

PROJECT KESHO



Project Kesho Annual Report 2013



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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 seven 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. Project Kesho coordinated efforts by a service team from Seattle, Washington to travel to Iringa Tanzania for two weeks during July 2012. In 2014 Project Kesho will again work with a service team, this time travelling to Uganda to work at the Little Angels Primary School and Orphanage. This team's work will further Project Kesho's goal of 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 in the communities of a large village in 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 that results in 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 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 classroom construction, where an entirely new primary school is being constructed by Project Kesho. In 2014 Project Kesho has plans to expand Primary School partnerships into two villages neighboring Lundamatwe, at Kitelewasi Primary School and Wangama Primary School.

Tanzania Project Updates:

Tanzania Primary Schools Support:

With the initial construction in 2007, Project Kesho has completed the construction of nine classrooms at the Lundamatwe, Kibati, and Ulonge Primary Schools. In addition to the buildings, we have constructed numerous wells, refurbished classrooms, and upgraded community facilities. In

2013 Project Kesho constructed the final classroom at Ulonge Primary School, a pre-primary classroom, and refurbished another classroom. Another classroom at the Lundamatwe Primary School was also refurbished. Classroom construction work at the Ulonge and Lundamatwe Primary Schools is now complete.



The Ulonge Primary School complete with a Kindergarten classroom. Project Kesho constructed, or helped construct, four classrooms, one teacher's office, and a kitchen at the school. (December 2013)

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, which included construction of four classrooms and two teacher's offices, is 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. In April 2013 the school was officially opened and certified as a Tanzanian Primary School by the district government. Project Kesho is very excited about this new school in Kibati. Not only does this reduce the distance many students have to travel, it further addresses the overcrowding at the Lundamatwe Primary School. In 2013 Project Kesho made

contact with primary schools in the areas surrounding the village of Lundamatwe. Fifteen desks were donated to one school, the Wangama Primary School, and plans were developed to complete initial projects in 2014, including construction of a girls bathroom at the Kitelewasi Primary School and classroom roof repair at the Wangama Primary School. **\$1,577 Spent in 2013 on Kibati School work, \$4,193 spent in 2013 on Ulonge Classrooms, \$614 Spent in 2013 on Lundamatwe Primary School, and \$1,097 spent on desks in 2013**



The new primary school, located in the Kibati area of Lundamatwe, was officially opened by the government as the Lugoda Primary School. (April 2013)

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 diets. Project Kesho

provides support for two activities targeting orphans: secondary school sponsorship and the creation of a sustainable food source farm.

Secondary school sponsorships, including fees and the purchases of new uniforms and other supplies, create an enormous financial burden for families; this is especially true for families that 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 2011. We are continuing to sponsor over 100 students so they are able to attend secondary school. **\$2,605 spent in 2013 on secondary school sponsorships.**

The second activity of Project Kesho to support orphans is the sustainable food source farm program, located near the Lundamatwe Primary School. Initially established in 2008, the goal of this farm is to create a sustainable and self-replicating method of providing both nutritional and monetary support for orphans and their foster families. In 2008 Project Kesho constructed a small building located in a fenced off area to create a small animal pen. An initial 150 egg-laying chickens were purchased and Project Kesho 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 to house chickens at about 550. In 2014 Project Kesho plans to purchase chickens to be sold both for their eggs as well as for their meat. **\$590 spent in 2013 on the sustainable farm.**

Volunteers:

In 2012 Project Kesho representatives led a work team from Eastlake Community Church 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. While no such trip was undertaken in 2013, Project Kesho will again be leading a work team to East Africa in 2014 to work with the Little Angels Primary School and Orphanage in Uganda.

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.

Many of the students at Little Angels are orphans and do not pay to attend the school. 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



The exterior renovations are being completed on classrooms originally constructed by Project Kesho in 2008. (July 2013)

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 a local secondary school, and help purchase adjacent property and buildings to expand the orphanage and school. 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. **\$6,250 spent in 2013 on monthly support, \$720 spent in 2013 on extra food and supplies, and \$1,400 spent in 2013 on a loan repayment for the purchase of land and existing classrooms**

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.



