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Report from Tanzania

*The school year is off to a good start (January-December)
thanks to all of you.*

When Friends of Meali started **17 years ago**, there were no or few desks, not enough teachers or classrooms, books were scarce, toilets minimal, etc.



There are newly graded soccer fields for play and recreation.

Today the school year started off with desks, classrooms, teachers, books, smile faces and even computers. **We're off to a good start!** New latrines with running water, at the Losirwa school of 1000+ students, is a game changer in lifting the standard at the school. It also enables girls to attend school while menstruating.

Last years graduates are all off to boarding schools, whether private or public, most were well prepared, and all were outfitted. Everyone had a chance. There are newly graded soccer fields for play and recreation.

Looking Ahead...

While we are celebrating these wins today, our eyes are firmly fixed on the future. We have a clear vision for what comes next, and we need your help to fund these essential projects:

Teacher Housing

The good news!

The government is paying for two more teachers at the Meali School, starting in July!

The bad news!

No teacher will accept the job without housing.



Meali is miles from any town or housing. We have built teacher housing for all of the teachers that teach there, government teachers and the teachers we support.

**The present housing situation is VERY CROWDED.
We propose building more housing immediately.**

Build Teacher Housing

A Playground for Losirwa

The Losirwa Primary School with over 1000 children does not have a playground!



Play is essential for primary-school-age children because it drives their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development. It also reduces stress and behavioral problems which improves their learning capacity in the classroom. School playgrounds are a uniquely important setting where much of that play naturally occurs. *Please help us bring joy, laughter, smiles and camaraderie to these deserving children.*

Build A New Playground

A Computer Room

The Good News All three schools have at least 30 new computers and are excitedly discovering new things, using some creative software, entering the 21st century and opening up pathways to future studies and careers.

The Bad News. Meali has 30 computers, but nowhere to store and use them. A dedicated classroom would be perfect.

Build A New Computer Room

Student of the Month Lembarbal Masiaya Laizer

"Lembarbai has consistently demonstrated strong self determination, discipline and a hard working spirit, making him truly deserving of this recognition."



Lomnyaki, assistant supervisor of Friends of Meali, Tanzania, helped us select Lemmbarbai as Student of the month.

Lemmbarbai is currently in his first year of university pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science...He comes from Losirwa village, where his relatives are Maasai Pastoralists (livestock keepers) and aspires to use his education to bring meaningful change, support and sustainable development within his community.

Lemmbarbai writes to his sponsors thanking them for the opportunities provided and describing his first year experience at university.

"The courses require a lot of reading, research, and personal effort. It is a new experience being away from home , organizing my daily activities, taking responsibility for many things on my own, experiencing homesickness, but dealing with these challenges by organizing my study schedule, studying with fellow students and using quiet places like the library to focus on my work....I remain determined to continue working hard in my studies and to achieve my goal in the future."

We wish Lemmbarbai the best of luck!

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Meali. As you can see we have our work cut out for us. Besides new projects we annually support our schools with extra teachers, cooks and security personel, tuition for private schools for 45 students, including university tuition, operating costs in Tanzania, support for some very needy students, monies to send every graduate of primary school to

secondary school, and bonuses to teachers for a job well done as measured by student results on their national exams. These expenditures are costly but well spent.

Donations are Always Welcome



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