

PROJECT KESHO



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## Project Kesho Annual Report 2012



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PROJECT KESHO IS A REGISTERED 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.



## **Introduction:**

This annual report will highlight the activities of Project Kesho over the past year and outline the upcoming efforts to continue and expand our services. Looking back over the past six years we are proud to have completed projects to enlarge primary schools and 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. This year, for the first time, Project Kesho coordinated efforts by a service team from Seattle, Washington to travel to Iringa Tanzania for two weeks during July 2012. This team's work was a complete success in assisting our efforts in supporting the "futures" of children and youth in East Africa.

## **Background:**

Project Kesho continues to develop and enhance educational and related services to improve the access to and the quality of education in East African communities. Our work is in three communities of a large village in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania and in an orphanage in Mityana, Uganda. 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 volunteers performing art workshops at the Lundamatwe Primary School (July 2012).**

## **Project Kesho in Tanzania:**

Project Kesho continues to develop schools and related facilities in the communities of Ulonge, Lundamatwe and Kibati, together making up the Lundamatwe Village. With a combined population of 10,000 people and a school aged population of over 1000, the village is located about 10 miles east of the town of Iringa along the Tanzam Highway. The community centers are spread out over an area of about 100 square miles. The Kibati area of Lundamatwe has been the focus of our most recent building construction, where an entirely new primary school is being constructed by Project Kesho.

**Tanzania Project Updates:***Tanzania Primary Schools Support:*

With the initial construction in 2007, Project Kesho has completed the construction of eight classrooms at the Lundamatwe and Ulonge Primary Schools. In addition to the buildings, we have constructed numerous wells, refurbished classrooms, and upgraded community facilities. The Ulonge Primary School needs one additional classroom, for a pre-primary class, to complete the school.



**The Kibati Primary School with the new fourth classroom and second teachers' office (December, 2012).**

The community movement in the Kibati community of the Lundamatwe Village has led to the construction and certification of 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. Residents participated in the construction work as well as related projects for the school, including 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. With completion this year of the third and fourth classrooms, the school will be certified by the government and will receive its own headmaster and teachers. Project Kesho has been 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. **\$636 spent in 2012 on construction of the third classroom at Kibati Primary School and \$7,793 spent in 2012 on the construction of the fourth classroom and a teachers' office at Kibati Primary School**

### *Orphan Support:*

Iringa District continues to have one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. The resulting consequences continue to impact the children and youth of the village. Orphan rates among children are among the highest in Tanzania; about 25% of the students attending primary schools in Lundamatwe are orphans.

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 diet.

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 were plans to start the third facet of Project Kesho's orphan program, a volunteer-based home visit program, to identify and address orphan needs; unfortunately this program was never started. In the past we held several village meetings at the Lundamatwe Primary School with surrounding

residents and community stakeholders to discuss the program and what would be expected of participating volunteers. At the time the community seemed enthused and a volunteer list was compiled of individuals equally representing certain areas of the Lundamatwe Village. Since that time community support has waned, both within the volunteers and within village leaders. We hope to one day start a volunteer based home visit program. While the program is an integral facet in the support of orphans and vulnerable children it will not succeed without enthusiastic local support.

Secondary school sponsorships: Secondary school fees and the purchases of new uniforms and other supplies create an enormous financial burden for families. This is especially true for families who are caring for orphans. Project Kesho continues to sponsor 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



**Amie Ptak, Board Vice-President, assisting in the donation of shoes to orphans at the Kibati Primary School (July 2012).**

2011. We are continuing to sponsor over 100 students so they are able to attend secondary school. **\$2,510 spent in 2012 on secondary school sponsorships.**

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 both 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 2013, Project Kesho has plans to purchase both layers as well as broiler chickens which will be sold for their meat. Project Kesho is also looking into the possibility of growing various vegetables



**Playground equipment under construction at the Lundamatwe Primary School (July 2012).**

and other crops in an effort to benefit orphans and vulnerable children.

**\$450 spent in 2012 on the sustainable farm.**

#### Volunteers:

Project Kesho representatives led a work team from Eastlake Community Church this past July to complete a number of projects at the primary schools in and around Lundamatwe village. Thirteen people worked in Tanzania for ten days on various projects, including classroom and educational mural painting, playground equipment construction, and primary school art workshops. The team also delivered numerous

classroom and clinic supplies. This trip was a great success and Project Kesho plans on making this a bi-annual trip. **\$1,895 spent in 2012 on construction and remodeling supplies related to the activities of the Eastlake Community Church work team.**

### **Project Kesho in Uganda:**

In Uganda, Project Kesho has partnered with Little Angels, a privately run primary orphanage currently operated by Sarah Kiggundu. The orphanage and school is located in Mityana, Uganda, a medium-sized town about fifty miles west of Kampala, the Ugandan capital. There are currently more than forty students who live at Little Angels. 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, purchase of an adjacent

property and building, upgrading of beds and bedding, drinking water projects, and financial support for the salaries of teachers.

