

PROJECT KESHO



Project Kesho Annual Report 2011



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Introduction:

The annual report for 2011 will highlight the continuing work of Project Kesho in supporting the “futures” of children and youth in East Africa. Over the past five years we have completed projects to enlarge and enhance primary schools, improved sanitation facilities at schools, supported construction and supplies for health clinics, and provided assistance to orphans and those most vulnerable in our target communities. Project Kesho has constructed, or assisted in the construction of seven classrooms in Tanzania and two in Uganda and helped pay for a large building at the Little Angels campus that houses four small classrooms. We are very excited about expanding our work further to address the underlying roadblocks that limit access to and the quality of education.



Orphans at Little Angels enjoying some free time in the afternoon.

Background:

Project Kesho is committed to improving the access to and quality of education in East African communities. The organization’s founders established strong contacts and bonds within Tanzanian village communities beginning in 2000, and felt impassioned about addressing the growing needs of communities from within. Wherever Project Kesho works, we work alongside local community members and leaders, local pastors, school headmasters and teachers, and local and District level government officials. Typically, a community stakeholder identifies a need or proposes a potential project to begin the assessment and planning process of our programming. Follow-through, oversight and long-term sustainability also rest within the communities themselves.

Project Kesho in Tanzania:

Project Kesho is established in the Tanzanian communities of Ulonge, Lundamatwe and Kibati, which together make up Lundamatwe Village, and which are located about 10 miles east of the town of Iringa along the Tanzam Highway. The community centers of Lundamatwe and Ulonge are located about three miles apart and are spread out over an area of about 100 square miles. The Kibati area of Lundamatwe, where the new primary school is being constructed by Project Kesho, is located four miles from the existing village center. Greater Lundamatwe Village has a total population of about 10,000 people.

Tanzania Project Updates:*Tanzania Primary School Support:*

Project Kesho has been actively involved with the Lundamatwe and Ulonge Primary Schools since 2006. The Lundamatwe Primary School is the older of the two schools, originally built in the 1950's. In 2008 Project Kesho added one large separate classroom building to the Lundamatwe school that serves also as a village meeting hall. More than 900 students attend on a daily basis from pre-primary through Standard 7, causing significant overcrowding.



The third classroom at the new Kibati Primary School, just before receiving a coat of paint.

With the increased size of the Ulonge community, Project Kesho constructed, or helped to construct, three classrooms and one office space for teachers. The Ulonge Primary School needs one additional classroom, for a pre-primary class, and then it will be complete.

There is a community movement in the Kibati community of the Lundamatwe Village to construct a new school. Project Kesho has partnered with community leaders to construct an entire school. The first phase includes construction of four classrooms, of which three are now complete. Knowing how much their children will benefit from attending a school close to home, residents have participated in digging the bathroom hole, creating and moving bricks, carrying and placing

foundation rocks and bringing water from the stream to the school site for construction. Currently the school is under the supervision of the Lundamatwe Headmaster, who is sending teachers to teach students from the Kibati area, but after a fourth classroom is finished in 2012 the school will be registered with the government and will receive its own headmaster and teachers. Project Kesho is very excited about the prospect of a new school in Kibati. Not only will this reduce the distance many students have to travel, it will further address the overcrowding at the Lundamatwe Primary School. **\$4,550 Spent in 2011 on construction of the third classroom at Kibati Primary School**

Orphan Support:

Due to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, the number of children orphaned as a result of a parental death in the Lundamatwe Village is among the highest in Tanzania. Currently more than 25% of the students attending primary schools in the communities of Lundamatwe are orphans.

According to discussions with school officials and Project Kesho's first-hand knowledge, orphans face a myriad of problems related to living with extended family members with scarce financial support. While primary school attendance is free, orphans face the added expense of school uniforms, school supplies, and food and medical costs. Teachers note that orphan students frequently have learning delays because of their poor diets.



The new building at the sustainable food source farm in Tanzania is ready to house chickens.

Project Kesho has provided support for two activities

targeting orphans: secondary school sponsorship and the creation of a sustainable food source farm. In 2012 there are plans to start the third facet of Project Kesho's orphan program, a volunteer based home visit program, to identify and address orphan needs.

