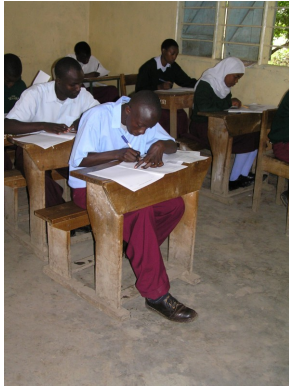


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**We understand that there is really only one chance that these students have to get an education.**

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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Jambo!

Wow! We had a wonderful Annual Meeting! I know that "Annual Meeting" doesn't sound terribly exciting but you must remember we are not building a business (snore, snore) we are building a place of dreams. In two years we've come a long way and have much more to do. Thank you to the people who were able to attend, especially David and Elizabeth who came all the way from Tanzania! Without support and volunteers Ngateu Secondary School would likely flounder. We want the school and students to thrive.

Acknowledgement to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA) did not make it to the Annual Report and we don't want to do that! They allowed space on a shipping container for us to ship items to Ngateu Secondary School. They also donated free paint and school supplies! Thank You OBA.

The Ngateu headmaster sent a letter that was read at the Annual Meeting. In brief: Thanks - the flooding is not a threat this year because of the wall built by Safi in 2006; Salaries are paid - thank you; Paying school fees to needy - Thanks; 26 students need help - 14 girls and 5 boys incoming to form 1. Also 7 students, 4 girls and 3 boys, attending form 2 or 3 need help.

## **NGATEU SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Water Project Update – The water project is ready for its final stages!** Our Property & Management team has worked hard to find funding to bring reliable, clean water to the school. The solution was to harvest rain water since digging a well can not be done in the area. Thank you to all the previous donors to this project. David Mtui reported that the roof painting is finished. \$1100 from Safi donors plus \$600 from Kent Lutheran completed the job. Funding to install the gutters, 4 storage tanks and the filtration system should be complete by this summer. Thanks to: the St. Mark endowment fund that will supply \$1000, Lacey Rotary meets May 13th to put in an additional \$2000, Rotary District will match to \$3000, Rotary International will match \$4500 and Rotary Arusha will match \$100. Neighbors in the village have seen the job and are very thankful. Next,

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gutters will be installed and two large tanks underground for storage plus 2 tanks above ground for current school needs.

**Student Support – We need 11 more sponsors.** Twenty-one of the kids sponsored last year are doing well and now are in Form 2. Twenty new kids were expected for 2008 and . . . 26 were found. We have returning sponsors for the 21 and 15 new sponsors. The 20 expected new students were found (more than 50% are girls). We are guessing the additional students may be orphans. They are continuing students and have worked hard to get as far as they have. It would be a shame for them to have to leave school due to financial shortfalls. If you wish to sponsor a student, \$400 covers all 2008 school costs PLUS LUNCH.

If you are a sponsor, when you write to your student, please include a self addressed envelope with a piece of paper in it. Elizabeth has agreed to take care of the postage. This will increase their correspondence and practice in writing English.

**School Lunch – We do not find it acceptable that some students eat and some students watch them eat.** Visitors to the school recently reported that viewing this situation was very difficult. We are all working hard to eliminate this disparity. **Please help. It costs approximately \$60 to feed one student lunch for the entire year.** The ultimate goal is to build a kitchen and to sufficiently fund daily lunch at the school. We are looking for help developing a cooking system that does not involve burning wood! If you would like to help with that research and development, please let us know.

**Solar Power Plan** for the school is in the talking, dreaming stage. Jeff Stewart introduced plans and they sound doable. He has experience with solar and with 3rd world technologies and conditions. The existing power grid in Tanzania (Tanesco) is unreliable. Solar for lights and computer lab are very doable if you match the technology to the hardware.

**Sanitation System** has to be completed – a team stepped forward to work on an environmentally correct sanitation system at the school. Currently there are two latrines for all 200 students.

### **How Can You Help? There are so many ways to be a part of Safi School Project**

- **Have a Party!** If you are like many of us, we've had a few too many birthdays and we also don't really need presents. So....do like Susan did....She had a party. A GREAT party. We had fun. But...we didn't give her any birthday gifts. We gave her cards and brought school supplies and/or donations for Safi School Project.
- **Have a Non-Event!** Send out invitations to an event that won't happen. "You are invited to not come to a party that does not exist. . . ." Use your imagination. Make interesting invitations with a SASE. The expense is your invitations. The benefit is you spread the word about what we are doing in a fun way that can raise funds.
- **Make Baby Hats** – We take these hats to hospitals and orphanages when we go to Tanzania in October. Please e-mail [info@safischoolproject.org](mailto:info@safischoolproject.org) for instructions if you need any. Hat size is from newborns on through the younger kids.

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- **Make School Bags** – These need to be made out of sturdy fabric. A 27” wide x 26” long piece of fabric is needed so start. Two 3.5” X 22” handles are attached at the top. Please e-mail [info@safischoolproject.org](mailto:info@safischoolproject.org) for instructions if you need them.
- **Sponsor a Student or Donate Towards A Project**
- **Research for Available Grants** – Yes, there is grant money available but finding the right fit is the real trick. Right now we feel like Goldilocks and the three bears. For some grants we are too small, some grants are too restrictive (they drill wells but they don’t do water harvesting), some are just bigger than what we can handle at the moment. Help us to find the right fit.
- **Find other Sponsors** – You probably don’t realize how many people you know who would love to help. Think of three people inside your close circle and three people that you know in your business contacts and talk to them about what we are doing. Ask them to help. Have a cup of coffee or a lunch. Make it fun ☺.
- **Tell Us About Your Own Ideas** – What works for you? A summer picnic? A wine & cheese party? Do you have an idea and need some Safi School Project fliers to share at the event? We can put a packet together for you. Let us know.

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

Kristina  
Secretary, Safi School Project

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