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.

**Monthly Support and Supply Purchases:** During the past six years Project Kesho has purchased many supplies for Little Angels. Since 2011, we have stepped up efforts to provide financial assistance on a monthly-basis to purchase food and sanitary supplies, provide financial support for staff and educational supplies, tuition support for local and orphanage students to attend school at Little Angels and at secondary school, and help purchase adjacent property and buildings. Project Kesho also sends money to Little Angels on a monthly basis to help with basic food and living needs as well as the needs of the school. **\$6,100 spent in 2012 on monthly support, \$733 spent on supplies and \$943 spent in 2012 on a loan repayment for existing classrooms.**



**Transporting the new 2,000 liter rainwater harvesting tank from town to Little Angels. (December, 2012)**

**Rainwater Catchment System:** In 2008 Project Kesho facilitated an initial rainwater harvesting project at Little Angels with a capacity of 1000 liters. In 2011, another rainwater harvesting project was added onto a new building with a capacity of 2000 liters. This vastly increased the amount of water Little Angels can collect and store and reduced the expenses involved with heating the stream water or purchasing water from the government. Then again in 2012, Project Kesho purchased another 2,000 liter water tank, bringing the total rainwater storage capacity of Little Angels to 5,000 liters (about 1,320 gallons). **\$298 spent in 2012 on Rainwater Harvesting.**

### **Little Angels Construction Support**

Project Kesho continues to provide support for construction projects at Little Angels and has assisted in the loan repayment for the adjacent property. Over the years classrooms have been upgraded or replaced and sleeping quarters refurbished.

New Classrooms: With Project Kesho support and supervision, two new classrooms were constructed in 2012. These classrooms were built on an adjacent piece of recently purchased property. Through Project Kesho's partnership, both Little Angels' classroom space and land area have grown tremendously. Little Angels now consists of three separate adjacent properties containing twelve classrooms and living quarters along with two nearby rented living spaces. **\$5,893 spent in 2012 on new classrooms.**

Bathroom Construction: In the construction of two new bathrooms at Little Angels, plans were made to provide for commercial removal of the accumulated solid waste. Now every year Project Kesho pays for one of the bathrooms at Little Angels to have the waste water removed so that a new bathroom does not have to be constructed when the hole is full of waste. **\$94 spent in 2012.**

Little Angels Orphan Support:

The original group of fourteen Little Angels' orphans is now attending secondary school, currently starting their fourth 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 about \$2,800 is needed to send these students to secondary school. To expand this program to other students will require an additional significant amount of funding. **\$2,800 spent in 2012.**

**After this current student population graduates, we hope the program can grow and send more students to secondary school.**

**A new classroom building at Little Angels being fitted with gutters for rainwater harvesting (December 2012).**

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### **Funding Report 2012:**

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 past several years!

#### **2012 Tanzania Projects**

Farm Work:	\$450
Kibati III Classroom:	\$636
Kibati IV Classroom and Office:	\$7,793
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$2,510
Volunteer Projects:	\$1,895
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,284</b>

#### **2012 Uganda Projects**

Secondary Schools Sponsorships:	\$2,800
Little Angels Monthly Support:	\$6,100
Rainwater Harvesting:	\$298
Classrooms:	\$5,893
Food:	\$427
Household Supplies:	\$114
Orphan Assistance:	\$38
Clothing:	\$154
Bathroom Cleaning	\$94
Classroom Loan Repayment:	\$943
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,861</b>

### **Upcoming Projects**

#### **Upcoming Tanzania Projects:**

Ulonge Pre-Primary Classroom:	\$3,500
Kibati Primary 5 Classroom Construction:	\$5,500
Sustainable Orphan Farm:	\$1,500
School Playground Equipment:	\$500
Educational Supplies and Equipment:	\$1,000
Classroom Maintenance:	\$2,000
Classroom Paintings:	\$500
Kibati School Kitchen:	\$300
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$2,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,300</b>



**Upcoming Little Angels Projects:**

Monthly Support:	\$6,000
Food:	\$200/month
Health:	\$100/month
Teachers:	\$200/month
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$4,450
Orphan Support (clothing, health, and extra supplies):	\$2,000
Infrastructure Repairs:	
Classroom Maintenance:	\$2,000
Boarding Area Expansion:	\$5,000
Retaining Wall to stop Erosion:	\$800
Classroom:	\$6,000
Cleaning Toilets:	\$100
Cows:	\$500
Loan Repayment:	\$1,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$28,350</b>