Since 2007 Project Kesho has been sponsoring orphans to attend secondary school. While attending primary school is free in Tanzania there is a fee to attend secondary school as well as for the purchase of a new uniform and other supplies. For almost every family this is an enormous financial burden, and this is especially true for families that are caring for orphans. For the past 4 school years and the current year, Project Kesho has sponsored a cohort of students who have passed the secondary school entrance exam, but who are unable to afford the school fees. The first group of boys, who started secondary school in January 2007, graduated from secondary school in 2011. We are continuing to sponsor over 100 students so they are able to attend secondary school.

The sustainable food source farm program, located near the Lundamatwe Primary School, is progressing nicely. Initially established in 2008, the goal of this farm is to create a sustainable and

self-replicating method of providing either nutritional or monetary support for orphans and their foster families. Project Kesho has constructed a building and fenced off a nearby area to create an animal pen, purchased and raised 150 egg-laying chickens, and began to sell eggs for a profit to help finance the expenses associated with educating orphans. A new building was constructed in 2010 to house another four hundred chickens, increasing our capacity for chickens to about 550 chickens. In 2012 Project Kesho has plans to purchase both layers as well as broiler chickens which will be sold for their meat. **\$2,570 spent in 2011 on the sustainable farm, \$2,470 spent in 2011 on secondary school sponsorships**

The third facet of Project Kesho's orphan support is a home visit program to empower the Lundamatwe and Ulonge communities to identify, monitor, and care for orphans in their communities. While this program is in the planning stages we hope to move forward in 2012 to (1) identify and train volunteers to identify and assess the needs of orphans and (2) to promote strong support among local leaders. Our volunteer staff will participate in the needs assessment during community gatherings and at the invitation of key community leadership that will include church ministers, school officials, and council members. These volunteers will receive training in areas such as AIDS education, strategies for working with orphans, needs-assessment skills, and data collection. Volunteers will learn how to identify the physical needs, educational needs, health/nutritional needs and spiritual/emotional needs of the orphans.



Happy students at Little Angels Primary School and Orphanage holding up recently donated supplies.

subjects identified by school leadership and teachers as subjects with which most students needed additional assistance. **\$175 Spent in 2011**

Project Kesho in Uganda:

In Uganda, Project Kesho has partnered with Little Angels, a privately run primary school/orphanage, located in Mityana, Uganda, a medium-sized town about fifty miles west of Kampala, the Ugandan capital. There are currently approximately seventy students who live at Little Angels.

Primary School Tutoring:

Every year students graduating from primary school must take and pass the Primary School Leaving Exam in order to attend secondary school. Previous Project Kesho community-based surveys have identified the passing of this exam as a major barrier to expanding secondary school enrollment. In an effort to overcome this barrier and increase secondary school enrollment, Project Kesho facilitated a tutoring program for

Standard 7 students. Teachers from each school taught extra classes, with an emphasis on math and English, the two

The school complex consists of several buildings including the home of Sarah Kiggundu, which has three bedrooms, and an addition building containing an office and one classroom. There are four classrooms in an older classroom building constructed from a mixture of wood scraps and papyrus reeds. In 2010 Project Kesho funded two new classrooms. In 2011 another classroom building was purchased with our funding, adjacent to the original Little Angels campus.

Little Angels has substantial social capital on which to build. The school leadership is creative, energetic, and refuses to concede defeat. Since the school was begun by local people to address their own needs, they have an active stake in seeing it continue and eventually thrive. The students who attend school, and especially the orphans who board there, do not suffer from neglect, in fact the school's leadership is very conscientious about their well-being.

Since joining in the support of Little Angels, Project Kesho has provided support for and development of new bathroom facilities, a health facility for the orphans, upgrading of beds and bedding, drinking water projects, and financial support for the salaries of teachers.



An orphan at Little Angels preparing for SODIS by filling up plastic bottles from a dirty water source.

Since so many of the students at Little Angels are orphans, only about half of the students are required to pay the modest school fee of \$10 per three-month term. However, most everyone in the village is quite poor (orphan or not) and many of the students who are expected to pay have trouble with the fee. This has forced Little Angels to survive on a day-to-day basis, rather than being able to plan for the future

Little Angels Project Updates:

The following are the projects currently underway at the orphanage.

