

Safi School Project
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***Safi School Project Is Dedicated To Improve & Support Secondary
Education In Tanzania, East Africa, One School At A Time.***

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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.



Jambo!

Thank you all for your support to the school and the students. It is hard to believe that Safi Foundation began only three years ago and we have done so much. You are making a difference. Because of your support we can continue to improve the lives of students. We even have a student, sponsored from another school, who is now entering her second year of law school at Dar es Salam University. All she needed was to have a financial path to her dream. The rest was and is up to her. She will go far.

Water Update

Safi School Project has been working diligently to bring clean water to Ngetau and thank all who are working on this project as it is very important in so many ways for the students, the school and the community. We had made good plans to gain much of this funding through matching grants. Unfortunately, this status report must tell of a bump in the funding road. Safi was very disappointed to receive e-mail correspondence from our major grant support indicating that there was not sufficient money within the humanitarian account to award our matching grant for the Ngateu water well. On September 17, 2009, Safi received e-mail notification that stated:

“The Matching Grant budget for the 2009-2010 year is significantly reduced from prior years as a result of the unrealized losses due to the global economic recession. As of August 2009, the Matching Grant budget has been fully committed and the Trustees of the Foundation are unable to approve any additional non-competitive grants for Year 2009-2010.”

This lost funding is in the sum of \$10,240. Had our grant application been approved, SAFI would have expected to pay an additional \$2,300. In other words, SAFI will need to plan on disbursing, in addition to the trust funds held, an additional \$12,540 plus any needed contingency in order to continue with the well project. Obviously this is a substantial difference from our expectations. If a large sum of money should fall from the skies and into the coffers of SAFI and if the Board decided to allocate those funds to this project, Safi would then need to speak with Rotary District 5020 to determine if they, in the absence of the Rotary International funds, would still commit the \$6,800 on their end.



Another option would be to continue to hold the funds in trust and re-submit our matching grant application on July 1, 2010. That is the earliest date that applications can be submitted for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year. With that much of a delay, we would likely need to receive a new bid from the well drilling contractor.

The Safi Board will be discussing options at our next Board Meeting. Keep the faith.



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

UPCOMING EVENT

October 22 – Safi Foundation Auction to benefit the Safi School Project

6:00 p.m. at St. Martin’s University, Worthington Center, Lacey WA

This is our big event - an evening of good food, fun and wonderful items available for your bidding. We will begin the evening with a Silent Auction and our special guest;

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