Top) TFT’s University Association – boasting over 1,500 members in Japan – held an event handing the reigns to a new group of leaders. 1&2) 93 restaurants and cafes in 14 PARCO department stores nationwide participated in the TFT campaign from January 16th through February 28th. 3&4) TFT partner Oisix produced a special Valentine’s Day chocolate with drawings and messages from children in Banda, Rwanda on its packaging. 5) In South Korea, a charity event was held at Midas IT, where TFT “Share Fun Dutch Coffee” products were sold.

6) “TABLE FOR TWO Anti-Aging Bentos,” designed by a TFT volunteer, went on sale at BentOn in New York. 7) In DC, TFT supported partner restaurants at the Shinshun Matsuri (New Year’s Festival) hosted by the Japan Chamber Association of Washington.

8-10) In a recent report from Koraro, Ethiopia, schools reported increased attendance (from 14,801 in 2012 to 15,190 in 2013), reduced dropouts, and improvements in academic performance. Each school serves daily nutritious “bukulti” meals, consisting of germinated beans and chickpea with fortified vegetable oil and iodized salt. A portion of fruit is added two days a week.

As you can tell from reading about the TFT chocolate, coffee, and anti-aging bentos in the newsletter, one of the best parts of TFT is that we can be as creative as we want in providing TFT meals with our partners! I am looking forward to inventing even more creative and unique ways to promote healthy eating around the world with all of you. Thanks for all of your passion and support. Let’s have fun for a good cause!