Supply Purchases: When Project Kesho started working with Little Angels there was a chronic food and living supply shortage. During the past four years Project Kesho has purchased many supplies for Little Angels; over the past 2 years we have purchased 6 bunk beds, 15 mattresses and 12 blankets to alleviate the problem of overcrowding. Project Kesho has drastically stepped up efforts in 2011 to provide financial assistance on a monthly-basis to help purchase food, soap, skin oil, tampons and educational supplies. Additionally, we have purchased enough bed nets for all the beds in order to protect the orphans from malaria. **\$6,000 Spent in 2011**

Rainwater Catchment System: There are two types of water available at Little Angels. There is a slow moving stream located nearby and there is piped water available. Water from the stream has to be boiled, which requires the use of firewood or charcoal that has to be purchased. The water that

is piped can be acquired at a fee from the government. In 2008 Project Kesho facilitated an initial rainwater harvesting project at Little Angels with a capacity of 1000 liters. This was a very successful project that has worked well for Little Angels but the capacity is limited. In 2011 another rainwater harvesting project was added on a new building with a capacity of 2000 liters, vastly increasing the amount of water Little Angels can collect and store and reducing the expenses involved with heating the stream water or purchasing water from the government. Project Kesho also shared with the school leaders our knowledge of using solar radiation to treat water. Known as SODIS, unclean water is placed in plastic water bottles and set in direct sunlight for 4-6 hours. The water is then safe to drink, and the storage bottle is also clean. **\$700 Spent in 2011 on Rainwater Harvesting, \$175 Spent in 2011 on SODIS**

Little Angels Construction Support

Project Kesho has completed several infrastructure-based projects in the past (new bathroom facilities, classroom construction and repair), but there is still work to be done. Several of the classrooms are overcrowded and lack proper walls. These classrooms need to be replaced with new, large brick classrooms to adequately serve the students. The sleeping quarters at Little Angels also need to be expanded and more beds and bedding need to be purchased to reduce bed crowding.



The new classroom building at Little Angels being fitted with gutters for rainwater harvesting.

New Classrooms: While in the past Project Kesho has worked to repair classrooms, this was never a long-term solution due to both the small size of the existing classrooms and the poor quality of their original building materials. Two additional classrooms, constructed out of brick, were completed in April 2010. In November 2010 two other classrooms were damaged in a storm, highlighting the frailty and poor quality of many of the existing classrooms as well as the need for more classrooms made from brick. In 2011 when an existing building became for sale adjacent to their existing property, Little Angels and Project Kesho decided to purchase it to help alleviate their problem of overcrowding

and dilapidated classrooms. The new building has four classrooms and two smaller rooms. These classrooms now house the preschool and kindergarten classes. **\$3,125 Spent in 2011**

Bathroom Construction: When Project Kesho first started working with the staff and students at Little Angels it was apparent that the then current bathroom was inadequate. In the fall of 2007 Project Kesho facilitated the construction of a new bathroom that is still in use today. Another bathroom was added in November 2011 at the newly purchased building. Building a new and safe bathroom was paramount for the children. **\$1,735 Spent in 2011**

Little Angels Orphan Support:

The original group of fourteen Little Angels' orphans are now attending secondary school, currently starting their third year in 2012. Each year a new group of orphans complete primary school ready to attend secondary school. Currently Project Kesho is only funding the initial group of students due to the high cost of secondary school education in Uganda. A yearly reoccurring amount of \$2,900 is needed to send these 14 students to secondary school. To expand this program to other students requires a further significant amount of funding. **\$2,900 Spent in 2011**



A mother goat, with two female babies, recently purchased for Little Angels.

Little Angels Sustainable Income Project

Project Kesho is excited to address a core issue facing Little Angels: the lack of a sustainable income source. The school was never designed to create a surplus, but rather to address community needs in educating a large group of orphans. Little Angels has several farm animals: one cow, six goats, two ducks, and about ten chickens. A cow purchased by Project Kesho for Little Angels in 2009 sold in 2010 for a large profit. The money was used to pay for testing fees for the students. Project Kesho has also purchased several goats over the past three years. Currently two of the goats are pregnant, providing more goats to be sold for the benefit of Little Angels, and upon reaching maturity each goat can be sold for double its purchase price. In 2011 a mother goat and two babies, both female, were purchased by Project Kesho to provide Little Angels with additional animals. One of the goals of Little Angels' leadership is to have a steady revenue stream from raising animals. **\$75 Spent in 2011**

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Funding Report 2011:

Project Kesho is forever grateful to the generous contributions of our many donors who have donated their time, supplies and money. Without your support we would not be able to have the impact that we have had over the last years! Since the fall of 2007 Project Kesho has partnered with a group of donors called Village Assist. This group has sponsored much of our work in Tanzania. Starting in 2011, Project Kesho began another partnership with the Seattle Insight Meditation Society.

