

Helping to make things possible for 2000 Tanzanian students

Enhancing Education

Building Brighter Futures



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Students Return to School

Last year the three schools we support had a **100%** pass rate.



Supplies for the school year

It is a tense time for 7th graders as they study for the all important national exams. These tests determine whether they can continue on to secondary school. **Last year the three schools we support had a 100% pass rate.**

Passing the exams are not the only problem the graduates face. Secondary School is mandatory and “tuition free” but you must have a uniform and school equipment. All of the graduates from our primary schools are sent to government secondary boarding schools. **Here a student also needs a mattress, bedding, books, and food.** Girls are not always encouraged to continue their education.

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As a help to parents, Friends of Meali provides each graduate with a \$350+ package which includes all the boarding needs, some personal items and intense tutoring classes to prepare for **Secondary School**. This gives these students a BOOST. Students start secondary school in early January.

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To the Nancy C. Scull Educational Fund which supports these packages.

“Play is the work of a child”

~ Maria Montessori



Playgrounds for the Losirwa School, are ready to be constructed. This project, spearheaded by Board Member Marlene Lee, will bring fun, a smile, exercise and unstructured learning to many students at the 1000 member Losirwa school.

Additional support is still needed!

Student of the Month

Sesilia Yohana Shuwaka ,“Cecy”



*"When I was selected to go to **Peace House**, private secondary school, I experienced many emotions. I was excited because I had been given an opportunity to continue my education, but at the same time I was nervous because I was coming from a Maasai village and I was going to a new environment near the city. ...**Looking back going to Peace House was one of the most important turning points in my educational history....** A major challenge...In my Maasai community girls may become engaged at a young age... and now I was expected to get married.*

Lucas and Edith Mhina... went all the way to my village to support me. They spoke with my family to allow me to continue with my education.... Today I have a Bachelor's degree in Education from Makumira University and am looking forward to becoming a teacher."

OPPORTUNITY: Sponsor a student to go to Peace House, a four year private secondary school, upon completion of grade 7. A commitment of \$1500/year for 4 years is expected. [LEARN MORE](#)

A Memorable Educational Study Tour to Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) and The Meteorologic Station

For many students, this journey was life-changing. Having never left their villages or traveled by car or bus, the trip opened a completely new world.

The road became a living classroom. Along the way, they observed infrastructure, transport systems, and communities. They marveled at Mt. Kilimanjaro, hills, and valleys. From rural settlements to bustling towns, they noted diverse agriculture and local commerce, including markets, supermarkets, banks, colleges, and health centers.



STUDENT QUOTES

“I have seen airplanes in the sky...But today I have seen them from very close. It makes me believe that one day I can work at an Airport.”

“I would like to become a pilot in the future. Seeing the airport today has made my dream feel more real.”

“This trip made me interested in becoming a meteorologist because I did not know that this was a career before”

“I have learned that scientists use instruments and data to understand what is happening “

Appreciation of Tanzania: The trip enabled students to appreciate Tanzania's infrastructures, natural environment, tourism facilities, transportation systems and economic activities. **“We sincerely thank Friends of Meali International Organization for investing in the education, dreams and future of our students.”**

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



DONATE NOW

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Best regards,
Dana Devereux and

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