

# KENYAN SCHOOL PROJECT NEWSLETTER December 2018

#### **Olemoncho Electric Fencing Project COMPLETED**

We are happy to report that the fencing project, which included a reinforced electric fence surrounding the school and a "power house" which houses the batteries and cables has been completed.

KSP received photos and final request for funds upon completion of the project last month.

This is good news for students and for Elephants. Now that the school has a fence surrounding the school perimeter, there are plans to plant trees for shade. The school also hopes to put in some gardens in the future to help supply food for the school lunch program.

We are pleased that the new head teacher, Jeremiah Kitesho, has been an excellent communicator, organizer and has kept KSP abreast throughout the project.

### TransferWise Currency Exchange

Another recent development is that after a lot of research and phone calls, board member Teri Linneman, has found an international money transfer organization which converts US dollars to Shillings at a good rate and for a minimal fee. This new transfer method lets us know what the exchange rate is going to be ahead of time, so we can know how much actual money to send. The old method, using a bank wire transfer would have a fee at our local bank, plus a fee at the Kenyan bank, AND a huge fee for the currency exchange. Often you'd end up with a poor exchange rate and the fee for transfer cost up to 500 US dollars. It was a frustrating system. Our recent transfer to the Olemoncho school only cost \$20. We are so excited about the new method and grateful to Teri for all her perseverance to make this happen.

#### What's Next

Now that the Fencing project is complete, the Olemoncho Primary School has sent us a grant application requesting funds to build a new classroom. We will have more information about this project once the KSP board reviews the proposal and decides whether to move forward on it.

As a small non-profit we depend on the generosity of our supporters. Thank you for your past support and for considering a donation in the future.

#### Happy Holidays!

Your tax-deductible donation will go a long way for the Olemoncho School.

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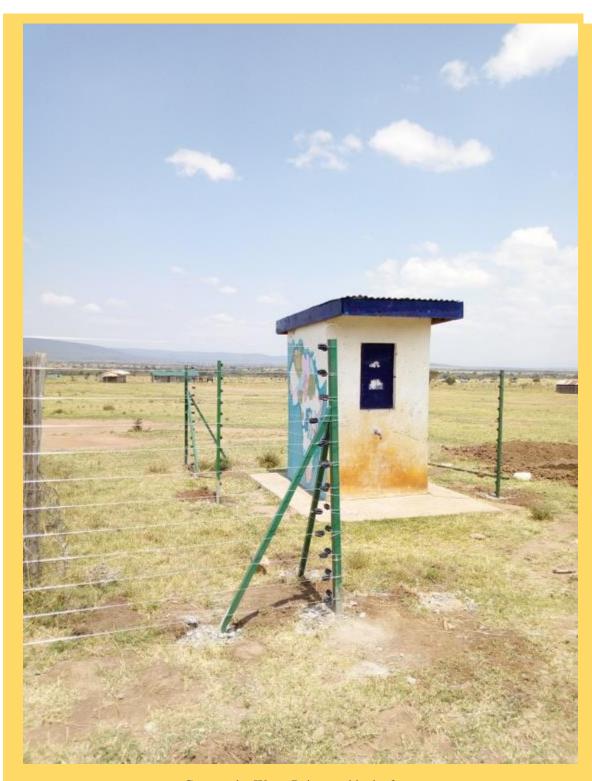
## Olemoncho Electric Fencing Project Photos



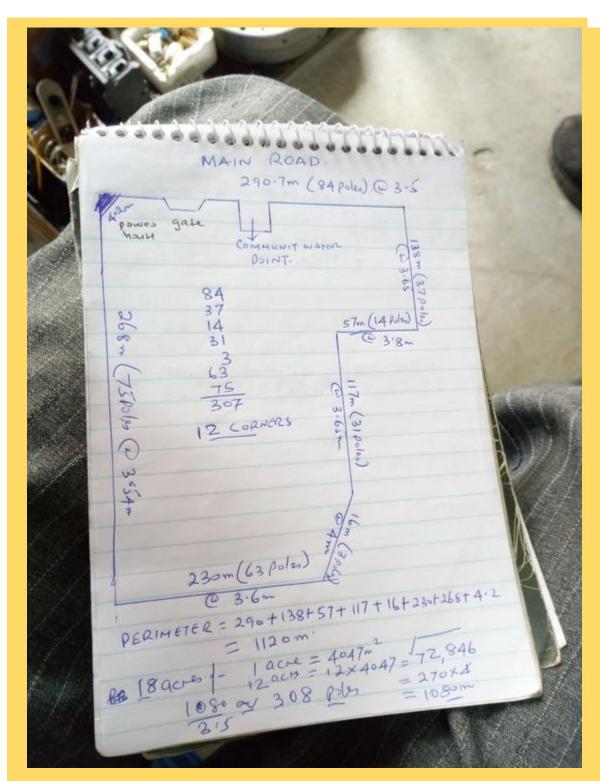
Building the fence



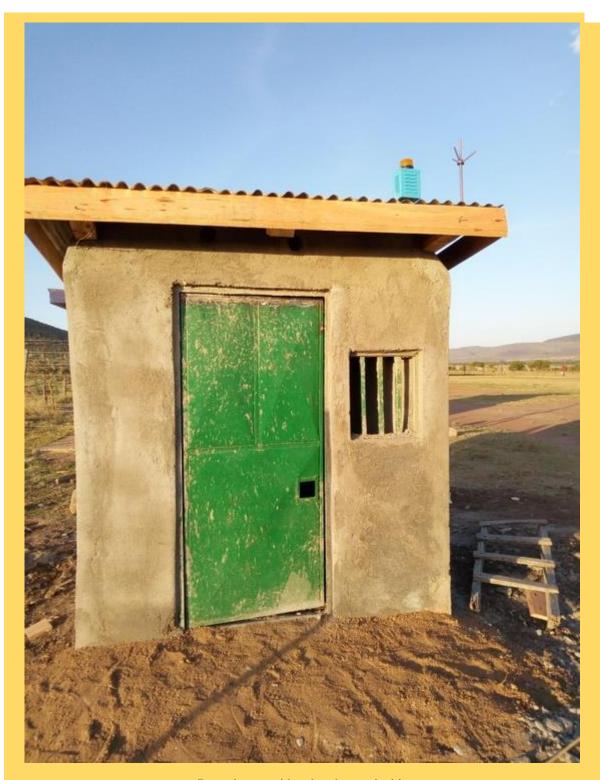
Main gate to get into school yard



Community Water Point outside the fence



Sketch of Project



Powerhouse with solar charger inside