

## FIRST THE VERY GOOD NEWS FROM THE SAFE HOUSE!

It's new, it's blue, it's shiny, it's at the Safe House. What? The splendid new car that All Saints has helped to buy together with many kind donors in the UK and USA. In an email received recently, our project leader Rhobi Samwelly, whom many will recall speaking at All Saints says:

*On behalf of girls and Safe House staff, we would like to thank you and all donors very much for Safe house vehicle support, I know it is difficult to buy the new Land Cruiser because it costs a lot of money, BUT YOU DID. We would like to give our thanks to all people who donated and enabling the purchase of this vehicle,*



Together we have replaced the old vehicle which had done years of service over the rocky roads of Africa. It broke down when it was rescuing seven girls who were escaping from FGM and five of them were snatched and forced to undergo FGM. BBC Reporter Linda Pressly told the story of these girls in her memorable 'Crossing Continents' broadcast which you can still hear at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05nxh9x> . Many who heard Linda's programme contacted the BBC and were moved to help. Thank you to all.

The Safe House car is not just a rescue vehicle - It's a motorised ambassador for the Rights of Women, as it is the transport that takes Rhobi and her team of singers, dancers and musicians out to campaign in remote villages against FGM, wife-beating, discrimination in land-rights and all forms of inequality. The woman pictured right was once a feared cutter of girls and has now realised this is wrong and abandoned FGM. One of Rhobi's excellent achievements is the formation of clubs of young men who boldly wear T-shirts

proclaiming 'My wife will not be cut'. Ann and Julian Marcus have seen the way attitudes and stereotypes can be changed in 4 previous projects Rhobi has led. At local women's request, village mills were built and equipped to grind maize, cassava and millet. These mills didn't just save women



trudging 20km through the bush with a huge weight on their heads and often a baby on their backs but changed the status of women in the villages, when the men saw that the women could run an important community asset and make a profit. 'Wow! Look what our women can do' was the amazed response.

### **AND NEXT THE PARTLY GOOD NEWS!**

Last year the Safe House received from Global Giving an extra grant of £15,000 to establish a Food-Growing Project. The aim is not just to grow food and provide better nutrition for the girls, but to add another aspect of vocational training. All the girls come from farming families. Some parents have limited knowledge of good strains of fruit and vegetables to grow in the soils and climate of the area and what can be achieved with good composting so the girls have been surprised and delighted to see



what they can grow in the Safe House vegetable garden. There's now the possibility of leasing a much bigger plot and hiring a rotavator to get it ready for cultivation. There is an excellent trainer, Helen Carey- a teacher with wide experience of teaching horticulture in Tanzania. Helen has been working as a volunteer at the safe House for several months, but none of Global Giving's grant can be used to pay her

expenses, so she has had to go back to the UK. If anyone would like to contribute to helping Helen to go back and continue this excellent work, please donate an amount to

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/safehouse> ending in 16 e.g. £5.16 or \$8.16 and we'll then know to direct those payments to sending Helen back to Mugumu!



### **FORWARD TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE BUILDINGS**

Everyone in the Safe House team is working hard to try to get the Dining Room, Kitchen and Fence built before the next Cutting Season starts in late November. Ann and Julian are 2/3 of the way to raising the money needed, and need the final third (about £15,000). Building will start very soon. So all your donations, except the ones identified by .16 in them (see previous paragraph) will be going to pile the bricks on! The Dining Room and Kitchen must be completed before the next Cutting Season starts in late November of this year. Ann and Julian will be there in early 2017.

### **THE SAFE HOUSE IN ANGLICAN WORLD**

Members of All Saints will be pleased to see the article on pp 16-17 of Anglican World, even if it does not mention the support from All Saints and other churches and schools in the UK (Anglican and Free) nor the Tanzania Development Trust!

