



## The Kenyan School Project

### **UPDATE on KSP's Newest project:**

In October of 2017, Board members Ann Goss and Liz Scranton traveled to Kenya to attend the opening ceremony of the Burguret Primary School and to visit three schools that had applied for a grant from KSP. We were joined on our trip by Lopez High School senior, Ashwini Bartolucci.



## New Kindergarten Classrooms



Following the trip, the Kenyan School Project Board voted to fund the Olemoncho Primary School fencing project. The Olemoncho school which serves K – 8 students, is a government school, located in a rural area of the Masai-Mara. The school has many needs – classrooms, desks, a kitchen and more but the schools biggest need is fencing around the school compound to protect students from wild animals. During the day and at night, lions and elephants wander through the school grounds and encounters with elephants are particularly dangerous. The exciting benefit of the fencing project is that it will protect the students from wild animals, especially elephants while at the same time, protecting the elephants from human interaction and possible death. Fencing will additionally add security to the school and allow trees to be planted in the school yard to eventually provide shade for the buildings and students. If the trees are planted without fencing, the elephants will come and pull all the trees up and eat them (Lopez folks can think of the elephants as rabbits only much, much bigger).



The fencing project is an important investment with large benefits. At a price tag of \$7,878 U.S. dollars we can make a big difference in the lives of the children at Olemoncho and protect elephants. It is a win – win for people and wildlife. For those of you who attended our slide show, you know that KSP had originally been presented a budget for the amount of \$4,000 dollars but after conversations with local environmental organizations, it became apparent that the posts being quoted in the budget were not sustainable. Local posts come from olive wood which is becoming scarce and is slow growing. We asked the school to use metal posts which are more expensive but last considerably longer and are much stronger. In the long run, the fencing will be much better for both the school and the local environment. We hope to raise the necessary funds for this project in the next couple of months so the school can complete the fencing installation before too long.

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 the fencing for the Olemoncho school.



The **Kenyan School Project** is a small non-profit organization working to improve the lives of children in Kenya by promoting better educational opportunities and health. We take on one small project at a time.

**Please consider a tax deductible contribution – Donate Now.**



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