The newly constructed Little Angels dormitory, tucked neatly between classrooms and neighboring buildings, houses approximately 24 students. (July 2013)

Classrooms: With Project Kesho support and supervision, two previously constructed classrooms were renovated and completed in 2013. These classrooms were originally constructed in 2008 but still needed more cement work and a veranda. Through Project Kesho's partnership both Little Angels' classroom space and land area has grown tremendously. Little Angels Primary School now consists of two separate adjacent properties containing twelve classrooms. **\$1,232 Spent in 2013 on classroom completion.**

Dormitory Construction: Since 2010 Project Kesho has helped the Little Angels Primary School and Orphanage rent two nearby buildings to help house the many

children who have lived there over the years. In an effort to further meet the demand for sleeping quarters, and save money through not paying rent, a dormitory was constructed in 2013. This building has two rooms, one for boys and one for girls, and can house a total of 24 children. Little

Angels Primary School and Orphanage now includes three separate living areas, one of which they still lease from a neighboring landowner. **\$6,752 Spent in 2013 on dormitory construction**

Little Angels Orphan Support:

The original group of fourteen Little Angels' orphans, through the support of Project Kesho, completed Form IV of secondary school in December 2013. These students were also among the



first graduates of Little Angels Primary School. Project Kesho is very proud of these students and interested in their development as young adults.

Each year a new group of orphans complete primary school ready to attend secondary school. Starting in 2014 Project Kesho will fund another group of students through their secondary school education journey. While new students will be supported to attend secondary school there are still other students who are not able to attend due to a lack of funding.

Two orphans from Little Angels who attend Secondary School through the sponsorship of Project Kesho.

To expand this program to

other students requires a further significant amount of funding. **\$4,750 Spent in 2013 on secondary school sponsorships**

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Funding Report 2013:

Project Kesho is forever grateful for 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!

2013 Tanzania Projects

Farm Work:	\$590
Kibati Classroom Shutters and Windows:	\$800
Kibati Classroom Painting:	\$345
Kibati School Kitchen	\$430
Ulonge Classroom 5 Repairs	\$325
Ulonge Pre-Primary Classroom	\$3,870
Desks	\$1,100
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$2,605
Lundamatwe Classroom Refurbishment:	\$615
Total:	\$10,680

2013 Uganda Projects

Secondary Schools Sponsorships:	\$4,750
Little Angels Monthly Support:	\$6,250
Dormitory Construction:	\$6,755
Classrooms Finishing:	\$1,232
Food:	\$520
Household Supplies:	\$200
Orphan Assistance:	\$66
Classroom Loan Repayment:	\$1,400
Other:	\$300
Total:	\$21,473

Upcoming Projects

Upcoming Tanzania Projects:

Kitelewasi Primary School Girls Bathroom:	\$3,500
Kitelewasi General Classroom Repair:	\$1,500
Wangama Primary School Classroom Roof:	\$1,500
Kibati Primary 5 Classroom Construction:	\$6,000
Sustainable Orphan Farm:	\$2,000
School Playground Equipment:	\$500
Educational Supplies and Equipment:	\$1,000
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$2,800
Total:	\$18,800

Upcoming Little Angels Projects:

Monthly Support:	\$7,200
Food:	\$300/month
Health:	\$100/month
Teachers:	\$200/month
Secondary School Sponsorships:	\$5,000
Orphan Support (clothing, health, and extra supplies):	\$1,000
Classroom Maintenance:	\$1,500
Retaining Wall to stop Erosion:	\$800
Dormitory Bathroom:	\$3,500
Orphanage Kitchen:	\$500
Orphanage Tables, Chairs, and Eating Area:	\$500
Cleaning Toilets:	\$250
Cows:	\$500
Goats:	\$250
Total:	\$21,000