

Kenyan School Project

September 2012

Asante Sana, supporters and friends!

The KSP Board has great news to share with you. The kitchen at Burguret Primary School in Nanyuki, Kenya was completed in August!

It's been barely more than a year since we hosted a Harambee and auction to raise money for the kitchen. We are so grateful to all who made donations and offered support, which enabled us to raise \$7,500 for the kitchen project—now bringing hot lunches to 440 students and providing meals for community-wide events. What a difference a year can make.

Report from Nanyuki

Board member Ann Goss was in Kenya for her son's wedding in April and paid the school a visit. She was greeted by twenty stakeholders—parents, board members, and teachers. Ann reviewed the financial documentation of funds spent and toured the project with the school head; Ms. Penninah Maturi, the school board chairman; Mr. John Tharua, and the building contractor.





We are pleased to report that the project came in under budget! With money saved on the project we approved the school's purchase of two efficient cooking stoves, called Jikos, for preparing the food (see photo at left).

Please take a moment to travel to Nanyuki, via our web gallery, to see the school kitchen under construction and other photos of Ann's visit.

Kitchen construction photos

The Next Step: Water

Together we have built a kitchen, and **now our partnership is growing** . . . **food!** School leaders want to make the lunch program self-sustainable by growing their own produce, but Burguret lacks adequate rainfall storage capacity. Students currently carry water to school for drinking and washing (walking an average of three miles each day) and there is not enough left over for a large garden. **We want to quench a thirst!**



Four water storage tanks are needed to capture and store rainfall to supply enough water for the school kitchen, gardens, and basic school needs. The cost of the tanks along with piping and gutters is \$8,500.

This is a real opportunity for us to help the school—and have a huge impact on many aspects of the children's lives. A dependable supply of water will improve sanitation and health, provide fresh produce for school meals, and ease the burden on the students.

More Good News: A Matching Gift

A generous donor has agreed to match your donation dollar for dollar! If we raise only \$4,250 we will reach our goal of supplying four water tanks for the school. Imagine if the Burguret students could come to school knowing there is water for drinking, washing, and growing food, just as our children do here!

The planting season in Kenya is approaching and our goal is to make this the year that the school can *grow*. All it takes is forty \$100 donations, or a combination of some smaller and some larger gifts (all tax-deductible), to make the water available.

HERE IS HOW TO DONATE

We are a registered non-profit corporation in the state of Washington with approved 501c3 tax-exempt status, so your donation is tax deductible. We are a completely volunteer organization so 100% of your donation will go to helping the children of Kenya.

Checks are payable to:
"The Kenyan School Project"
4559 Center Road
Lopez Island, WA 98261

Please see our website for more information or to donate by credit card. Donate Now!

Thank you for your support! Please call or email us with any questions.

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