



KENYAN SCHOOL PROJECT NEWSLETTER January 2020

Update on progress with Olemoncho Classroom Project



New Classroom

Jambo Folks,

2019 was another successful year for the Kenyan School Project (KSP) thanks to YOU, our fantastic donors!

The most recent project you made possible was the building of a new classroom for grade 5 at the Olemoncho Primary School located in the rural Maasai Mara. The electric fence, which was funded by KSP donors was completed in 2018 to keep students safe from the Mara wildlife, is working well and the equipment is being maintained.

In October 2019 board member Ann Goss traveled to Kenya to review the new fifth grade classroom and financial records from the classroom project. Your donations and the funds from a Harambee held at Vita's helped pay for this new classroom. When Ann visited the school the new classroom was nearly finished, except the guttering, furniture and a pinboard.



While at the Olemoncho School Ann met with the School Management Committee to review the schools long range plans and discuss their ongoing relationship with the Kenyan School Project. One item discussed was the need to improve communication with KSP and the school. Ann and the school management committee started a Whatsapp account to communicate with Olemoncho Primary School. So far this form of communication has shown to be effective in improving communication.

During Ann's visit the school was in session and the students were doing final exams. The school held an assembly and Ann was able to give a motivational speech to the student body in English while the head teacher, Mr. Jerimiah Kitesho, translated Ann's speech into Swahili.



Possible future projects that Ann discussed with the School Management Committee were piping water from a nearby spring directly to the school, a water tank, building a new kitchen with jiko cookers, food storage and a dining hall. The school wants to build boarding dormitories for grades 6-8. Many of the students travel long distances to get to school and can not go home every night. Currently, the school is using one of the classrooms funded by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), a government funded program started in 2003, as a temporary dormitory. The school also hopes to fund a garden fit with irrigation so the school can grow food for the school feeding program. All these projects would help Olemoncho School on the road to being a sustainable, self-relying body.



Although the Olemoncho School has a government funded feeding program, the program is expensive to run. To offset the costs, Olemoncho School bought calves which they are raising on school property, and then will sell the cows to pay for school expenses.

In Maasai culture cows are an important source of wealth and the Maasai tend to have numerous cows that they graze out in the open mara.

Ann observed that the current garden is sparse. However, the trees that Ann helped plant in the school yard on her last visit are being watered and are thriving. Ann also visited the spring which is the school's current water source and where the school hopes to pump water to the school. Currently the water is hauled in jugs by hand . The spring itself is protected from animals, but animals do hang out in the vicinity and the spring is the water source for the whole community.

With your support we have been able to provide Olemoncho school with a new classroom and a new electric fence.



power house for electric fence

Through your continued support we will be on our way to providing Olemoncho students a sustainable school to attend. Please consider a tax free contribution.

Your tax-deductible donation will go a long way for the
Olemoncho School.

Please donate now!

Every little bit helps!

The Kenyan School Project is grateful to receive both small and large contributions and we hope you will consider a tax-deductible contribution today. **We have no salaries – KSP is a 100% volunteer** organization so your contribution will go directly to funding projects for Olemoncho school.

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