

The Banana Tree Project

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[Visit from Bridge2Aid](#)

On 13th March, *Bridge2Aid* visited Fonelisco to give



all the children a check up. *Bridge2Aid* is a dental charity run by UK dentists and nurses based in Mwanza.

The check-up found that several children needed urgent extractions and other treatment. The children received advice on how to look after their teeth (and have now started asking for toothbrushes and toothpaste...). Many thanks to *Bridge2Aid* for their visit. The Banana Tree Project will now ensure that the children receive the treatment that they need.

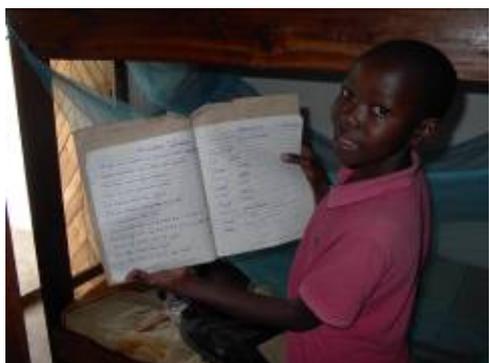
[An interview with Rajabu Mussa](#)



To get a better idea of Fonelisco, we interviewed 14 year old Rajabu Mussa. Thank you to Aaron for his translation!

What is your school like?

I am in Standard Four at Primary School. I like school and my favourite teacher is the Headmaster, Mr Machubila. I like English, Kiswahili, Maths, Civics and Science. There are 150 children in my



class. My class teacher is Mr Ma Shala. My best friend is Joshua. I hope to come top of the class in the May exams.

Where did you live before you came to Fonelisco?

I was born in Geita (a town 100km west of Mwanza). I have a mother, a sister and a brother. When my father died, my mother was too poor to look after us so my sister and brother left home. I have not seen them since and I do not know where they are. I decided to leave home because my mother could not afford food. She sold dagar (small fish) but could not sell enough. A bus conductor allowed me to travel on his bus to Mwanza and a boy called Juma told me about Fonelisco. He is now my friend at Fonelisco. I have been at Fonelisco for one year. I want to go back to Geita very soon to tell my mother that I am safe.



Tell me about your life at Fonelisco

There are 7 other children in my room and I share a mattress with a friend. At the moment he is not well. I like to eat ugali, rice, beans and cassava. I like to find out about the news and I enjoy acting.



What do you want to do when you are older?

When I am older, I would like to go to university. My father had 3 wives and that was very difficult, so I would like to have 1 wife and 3 children. After university I would like to become a pirate because it would be exciting!

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