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Moving Right Along in 2007

As we pass the halfway mark for 2007, we're proud to report that we are meeting our targets in all Program areas, thanks to the generous contributions from our friends and supporters.

Program highlights include:

Creating safer places to learn

- Completed St. Mary's dormitory and 38 beds
- Completed roof on 2 government classrooms
- Provided daily porridge for Migungani Nursery School students
- Provided uniforms and sweaters for 30 orphan nursery school students

Helping teachers be better teachers

- Built teacher desks and shelves at Migungani Nursery School
- Provided teaching materials and supplies across Nursery and Primary levels
- Delivered soccer uniforms and balls for 2 teams

Sponsoring the gift of education

- Secondary school continuing sponsorship for 8 children in Kenya, and 7 children in Tanzania
- Provided Nursery School fees for 9 less fortunate children
- Purchased uniforms for orphan children at Migungani Nursery School

To learn more about Asante Africa Foundation's work, check out our 2006 Annual Report, downloadable from our home page at www.asanteafrica.org. You'll find project status and financial performance reports for 2006, along with great photos of the people and projects we support.



Uniformed students at the Migungani Nursery School, which opened in January, 2007.

Our Vision

Every child deserves an education, regardless of the latitude or longitude in which they are born. Every child deserves the opportunity to choose their future through education. Every child who has an education can make their own dreams become reality, help their families struggle less and help their communities become more self sustaining through new ideas, knowledge and perseverance. It is never too late for adults to begin learning.

Our Mission

In the African communities where we partner, Asante Africa Foundation supports educational programs at all levels (children young adult and adult) that can help the local culture evolve for improved knowledge, health and overall wellness.

Letter from the President

Great strides and big learnings in this first half of 2007

Since our last newsletter...

On the other side of the world, we enrolled 9 more children in boarding school, completed a 38 bed dormitory in Narok at St. Mary's school, and bought sweaters for more than 30 nursery schoolers in Tanzania. We continue to provide a daily meal to the preschoolers and explore new ways to help teachers become even better teachers.

Busy spring time in the USA...

We hosted our Tanzania program manager (Emmy Moshi) and 2 members of her team (Dennis and Gloria) for 8 weeks in California, Oregon, Washington and Texas. This cross-cultural experience provided in-

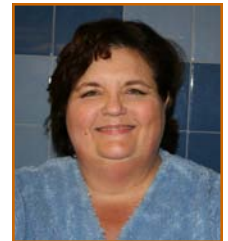


Board of Directors and Tanzania Team decked out in African style. From left: Erna Grasz, Christine Odero, Dennis Lyamuya, Joel A'bongo, Emmy Moshi, Mary Druce, Gloria Moshi, and Susan Olofson

sights to our challenges in managing a USA-based charity, and generated awareness and fundraising for projects in East Africa. Our guests gained greater understanding of why Americans care about their world, and provided a firsthand account of our work in Africa and who is being entrusted with donors' dollars. The USA experience was a sensory overload for our Tanzanian travelers, and they went home expressing greater appreciation for how hard Americans work and that the only limit to an American's success is their imagination.

We published our first annual report (check it out on our website), and continue to mature as a Not for Profit organization. We still need the help of people who care about our mission and would like to be a leader or volunteer on our team. If you can make a space for this in your life, please contact me.

There was also sadness for our close-knit team, with the passing of a cherished "founding volunteer", Nancy Carlin. She left our world too young, and yet made a tremendous difference in the world. We are grateful for her help in launching our journey, and are reminded of the blessing of so many friends and supporters, locally and globally.



Nancy Carlin, cherished volunteer

Kwehari and Asante sana,
(Til we meet again, and thank you very much)

Erna Grasz

St. Mary's Dormitory Opens for Spring

Sleeping arrangements at St. Mary's Secondary School in Kenya became a lot less crowded with the opening of a new 38-bed dormitory, funded by Asante Africa Foundation.

When we began sponsoring girls to attend St. Mary's for the 2007 school year, it was clear that we could work together to educate many more girls if there were



more sleeping space. So while they managed to accommodate our first 4 girls, we offered to build a new dormitory to make education a reality for more than 30 additional girls in the Spring.

Construction began in late 2006, and by Spring 2007 girls were moving in to the new facility.

We recognize that schools need help meeting the fundamental environmental needs of students in order to make educational opportunities possible. Delivering education is not just about tuition, classrooms and teacher supplies—the first steps to a successful education often come in the shape of plumbing pipes, cement blocks, and rain-proof roofing. We are committed to understanding the true need from our local contacts and helping where we can be most effective in our mission.



