



### Lake Results



We have now received the mid-year results for the three Fonelisco students at Lake Secondary School. Earlier in the year, the Lake teachers commented on how hard the three boys were working and now this effort seems to be paying off with some pleasing results. Donald Mussa has been the most consistent student so far, this time earning a C grade overall, with B grades in History, Geography, Physics and Chemistry. Daudi Baraka gained a B grade overall with A grades in English, Geography and Commerce. Paul Matondo (pictured above) gained an A grade overall, with top grades in Civics, Kiswahili, English, Biology, Geography, Commerce and Book-Keeping. Paul finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 47 students. These students have internal exams at the end of the year, and then one final year of school.

### Fonelisco

Fonelisco Orphanage is struggling to remain solvent as it continues to face financial problems. The Orphanage Director is keen to make the orphanage self-sufficient, but this is problematic as the orphanage has no income. The BTP has offered to continue sponsoring the children through their education and we are hopeful that, as the financial reality dawns, the Director will accept the school sponsorship for the children.

### Sponsorship into the future

The BTP is coming to the end of its third year of sponsorship and it is now necessary to make difficult decisions as to which children will be sponsored through secondary school in the future. Each year, the current cohort of children continues into its next year while a new group hope to move from primary to secondary school. It has always been the intention that the BTP



would remain a small charity supporting a limited number of children at specific orphanages in Mwanza. The following sponsorship guidelines have therefore been decided:

1. Children sponsored in Form One (secondary school) will be supported through Form Two, but then need to earn at least a C grade overall in their external Form Two exams (marked centrally in Dar es Salaam) to earn sponsorship into Forms Three and Four. This is because primary education is poorly resourced (up to 200 children in a class with no books as pictured above). Some children take time to make the transition.
2. Children will receive sponsorship up until the end of Form Four (when many Tanzanian children leave secondary school rather than progress to Forms Five and Six).
3. Where possible, those children who don't earn a secondary school place will be encouraged to take on vocational or apprentice opportunities, with assistance from the orphanage staff.

### St Albans School Trip

In July 2010, 36 CCF cadets from St Albans School in Hertfordshire will be visiting the orphanages and schools that the BTP works with to see for themselves the changes that have been made by the BTP at a very local level. The UK sixth formers will be renovating the orphanages and a primary school, amongst other projects, so many of the children sponsored by the BTP will benefit hugely from this visit. Their fundraising efforts can be monitored at [www.charitygiving.co.uk/sascftanzaniafund](http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/sascftanzaniafund).

### Thank you

Thank you for your support of, and interest in, *The Banana Tree Project* without which none of these children would be supported. Thank you also to the BTP volunteers in Mwanza, Fay and David, for their continuing efforts on behalf of the charity, without which the project couldn't work.

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