

# **Kenyan School Project**

**NEWSLETTER** September 2015

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# Asante Sana, Supporters and Friends!

#### WATER!

We have good news to share with you! The water project for the Burguret Primary School was completed within budget! Visit our KSP web site (kenyanschoolproject.org) to view a video of the completed water system and other great photos from the Burguret School. Four tanks in all were purchased and installed along with gutters, a washing station and a small fence. The water is providing improved hygiene and students no

longer have to carry water to school

for drinking and washing.



Students watering school garden

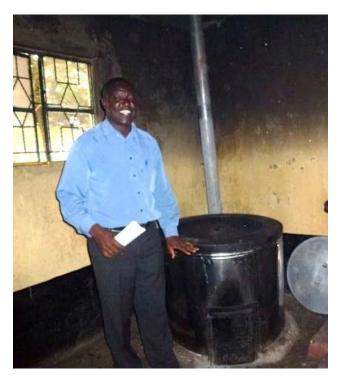
The Burguret School has planted a school garden so they can provide consistent food for the school kitchen which was funded by KSP and completed in September 2012. Squash, beans and corn have been planted and the gardens can be watered when needed.

### Latest Report from Visit to Nanyuki



Board member, Ann Goss, visited the Burguret Primary School in March 2015 to see the completed water project and to review the school's progress with the lunch program. The Kitchen serves one nutritious meal a day, feeding the 300 plus students at the school.

Ann visited the school at lunchtime and observed the children lining up to receive lunch which they ate under the shade of the trees The children all are responsible for their own bowl and eating utensils. For many of the children this meal is their main food of



Cooking Stove (Jiko) Mr.Mugo

the day. One of the common meals is called githeri which consists of corn and beans and sometimes potatoes and is cooked in the jiko stove which KSP funded.

The head teacher's assistant, Mr. Mugo, reported that the Burguret School is highly respected in the area, in a large part due to the lunch program which is a direct result of the kitchen and water projects funded by KSP. He reported that the school attendance has increased and the children are doing better in school due to the noon meal program. The kitchen and water projects and the school food program have made a huge impact in the community; Mr. Mugo relayed the community's gratitude for our help and generosity.

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

In the last year: KSP funded new books for the school library. These books are actual text books that the school management committee requested. Ann purchased the books in Nairobi before heading out to the school. See photos on our web site of teachers and students admiring the much-needed books. Swahili and English content books were purchased; now many more children are exposed to appropriate language content materials.



Ann Goss at the kitchen

#### WHAT NEXT?

On her recent visit to Kenya, Ann also toured the Burguret Kindergarten built with boards and no battens with a tin roof and dirt floor. There are chiggers in the dirt and leaks in the roof. During the rainy seasons the wind and rain create a challenge for these young children to stay warm. In warmer months the tin roof offers no protection from the scorching heat.



Burguret Kindergarten Building Teachers and Parent Committee Ann & Ellie



The Kindergarten has 80 children in two small substandard classrooms. The Burguret School Management Committee has applied to KSP for help with building a new Kindergarten consisting of 2 large classrooms. Soon we will be reaching out to YOU, our generous donors, to help fund this Kindergarten project.

Kindergarten Students

#### **EVERY DONATION COUNTS!**

Head Teacher, Peninah Muturi, has done an incredible job leading and overseeing the KSP school projects. She is honest and hardworking and administers each project in detail. KSP has been able to verify through organized financial records that the KSP funds are going directly for which the projects they were intended. Each donation – both large and small gifts are making a big impact on the lives of many children, over half of whom are young girls.

If you are interested in helping us with activities – newsletter production, web site, committee work or serving on the KSP board, we would welcome your participation. Please contact Liz (360 468 4383) or Ann (360 468 3663) to discuss your interest.

#### HERE IS HOW TO DONATE

We are a registered non-profit corporation in the state of Washington with approved 501c3 tax-exempt status, so your donation is tax deductible. We are a completely volunteer organization so 100% of your donation will go to helping the children of Kenya.

Checks are payable to: "The Kenyan School Project"

4559 Center Road Lopez Island, WA 98261

Please see our website for more information or to donate by credit card. Donate Now!

#### Thank you for your support!

Please call or email us with any questions.

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