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Safi Foundation Newsletter

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Jambol!

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope your holidays were filled with love and friendship. The holiday season is such a busy time but incredibly (not really when you think of it as a season of giving) Safi members gave their time, talents and donations. Your gifts came in many ways. Alternative Christmas giving and alternative birthday giving has really boosted Safi's ability to assure that students have lunch to fuel their day. It sounds so simple to us but it is so hard to feed the mind if the body is hungry.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated, organized, cooked, cleaned up, and contributed to Safi's "Dinner and A Play" benefit on December 9th. The renowned "Carelli Crew" provided a gourmet dinner to 125 of us who then trooped over to Capitol Playhouse where we had bought the theater out. Profits went to Safi Foundation. A silent auction accompanied the dinner. Lots of art and other wonderful items were donated for this auction. **Between the Dinner (donated), the play, and the auction we raised \$6,375, our most ever at a single event!**

In case you were wondering if we are having a positive effect on student outcomes, the Headmaster writes that **"The Form two National exam results are wonderful! Out of 61 who sat from Ngateu, 52 have passed to go to Form 3. The best ever achieved, contributed mostly by reliable salaries so no frustration to teachers plus supply of lunch to students and me being strict to teachers and students."** *[That is 85% passing compared to 50% passing prior to Safi's help. Teachers are paid and expected to teach, every day. Students are there to learn, every day. With lunch served a full day of schoolwork is expected.]*

NGATEU SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE - The new school year begins!

Student Support - This will be the second full year of support for our 21 students. Thank you to all who have and continue to sponsor students. Safi Foundation is committed to continue support for these students for all four years at Ngateu if they keep their grades up. **The Board will be deciding whether or not to increase the number of sponsored students beyond the current 21. If you have strong thoughts about this, please contact one of the board members prior to 1/26/08 or send your comments to info@safifoundation.org**

If you wish to sponsor a student individually or with a group of friends, family, or co-workers, now is a great time to do it. The school year in Tanzania begins in January. A full sponsorship is \$400 and includes lunches. Lunch alone is \$60 per student per year (\$30 for $\frac{1}{2}$ year). To

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sponsor a student send check or money order marked as "student support" to Safi Foundation at PO box 8275, Lacey, WA 98509. You may send questions to the same address or to info@safifoundation.org *NEW* you will be able to donate with plastic very soon. We are installing a "DONATE" button on the Safi Membership page at <http://www.safifoundation.org>

Clean Water Supply - The roofs are cleaned and painted. Gutters and downspouts come next. All of this must be done so that water can be collected for year 'round use. Once the water is available we can work on installing a kitchen and improved sanitation.

Ngateu now has a Library! - Shelves need to be built. **Huge thanks to Ken Henry and Project Africa.** They just donated a few land cruisers full of computers, monitors, books, etc. - Here is another case of people talking and finding connections~~keep talking! Project Africa's vision statement is "People helping people to help themselves." The Project Africa Team comes from a number of different backgrounds, ages and interests with a common goal - to make a difference. Their web site is <http://www.projectafrica.net> if you wish to know more about them.

UPCOMING EVENTS! -

January 26, 2007 - Safi Board Meeting - 10:00 pacific time at the Nelson home.

Rick Steves will keynote a Purposeful Travel fundraiser for us this fall!

We need people to sign up to be on the committee for this event. Thoughts are that this will be done in conjunction with our annual fall auction. Thank you to James R. for arranging Mr. Steves participation.

Safi Foundation Purposeful Travel Trip - There is space for 2-4 more people on this summer's Purposeful Travel Trip (July 27-Aug 15). The dates, however, may change to October because we have found the air fares to be very high this year. The summer is the most expensive time of the year to travel. The dates to travel will be decided very soon. If you are interested in joining us please contact one of the officers at info@safifoundation.org

7/27 - Leave Seattle

7/28 - Arrive in TZ

7/29 - Work at Ngateu for 4-5 days

8/3 - Visit Massae Girls School for church, after church, leave for Safari Oldupai Gorge, Serengeti, Ndutu, Ngorongoro Crater

8/6 - Return to Arusha, work again at Ngateu, Auction

8/10 - Wrapping up with trip to Tarangire National Park

8/13 - Return to Arusha, last visit Ngateu, afternoon orphanage visit

8/14 - Shop, pack, evening flight

8/15 - Seattle

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Knitters - Get your needles flying.

We will again deliver all the baby hats (and kid hats) you can make when we go to TZ. They LOVE color! The hats must be washable without worry. Hats are due to Safi Foundation by July 4th. (I picked a date that would be easy to remember☺)

Thoughts of future trips

We always try to schedule trips while their school is in session so we can meet and work with the students. Tanzania is on the other side of the equator so think upside down ☺

- ✓ 2009 - October for the jacaranda bloom (also girls school graduation time) - Air fares and lodging are low.
- ✓ 2010 - plan for migration time (between January and March) - Air fares are low but lodging may be high.
- ✓ If people are affected by school schedules we could do a trip in the summer - Air fares are very high, sorry.

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

Kristina
Secretary, Safi Foundation

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