Total Village Assist money raised to date (12/31/2011): \$45,895

Village Assist Sponsored Projects (2008-09):

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| Lundamatwe Classroom: | \$5600 |
| Ulonge Standard 6 Classroom and Office: | \$5250 |
| Ulonge Standard 7 Classroom | \$700 |
| Clinic Support: | \$800 |
| Lundamatwe Borehole #1: | \$725 |
| Lundamatwe Borehole #2: | \$500 |
| Ulonge Borehole: | \$500 |
| Clinic Borehole: | \$250 |
| Lusaula Borehole: | \$300 |

Total Village Assist money spent in 2008-2009: \$14,625

Total Village Assist money spent to date: \$14,625

Amount Remaining: \$31,270

Fall 2009 Village Assist Projects

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| Viwengi Borehole: | \$325 |
| Matungulu Borehole: | \$275 |
| Clinic: | \$150 |
| Ulonge Kitchen and Desks: | \$600 |
| Kibati School Classroom I and Office: | \$6,500 |
| Little Angels Support: | \$600 |

Total Village Assist money spent in Fall 2009: \$8,450

Total Village Assist money spent to date: \$23,075

Amount Remaining: \$22,820

Fall 2010 Village Assist Projects

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| Kibati School Classroom II: | \$2,025 |
| Little Angels Support (February-December 2010): | \$3,300 |
| Little Angels Household Support and Living Needs | \$200 |
| Farm work (November and December 2010): | \$410 |
| Total Village Assist money spent in Winter 2010: | \$5,935 |
| Total Village Assist money spent to date: | \$29,010 |
| Amount Remaining: | \$16,885 |

Winter 2011 Village Assist Projects

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| Tanzania Secondary School Sponsorships: | \$2,560 |
| Farm work (January and February): | \$410 |
| Little Angels Classrooms/Living Space: | \$1,985 |
| Little Angels Support (January and February): | \$600 |
| Total Village Assist money spent in Early 2011: | \$5,555 |
| Total Village Assist money spent to date: | \$34,585 |
| Amount Remaining: | \$11,310 |

2011 Village Assist Projects

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| Kibati School Classroom III: | \$4,560 |
| Little Angels Support (March through December): | \$3,000 |
| Total Village Assist money spent in 2011: | \$7,560 |
| Total Village Assist money spent to date: | \$42,145 |
| Amount Remaining: | \$3,750 |

SIMS Money Raised through March 2012: **\$3,595.35**

November Projects Completed:

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| Goats: | \$75 |
| Rainwater Harvesting Program: | \$700 |
| SODIS Bottles: | \$85 |
| New Bathroom: | \$1,735 |
| Cleaning Old Bathroom: | \$100 |
| Money left for 2012 | \$900.35 |

Other 2011 Projects

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| Standard 7 Tutoring: | \$180 |
| Farm Work: | \$2,990 |
| New Farm Building: | \$1,924 |
| Little Angels New Classrooms: | \$3,125 |
| Little Angels Secondary School Sponsorships: | \$2,900 |
| Little Angels Support: | \$2,400 |
| Little Angels Health Needs: | \$270 |

Upcoming Projects**Upcoming Tanzania Projects:**

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| Ulonge Pre-Primary Classroom: | \$5,000 |
| Kibati Primary 4 Classroom Construction: | \$5,000 |
| Sustainable Orphan Farm: | \$3,000 |
| Orphan Home Visit Program: | \$500 |
| Secondary School Sponsorships: | \$2,500 |
| Total: | \$16,000 |

Upcoming Little Angels Projects:

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| Monthly Support: | |
| Food: | \$200/month |
| Health: | \$100/month |
| Teachers: | \$200/month |
| Secondary School Sponsorships: | \$2,900 |
| Orphan Support: | \$1,000 |
| Infrastructure Repairs: | |
| Classroom Construction: | \$5,000 |
| Boarding Area Expansion: | \$5,000 |
| Rainwater Harvesting Expansion: | \$1,000 |
| Retaining Wall to stop Erosion: | \$800 |
| Cleaning Toilets: | \$200 |
| Sustainable Project: | \$500 |
| Total: | \$16,400 + \$500/month |