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Asante Africa's Beginning

Asante Africa Foundation, Inc.

was created after Erna Grasz and Mark Newton went to Tanzania on safari last year. During the visit, we fell in love with the children and were struck by the desperate need for the most basic health and education for these children. We also met a very determined and passionate African woman, Emmy Moshi, who is single handedly building schools in these impoverished African villages.



Emmy Moshi
Owner, IntoAfrica
Ecotourism

After returning, we investigated several options to assist Emmy in her vision. After considerable research of existing charities, we decided to create Asante Africa Foundation, Inc., to address villager's needs through a grassroots approach.

The purpose of Asante Africa Foundation is to facilitate and strengthen the health and education of children and families in African countries. We work directly with resident African individuals and local communities through projects and partnerships of all sizes. To achieve our goals we will focus on building infrastructures, aiding teachers, and providing necessary supplies and sponsorship. Fundamentally, the communities need education and training at every level to create a self sustaining economy.



With the considerable effort of Kristi Ashton (Director-Secretary) and Mary Druce (Director-CFO) Asante Africa Foundation, Inc was officially incorporated on August 14, 2006. As we continue our 501(c)3 legal and financial documentation



Kristi Ashton
Erna Grasz (Founder, President)
Mary Druce

we are busy fundraising for specific projects. In addition, Erna has just returned from two weeks in Tanzania and Kenya where four projects were kicked off:

1. Initial construction of the Mgugani Nursery School for 300 children,
2. Desks, water and books supplied for the Jangwani Primary School,
3. Delivered school supplies to Ole Pariata Primary School, and
4. Sponsorship of one child for boarding school for an entire year.

However, there is still an incredible amount to do, especially before the new school year starts in January 2007. Please Donate! We need \$5600 by December to:

- Finish the nursery school in Mgugani, including a roof, interior walls, outhouses and books,
- Buy the much needed textbooks for Jangwani Primary School, and
- Build dormitory space for a Girls School in Kenya so more girls are protected and can get an education.



Mgugani Nursery School in Mto Wa Mbu Village



The Mto Wa Mbu neighborhood has over 300 small children without a nursery school. When we complete this one-room school, it will support 150 children by using a single teacher conducting two half day sessions.

Emmy has been funding the initial construction of this school personally as money is available. As a result, progress has been slow.

With donations from Asante Africa Foundation, we were nearly able to finish the external building. Emmy had begun construction however, when Erna arrived we rented a truck, to buy more bricks, concrete and wood support structures so



the brick layers could finish. Five days later, the team had completed the external brick work and it is now ready for a metal roof, and the interior work.

Over the five days we also



had a dedicated team of local carpenters build, assemble and finish thirty small size desks.

Another benefit to the village is that the school construction provides work for the local community so that they can feed

their families.

We still need donations of \$1900 to help install the roof, finish interior walls, floors, doors, and build an outhouse for the first school building. The nursery school also needs basic supplies especially age appropriate books. The goal is to open the doors for the children by January 1, 2007. Even after we complete the first building we still need to add on more classrooms as we achieve our funding targets. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause so we can reach our goal for the 150 children and eventually be able to accommodate all 300 in the village.



Jangwani Primary School in Mto Wa Mbu Village

The primary school has seven classrooms (two are unfinished) with only ten teachers to support over 700 students. In January the school will have to accommodate 200 additional nursery school students.

Phase 1 of this project included piping water to the site, finishing out the interior (walls, floor, doors) of the two unfinished classrooms and building forty desks. Before this, the students were sitting on boulders on the floor in the classroom.



Thanks to your donations and after five days of early morning and late nights with Emmy and Erna doing numerous concrete and lumber trips, the two classrooms are nearly complete and

the forty desks were given to the pupils and teachers of Jangwani Primary School.

All of you who donated now have a desk with your name on it. Thank you on behalf of Asante Africa

and the children. They were so happy and wrote a celebration song and dance in honor of your donations.

We are not finished though! We still need textbooks and a kitchen. Asante Africa donated about 100 text books but that is still only 15% of the need. If you would like to help with books for the school please see page four of the newsletter.



The next phase of this project includes a roof on the remaining two classrooms, adding a kitchen so local mothers do not have to cook in the yard (the school provides porridge to each child so that they get at least one meal a day), and more textbooks. Please help!



