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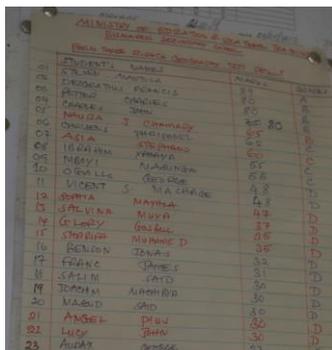
Chacha appointed Head of School

Chacha grew up in an orphanage in Mwanza where I first met him in 2005. When the orphanage faced problems Chacha returned to the streets while continuing to attend primary school. He successfully completed his Standard VII exams and is now sponsored through a boarding school on the outskirts of Mwanza by the BTP. In July 2013, Chacha was appointed Head of School following a vote by students and staff. This is a tremendous achievement considering he is still only in Form One, but as the teachers said, they were looking for leadership qualities not age. Chacha was behind the school's new duck and frog pond, and also the goat, cow and chicken pens, as a means of developing the animal husbandry club. Chacha lives in school and takes his studies very seriously. He has also been trying to help his two younger sisters into school, and may receive help from the BTP depending on funding. In August, I took Chacha to Mwanza's new eye clinic to resolve his sight problem, and bought him a pair of glasses which should ensure he suffers fewer headaches!



Yuseph & Steven working hard

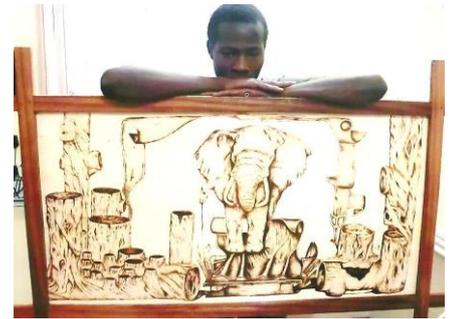
Both boys attend another boarding school on the outskirts of Mwanza. Yuseph is preparing for his Form II national exams in November. His mid-year tests saw him placed 25th out of 49 in his year group. Steven is working towards his O-Level exams in November 2014.



He finished 9th out of 53 in the mid-year tests and is planning on focusing on humanities subjects. His recent geography results, which placed him 1st in the year, were displayed on the school noticeboard, which he proudly showed off.

Washington on Fire

Washington has spent much of his life on the streets and has known little else. He is now in his early twenties and approached me last year asking for an opportunity to attend secondary school. However, as he had missed parts of his primary schooling and was already a talented artist, the BTP provided him with a "contribution" to purchase art resources to help set himself up as a professional artist. A year on, this has proved highly successful as he now displays his work in hotels in Mwanza and receives orders from local people for his work. His unique style of using a soldering iron to burn images has proved very popular, complementing his more regular oil paintings. His future now seems much more secure.



Thank you

Every donation received by the BTP helps to keep the children in school and provide them with the resources they need to achieve their potential. All donations are very gratefully received and in particular I would like to thank Bex Baxter, Clare Burgess and Redbourn Infants School for their recent support. Barry and Ruth in Mwanza continue to give a great deal of time and effort to administering the work and resolving issues. I am also very grateful to Paschal in Mwanza for his time and effort. Please continue to support the BTP!

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