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## Safi Foundation Newsletter

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Jambo!

I hope that all of you survived your summers in good spirits. Safi Foundation has been quiet but... quite busy. Mary & David, Nancy, Marilyn & Ken's trip to Tanzania this summer honed our plans at Ngetau Secondary School. We made additional contacts and found that the seeds we've been planting at the school have taken root. As Mary puts it, "It's amazing how happy teachers get when they actually get paid." In addition to the school having a more positive financial picture, the community also got involved with some events and projects. Volunteers helped to begin the water project. FYI - there is no water in the area for wells or drilling so it must be collected from seasonal rain. You can read the roof cleaning story from Marilyn and see pictures on the blog page of our web site at <http://www.safifoundation.org>

The local community held an auction to help raise money for the school. Donated clothing was auctioned off in a fun filled event. Community support is critical for our success and we have no doubt it is there.

While in Arusha, Safi members also delivered 430 baby hats, knit by you wonderful knitters. These hats went to Selian Hospital's baby clinic to give to mothers when they bring their newborns back for their first check-up. Keep those needles clicking. We can take more hats with us when we go again next year. The group also went to orphanages in the area. Book bags were delivered and more friends were made. If you've never been with Mary when she takes a group to Tanzania, you have no idea how much can be done in one day! WOW! And they went on Safari too.

### NGATEU SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE -

**Student Support - All of the 21 students we have pledged to support for this year have sponsors. Thank you to all who have donated. But....** While at Ngetau this summer, we found out that **there are an additional 58 students** from families that are able to pay only part of their full tuition. This shortfall puts a strain on the school budget since the headmaster is reluctant to turn students away if they are doing well in school but lack financial means to pay full tuition. Ngetau Secondary School serves a very poor community. Many families have an annual income of \$120 - \$200 US. All things happen with struggle. Therefore, we will continue to accept donations for student support and apply it towards the 58 partially paid student costs for this school year (ending in January). Any further donations received this

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year, marked as "student support" to Safi Foundation at PO box 8275, Lacey, WA 98509 will go towards the 58 students unless you mark it otherwise. You may send questions to the same address or to [info@safifoundation.org](mailto:info@safifoundation.org)

**Lunches** - If you wish to sponsor a student for a year of lunches, the cost is \$30 per student. Ngateu does not have sufficient water yet but the headmaster has figured out how to start serving lunch for those who can pay, allowing students to put in a full day of classes.

**Clean Water Supply** - The roofs are being cleaned to prepare for painting, gutters, and downspouts. All of this must be done so that water can be collected for year 'round use. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, our project manager in Arusha, David Mtui, will present our plans to the Arusha Rotary club and request their support. The water project is definitely under way. We've estimated that the water project will cost around \$5,000 US.

**Movie Nights!** - The school has had its first movie night. Ngateu will host more in future, charging a minimal fee to attendees. The money collected will pay for the electricity needed to run the computer lab. Ngateu has 20 useable computers and one printer. Once they obtain a \$100 stabilizer (that's technical talk for something that will control the power surges) it will be safe to put the computers into operation.

#### OTHER NEWS -

**Safi Foundation is now listed with the Combined Fund Drive!** If you are a WA state employee, WA teacher, or retiree you can contribute to Safi Foundation via the Combined Fund Drive. Go online to the CFD Giving Station to donate with either a payroll deduction or one time donation. (Safi Foundation is in the list of write in organizations.)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS! -

**October 28, 2007 - Safi Board Meeting** - 5:00 pacific time at the Nelson home.

**Book a Presentation!** During October 2007 Safi Foundation will be holding a number of local presentations. If you know of a group, church, or organization that would like to hear about who we are and what we are doing, please contact us and we will come out and give a presentation. We have a nice 20 - 30 minute presentation with photos and stories. It is designed to inform others of what we do in an informal way. October 2007 is booked but we have dates available in November, December and January. Help us get the word out. To schedule us in, please e-mail [info@safifoundation.org](mailto:info@safifoundation.org)

**2008 Safi Foundation Purposeful Travel Trip (July-August - Dates TBD)**

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We will again take a group of members to Tanzania this summer! We will organize one or two, two week trips, depending on the number of people planning to go. The trips split time between the Ngateu Secondary School Project and Safaris. This is a trip of a lifetime. It is unique in that it is purposeful travel. Ask anyone who has gone.

To Sign Up - The 1st 12 people, by postmark date, reserve a space. All others are put on a waiting list. Send your \$1000 deposit, per person, to Safi Foundation, PO Box 8275, Lacey, WA 98509 by December 1, 2007. We need to know who is going by January 1st since the airlines release their prices in January!

Cost -It is estimated that a trip will cost \$2,500 plus airfare. The best guess we have for airfare is that it is around \$2,000 based on history.

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

Kristina  
Secretary, Safi Foundation

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