Celebrating the completed Dormitory

Thoughts From our Tanzanian Visitors

Our Tanzania partners, Emmy Moshi, Gloria Moshi, and Dennis Lyamuya saw much of the West Coast and Texas during their visit. They raised money and awareness for the Foundation, and had many experiences with American culture to expand their ability to partner with us across the globe. Audio interview clips will be available soon on our web site. Here are a few of their comment highlights:



Gloria, Emmy and Dennis at Lake Tahoe

Emmy: I'm hoping to gather a strong team here to make a big difference in this world, especially in my community, where putting a daily meal on the table is an issue. I want to enlighten African life by showing them the opportunities they have, so they can have a better life. The kids in my community are what drives

me to come all this way and leave my kids behind. All the children deserve our love.

Dennis: I want people here to help our people in Africa through the Foundation. I'm not from a rich family, so I know how those people feel. It's like a miracle that I'm here, to help me do things that will help my country. I would like people at home to gain education about how to use the many

resources we have, such as tanzanite, diamonds, gold, even the mountains and the fruits. We have everything and need to educate our people on how to use these.

Gloria: It has always been my dream to come to America. I'm so happy to be here to help my sister with the Asante Africa Foundation.

Meet Almasi, Manyara Secondary School Student

Almasi's responsibility is greater than his 16 years of age. His family's survival depends on the food he helps provide, yet hunting for food was keeping him from attending school in Tanzania. The headmaster was concerned with the absences of this boy who was one of his brightest students with dreams of becoming a doctor. Almasi often disappeared for days. When he was persuaded to confess why he missed school, the headmaster understood. To keep Almasi enrolled, the headmaster gave him food from the teacher's rations, which allowed him to feed his family and still attend class. At the end of the school year, when this promising student received the highest scores in his grade, there was no money for secondary school. Again, Almasi's dreams of becoming a doctor were stalled.

Today, Asante Africa's support gives Almasi a chance. His education is now sponsored, along with three other Tanzanian students at Lake Manyara and eight Kenyan students in Narok. In addition, 150 children attend Migungani Nursery School, which opened in

January, 2007, in the Tanzanian village of Mto Wa Mbu. By building schools, kitchens and dormitories, and providing water sources and meals, Asante Africa is helping children like Almasi realize their dreams.



Almasi studies hard to achieve his goal of being a doctor

Asante Africa's 2007 goal is to sponsor 20 children who are eager to learn, but are financially unable to attend school. Sponsorship of \$500 per child for one year should be considered a long-term commitment to ensure that they are funded to complete their education. Information on how to help is provided at the end of this newsletter, and on our web site.

The power to change a child's life is easier than you may think.

Focus for the Remainder of 2007

Big goals are achieved through contributions of all sizes. Here's what US dollars can provide:

- \$8,000 builds a classroom
- \$500 sponsors a child to school for a year
- \$120 provides porridge for 1 month for 100+ kids
- \$90 builds 3 desks/beds/other furniture
- \$25 provides a child with 6 books

Goals for 2007

- Build a kitchen at Migungani Nursery school and Jangwani Primary School, and continue daily meals
- Build another 100 desks, and buy more text books for all schools
- Sponsor at least 8 more children for Secondary School, and continue sponsoring 12 children to reach goal of 20 children
- Buy a piano for the Jangwani School music program
- Continue investing in a strong infrastructure for long term success



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Creative Fundraising Ideas

Our friends have come up with great ideas to generate donations to Asante Africa Foundation:

- Corporate donations programs are allowing employees to select Asante Africa for a matching donation. Check your company out and let us know if we can provide your contact with information or a presentation.
- Friends throw their own birthday party, asking guests to bring a gift of money for Asante Africa. Others are hosting a house party, with friends or professional contacts who share their passion for helping children in East Africa, and asking them to join the effort by making a donation.
- Livermore winery owners opened their winery for wine tasting, African art sales, and donations
- Church leaders invited us to share our story of hope and helping with their congregations during services or community dinners, and church members generously contributed.
- Backpacks filled with supplies were donated by a company whose employees joined forces to help out.



A school soccer team in uniforms collected by the Foster City Rotary Club

How You Can Help...

Asante Africa is dedicated to giving every child the opportunity to get an education to help create sustainable, healthy communities...and we need your help. You can make a real, life changing impact.

Please donate! Every penny counts. \$4 buys a text book, \$30 builds a desk, \$20 buys 2 school uniforms, and \$500 sponsors a student in boarding school for a whole year.

- **Donate online** to the general fund, supporting the highest priority need.
- **Donate by mail** to the general fund, or specify a project and amount for a specific purpose.
- **In-kind donations** are also needed, such as airline mileage for Foundation staff to oversee projects and for African contacts to come to the US for training. We also need digital cameras to document progress overseas, office equipment and office space. Please call or email us if you can help.

Host a fundraising event ...check out the creative ideas above.

Volunteer...phone or email us to get more information., or check out the ideas on our web site.

Spread the word and generate donations... Host a group presentation or party, forward this newsletter, expand the circle of awareness about our work.



A student proudly carries her English homework, supported by your donations.