



MAASAI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The goal of our newsletters is to provide updates on the Engaruka English Medium Primary School (EEMPS) and Maasai Education Foundation (MEF) activities and accomplishments during the past quarter. This newsletter covers the period of March 2019 through July 2019. Most of all, we wish to thank our partners in Tanzania and our generous donors in Canada, the US and beyond.



Phase I classroom building. Financed by TX Foundation.



Dining Hall. July 17, 2019.

Background:

- EEMPS accepted its first class of students in February 2018. The nursery class consisted of 48 five to seven-year-old pre-school students (25 girls and 23 boys). Some students had a little school, most had none. They were from Engaruka and small villages in the Monduli District of the Arusha, Tanzania. The girls were boarding students and lived in one of the classrooms that was converted into a temporary dormitory. Because of lack of space, boys were day students and lived with relatives or other families near the school. When the school opened in February 2018, the school consisted of a single building (Phase I) with two classrooms, a couple of offices, restrooms with running water and a temporary kitchen/dining area made from corrugated metal. Phase I was largely funded by a generous grant from the TX Foundation of Taiwan.
- In early 2018, the Maasai Education Foundation (MEF) provided a grant of \$44,000 and construction began on a dining hall/ kitchen/laundry. The dining hall, kitchen and laundry room are temporarily being used as 1st and 2nd grade classrooms until new classrooms (Phase II) are built.
- At the end of 2018, EEMPS pre-school students were tested and 25 students graduated to 2nd grade, 16 graduated to 1st grade, and 6 needed to repeat pre-school (the youngest children).
- The 2019 school year began January 7 with 32 new pre-school students. As in 2018, the girls are boarding students in our now very crowded girls' dormitory and the boys live with local families.
- In January 2019, with funding provided by MEF, construction began on Phase II, which includes five classrooms, a library and girls' and boys' restrooms in an adjacent restroom building. When construction is complete, 1st and 2nd grade classes will relocate to the new classrooms and the dining hall will be finished.
- \$21,520 in 2019 scholarships for 26 EEMPS children.

MEF 2018 Accomplishments

- Received \$108,900.83 in donations.
- Total expenditures of \$107,547.65 with 99.43% going to scholarships, EEMPS construction, Service without Borders work at the school and travel expenses for Martha Olemisiko (EEMPS Executive Director) and Maria Paapa Kingi to visit the US in August.
- Provided \$44,000 to start construction of the dining hall.
- Provided \$36,000 to start construction of Phase II classroom/library/restroom expansion.
- Provided \$1,150 to start construction of a two-unit prototype guesthouse.
- Provided \$14,970 in scholarships for 25 EEMPS students in 2018.
- Provided \$10,000 in scholarships for 2019 EEMPS students.
- Provided \$2,539.70 scholarship for Maria Paapa Kingi to attend Arusha Meru International School.
- Provided \$4,703.95 travel grant (for six Virginia Tech students) to support Service without Borders construction work at EEMPS in May.

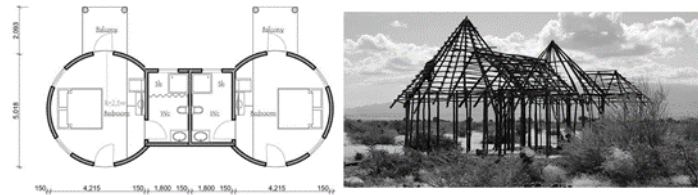


Powerhouse June 12, 2019. Windows, doors and roof installed in July.



2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS

- Crane Classroom and Library Building**
 Construction started January 22, 2019 on the 4,361ft² (405 m²) Phase II building. The total cost of the Phase II building is \$74,400, which is now fully funded after a generous donation from the Crane Family of Columbus, OH. Two of the classrooms will be used as temporary dormitories until permanent dormitories are constructed in 2020. Once the classrooms are complete, the 1st and 2nd grade classes will be relocated from the dining hall to the Crane Building, hopefully by September 2019.
- Completion of Dining Hall/Kitchen/Laundry**
 The 7,000 ft² (650 m²) dining hall costs \$64,000 including furnishings. MEF has provided \$52,500 for its construction. An additional \$11,500 is needed to complete the dining hall. These additional funds will be used for ceilings, electrical and plumbing systems, stuccoing laundry and kitchen walls, kitchen and laundry furnishings, and dining hall tables and benches.
- Powerhouse**
 Virginia Tech's Service without Borders (SWB) donated \$7,500 for a 1.8-kilowatt photovoltaic system to supply electricity to the school. The system has 10 solar panels and a battery bank for electricity at night. The Powerhouse and photovoltaic system will be completed in August and the school will have electricity!
- Playground**
 SWB will fund and construct a playground at the school in July and August 2019. The playground will include two swing sets, seesaws, monkey bars, climbing tower, 2 soccer fields with goals, and a netball court.
- New Water Supply Line**
 The school currently has adequate water, but as additional grades are added, more water will be needed. The cost for a 2.24 mile long 2-inch waterline from the community dam is about \$20,000. An engineer visited the site in July and is designing and costing the system. Tourists visiting the school in February donated \$11,000 to H2O for Life to start construction of the waterline and H2O for Life has committed \$2,000. About \$10,000 is needed to complete construction.
- Guesthouse**
 A two-unit guesthouse is under construction for visitors and to rent to tourists. The guest house costs \$8,150. MEF provided \$1,150 to start construction. \$7,000 is needed to complete.



EEMPS guesthouse. July 2018.



Crane Classroom and Library Building construction. July 17, 2019.



New restroom building. Dining hall behind trees. July 17, 2019.



Temporary 2nd grade classroom in future laundry of dining hall.



EEMPS Site Plan (existing buildings in grey).

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