Empowering Young Maasai Women - Narok, Kenya



One of the greatest areas of need is sponsoring children, particularly young girls so they can get an education. There are many challenges young girls face as they mature in the Maasai culture. Girls between 9-13 are often forced to have circumcision without anesthesia. Because female children are viewed to be an economic burden to the family, they are sold for cows by the fathers. Also, girls are often violated and become pregnant so that school is not an option.

Miss Hellen Nkuraiya, Head Teacher / Principal at Ole Pariata School has made it her mission to begin to shift the cul-

ture so female children are valued, educated and healthy.

Based on nominations by the parents in the village and academic scores, Asante Africa Foundation is sponsoring two young women (Naishuro and Memebres) so they can be safe and go to boarding school. While Erna was in Kenya, the team met with the parents of both girls and they are supportive. Now we are raising funds to support the girls for the school year that begins January 2007.



Members, Head Teacher Hellen, Erna, and Naishuro

Delivering Supplies to Ole Pariata Primary School - Narok, Kenya

Over the last few months many of you have donated school supplies, teaching aids, clothing and shoes. Erna left the US with 360 pounds of school supplies stuffed into five duffle bags. The airlines agents were very helpful in creative packing and the Tanzania Customs officials were very curious as to what she was doing!



The Foundation created 160 school bags of supplies for different age levels (nursery and primary). The bags included crayons, pencils, scissors, beanie babies, and small puzzles.

It took Emmy, Erna and the IntoAfrica Ecotourism team over 10 hours to get to this very remote school in Maasai land.



Upon arrival all studying and class work ceased. The children were too excited about the visitors.

We were honored with singing and dancing and each class had

something to show us that they had learned. The children were so excited that it is hard to describe with words. We do have it on video though.

A very special thanks to everyone who had a part in making those 160 children have an extra special day.



Please Donate! \$5600 Needed As Soon As Possible!

As we mentioned we have several important goals to reach as soon as possible, including:

- 1) Finishing the nursery school in Mgugani that needs the roof, interior walls, outhouses and books - \$1900
- 2) Building dormitory space for the St. Mary's Girls School to accommodate more students - \$3100
- 3) Buying the much needed textbooks for Jangwani Primary School - \$600

We count on your generous gifts to achieve our goals, please contact us to make a donation.

With your help we would also like to meet our goals for 2007:

- Finish the remainder of the Jangwani primary classrooms and building out a kitchen.
- Conduct adult education courses for the young adults and community's small businesses.
- Build another 75 -100 desks.
- Sponsor additional children for boarding school.
- Build a dormitory for a remotely located secondary school.

We would also like to bring Emmy Moshi here in the spring of 2007. Stay tuned for future events.



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We would also like to thank to our generous corporate donors, especially IntoAfrica Ecotourism, Tanzania for providing vehicles, people and the dedication to building the schools.

We also want to thank the many people who donated time, energy and money to the foundation. The gifts brought so much joy to the people in the villages.



It is with deepest of gratitude that Asante Africa Foundation thanks you.

How You Can Help...

Asante is honored to help East African villages create sustainable, healthy communities. However, there is so much to do. We need your help. There are a number of ways that you can make a real, life changing impact:

- **Please donate!** Every penny counts. \$4 buys a text book, \$30 builds a desk, \$500 sponsors a student in boarding school for a whole year. We need a total of \$5600 by this December.
- **Corporate Matching** - Asante Africa is able to accept corporate donations, talk to your company about matching your donations.
- **Volunteer** - We are looking for specific talent in the upcoming months:
 - Teaching English, Montessori training for teachers, architecture, ecology, etc.
 - We need help getting our website up and running with marketing literature.
- **Spread the word** - Please host a presentation for a group. We would love to share our experiences and photos of Tanzania and Kenya. The more people who are interested in Asante Africa the sooner we can provide the desperately needed services to the villages.
- **Take a safari** - If you have been thinking about a safari or a trek to Kilimanjaro, do it. It creates employment for many locals.
- **Travel with Asante** - Go with us to Africa to work. We are also looking to create charity fundraising trips as well.
- **Forward this newsletter!** Please help the children by sending this newsletter to as many other people as possible, we need to reach our goal of \$5600 by December 20, 2006.