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A Report From Our Founders



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With the end of another calendar year rapidly approaching, we wanted to share with you some of the exciting activities we have undertaken in the past few months and have planned for early next year.

Since we were last in touch we have identified four new Maasai girls for our scholarship program. We're also in the process of establishing a permanent education center in Arusha. In addition, we've updated our website to better reflect the spirit of EffortTZ and have added a new online shopping feature! You can find out more about these exciting developments in this newsletter.

As always our work would not be possible without the support and generosity of all of our donors, friends, volunteers and partner organizations. For this we are very, very grateful.



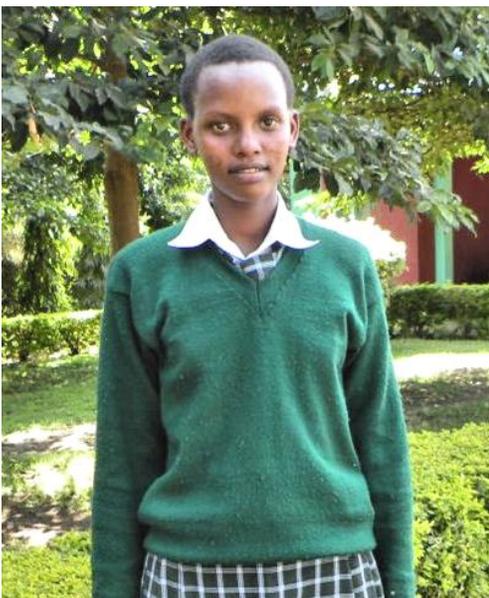
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Our Educational Missions

Scholarships: Maasai Girls



Sophia - one of our Maasai scholarship students

Our first two Maasai girls, Martha and Sophia, from the Monduli district of Arusha, were placed with our Emusoi Center partner late last year. Early this year, Emusoi transitioned them to two excellent secondary schools. We are delighted to report that both girls are doing well; Martha achieved a "C" average and Sophia a "B" average in their first secondary school semester!

Since this initial success, under the leadership of board member, Isaya Oleporuo, (profiled on the back), we have identified four additional girls from the remote Maasai village of Eluai (population 3,000), also part of the Monduli district, for scholarship support. These girls, Nelobone, Nailetoi, Noikoronyo and Siloon, are all 13 years-old. With the encouragement of their families these girls will be entering Emusoi in January and transitioning to secondary schools late in 2012.

We will be providing support for four more Maasai girls later in 2012. These eight girls are the first from Eluai to have the opportunity to go beyond 7th grade!

Our focus on the Monduli district and the village of Eluai is quite specific: our hope is that by providing higher education to eight girls from the village we can ultimately help advance not only the entire Eluai community, but over time, the Monduli district, too.

Please consider helping a Maasai girl by becoming a multi-year sponsor!

Our Educational Missions

Literacy: Educational Center



The EffortTZ Educational Center, a permanent English library and resource center for the teachers at our five partner schools, will become a reality when board members Bebe Dudley, Mary Dupont, and Bob Decelles, together with two additional volunteers, Laura Fraser and Greg Cooke, travel to Arusha in January.

The Center will be located at the TACODA Children's Home, in space donated by our partners The Jim Arden Foundation and TACODA. The Center is close to three of our five partner schools and to the homes of teachers at our other two partner schools.

During the first several days of the volunteers' visit, they will organize the several thousand books we transported to Tanzania into one of the very few English language libraries in the country. They will also divvy up the 4,000 pounds of school supplies we shipped to Tanzania for each of our five partner schools.

The volunteers will then host representatives from the schools, introducing them to this new resource with its books, computers, printers, and online internet capabilities, and explain to them how they can best utilize the resources in their teaching programs. The remainder of our volunteers' visit will be spent working with teachers and students in the classroom at three of our five partner schools.

The center continues our Mobile Library work by providing a central location where the teachers can pick-up the books they want for their schools rather than our selecting books to bring to them.

Isaya Oleporuo, a member of our board of directors and our Maasai Girls Scholarship Coordinator, is a leader and organizer in the Maasai community of Tanzania. He was responsible for bringing the priceless gift of fresh water to the remote village of Eluai. He was the first Maasai warrior to work in a United Nations sponsored HIV/AIDS awareness program in his community; to run in a London marathon; and to be invited to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was recognized and honored by the entire cadet brigade.

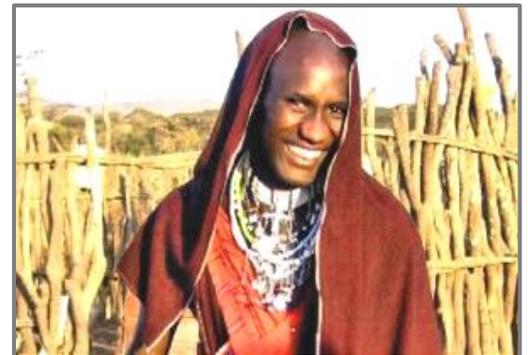
He presently lives in the US where he is pursuing the high school and college education he wasn't able to receive in his home country; he only completed 4th grade before his family's needs interfered with his education.

When Isaya approached the Eluai village chiefs about allowing girls of the tribe to take part in the EffortTZ Scholarship program, they were less than enthusiastic.

Because the meeting was about education, the chief's wives attended and they were very excited! After a full day's discussion, the chiefs agreed that the program could be offered to village families who met EffortTZ eligibility criteria. According to Isaya, this success doesn't represent a change from the negative attitude about educating girls, only a change among particular families. It's a beginning, though!

Our Infrastructure

People & Projects



Our website has a new look! Over the past several months board member and co-founder, Sheryl Seyfert, has redesigned and updated our website. The purpose of the effort was to improve the site's overall feel so that our message was better conveyed and users had a more enjoyable experience. While the new site has many recognizable features there is also a new one – a **Shop With Us** option. The items for sale include EffortTZ logo'ed coffee/tea mugs, T-Shirts and note cards, as well as one-of-a-kind Maasai-inspired jewelry. Like all donations, every dollar we receive from the sale of these products will be used to support our programs.