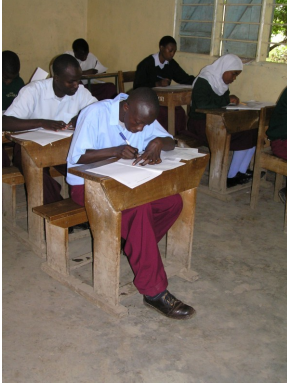


Safi School Project Is Dedicated To Improve & Support Secondary Education In Tanzania, East Africa, One School At A Time.

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We understand that there is really only one chance that these students have to get an education.

Safi School Project wants to make that happen. We are compelled to act. We can do something. Come, join our efforts. Support these students.

Safi School Project Newsletter

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January 2009



Safi's 2008 Purposeful Travel Crew
Jambo!

We hope that this past holiday season was full of peace, love and joy for you and your family...and that the weather has been kind to you. I recently received a newsletter from Terrawatu, the organization that donated computers to Ngateu Secondary School and feel that their core message is important to repeat here.

There are and will continue to be massive changes taking place in the United States, and globally. Many of us have been noticing "the shift" for years...the breaking down of old pillars of society - traditional economic and social institutions - and the emergence of a new global community based on healthier and more sustainable philosophies and economies. Now that it is actually happening I think we all realize that it is one thing to think and talk about such changes, and another thing to live inside of them.

We know many of us are suffering from tighter budgets and more uncertainty than ever before regarding job security, retirement and income.

We also keep in mind the words spoken at the high-level event at UN Headquarters in New York this past September regarding the Millennium Development Goals and the importance of keeping support flowing into Africa now more than ever.

Why? Because people who live in extreme poverty become desperate. When people are desperate for the basics - food, shelter, and security - coupled with insufficient or complete lack of education, they can lose hope and act desperately. We have seen many examples of this over the years.

Tanzania is one of the more peaceful countries in the sub-Saharan African region, but during our most recent visit there, we could feel both hopeful growth and potential crumbling happening at the same time. As many of you have been following our efforts with Safi School Project, you know that our efforts are effective and designed to have lasting value. Safi School Project was born out of a desire to assure that the good work and good will that Mary began in 1992 would continue because it is so important to do. As we move into 2009, we are committed to continuing our push towards improving secondary education in the Tanzanian villages we partner with one school at a time. We can only do this with your continued financial support.

Even \$100 makes a difference. If everybody reading this gives \$100 we would raise \$20,000 now. This support could sponsor 50 students for a year or it could completely cover the cost of lunch for all students plus allow lunch, currently rice and beans, to be augmented by fruit at least once a week. The money could buy books or go towards building decent school desks. This support could possibly go towards furnishing the science lab. If a lump sum sounds difficult, think about donating \$10 per pay check.

Organizations, Individuals, Families, and Groups can help:

\$400 supports one student - tuition, books, uniform, exam fees and lunch for 1 year

\$30,000 builds a water system (we are working on matching funds from Rotary for this)

\$15,000 will build a girls dorm

\$5000 builds a kitchen for lunches

\$60 feeds one student lunch for 1 year

\$30 feeds one student lunch for 1 term

\$60/mo pays a computer lab manager

\$100/mo pays a basic teacher

\$\$ needed for desks, books and supplies

Any amount of donation is welcomed

If you would like to read more updates about our programs please go to www.safischoolproject.org

On-line donations can be made at: www.safischoolproject.org by clicking on "Donate"

Checks can be written to:

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All donations are tax-deductible.

For those who have already made your contribution we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have helped to make a difference. Asante sana.

Haba na haba, hujaza kibaba
(Little by little fills the pot)

Kristina
Secretary, Safi School Project

P.S. Please feel free to share this e-mail and our web site with others. That is how we grow.
Thanks www.safischoolproject.org



NGATEU SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The 2009 School Year Begins (Yes, in TZ it begins in January, not September)

With your help, we will continue sponsorship of 47 students plus 10 more incoming students. Each sponsorship of \$400 covers the full year's tuition, lunch, uniforms, supplies and exam fees. We will continue to track the progress of each sponsored student and encourage you to write to your student. As we are able, we will send you a photo of your student and we will help to see that you get a letter from them.

While we were at the school in October, we observed that all students have lunch daily. This was very good to see. We painted a classroom and painted a world map onto the wall of another classroom. As we observed the classrooms we noticed that text books were not evident. Classes are conducted by the teacher writing on the board and the students copying these notes into their notebooks. We purchased some text books but there is great need for more. In October the Form 4 students were taking their math tests without the math table lookup books needed for the tests!

We are continuing the process to obtain matching funds for the water project. The current bid from the driller will stand until April.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting - TBA

Dinner and a Play - March 22, 2009, Olympia WA

Safi School Project Presentation - Saturday, January 31, 2009, 9:00 to noon, Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, WA

2010 Purposeful Travel - There will be two trips!

#1 January 15, 2010, leave Seatac, January 16, arrive at Kilimanjaro airport
January 30, leave Kilimanjaro, January 31, arrive at Seatac

#2 February 5, 2010, leave Seatac, February 6, arrive at Kilimanjaro
February 20, leave Kilimanjaro, February 21, arrive at Seatac.

The basic plan for both groups is to work one week at Ngateu School, one week of migration safari and visiting what other projects that we can fit in. There is so much to see. Some people will stay during the week between groups to visit and work, some people may wish to go to Zanzibar, climb Kilimanjaro, or visit other tribal villages. (We work mostly with the Maasae.)

We will need a \$1000 down payment as soon as you know you want to go, as our travel agent has to pay money down for the lodges on safari. We'll let you know when the deadline will be, but sooner is better.