are still waiting to receive the



Form Two exam results which are marked externally in Dar, and then posted to the schools.

### Watoto Wa Africa

From January 2010, the BTP will be sponsoring children at Watoto Wa Africa (Children of Africa) orphanage in Buswelu, Mwanza. Watoto Wa Africa was founded by Josephat and Rosemary Kirutu in 2000 and is home to over 50 children, many of whom have lived there all their lives. The children will be attending secondary schools within walking distance of their home (for example Kangaye Secondary pictured below). The BTP also hopes to provide materials for the primary school aged children later this year, such as stationery, books and uniforms.



### Donations & Gift Aid

The BTP receives many small and regular donations from individuals. Please remember that, if you are a UK tax payer, you can claim back Gift Aid on your donations. This adds an extra 28% to your contribution. Claiming Gift Aid is simple if you contribute via the donations section of the website: [www.bananatreeproject.org](http://www.bananatreeproject.org). I am grateful to the St Albans School Community in the UK for their recent donations to the BTP. These have gone a long way to helping the children attend school in 2010.

### Thank you

Thank you for supporting *The Banana Tree Project* in 2009 without which none of these children would be sponsored. Thanks again to Sanja Lupo in Mwanza for his time and efforts with the administration of the BTP. Thanks also to Charlie Clark in the UK for his continued work maintaining and updating the website and, as ever, to Fay and David in Mwanza.

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