



# MAASAI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### MEF MATCHING FUNDRAISER DONATE NOW TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



### MEF's 1st Major Matching Fundraiser Aug 15 to Sept 13

- The first \$9,000 in donations during this period will be matched by anonymous donors.
- We are seeking to raise \$31,000. The first \$10,000 will fund the operation of the Engaruka English Medium Primary School through the end of the year. The next \$21,000 will be used to start construction of our first formal dormitory for the children. Each year brings a new grade and more children which in turn requires more dormitory space.

**Can you help? Your gift can be transformative in the lives of these children. Of the 110 Maasai students, only two families can afford to pay the annual tuition, fees, and room and board of \$700/year.**

#### HOW TO DONATE

MEF's match for our summer fundraiser begins on August 15 and ends September 13.

**BY CHECK:** Send checks payable to the Maasai Education Foundation, 345 Woods Lane, Newport, VA 24128.

#### BY CREDIT CARD (with no fees):

Via **Facebook** at (You can click on link):

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/721178795108297/>

or **PayPal Giving Fund** at (You can click on link):

<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2457198>

#### ENGARUKA ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

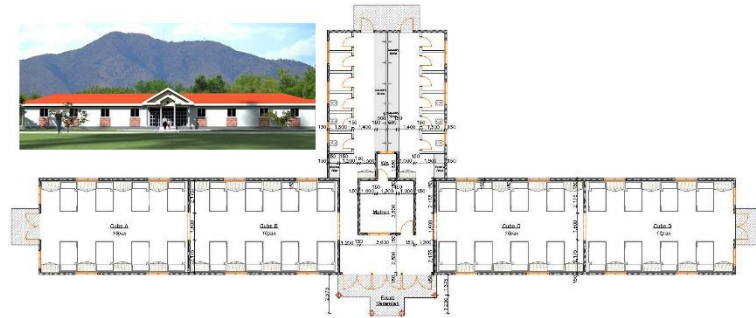
- The school reopened June 29 after three months of shut down due to COVID-19. Some of the returning students were malnourished and sick when they returned but all are healthy after 6 weeks at the school.
- 110 students are enrolled: 38 in pre-school, 30 in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 17 in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 25 in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- All the students are now boarding at the school in three vacant classrooms. The girls have two classrooms and the boys have one. This is the first time the school has had space for boys to live at the school. Previously, they lived with local families and as a consequence did not do as well as the girls in academics or physical growth.
- The Crane Classroom and Restroom Buildings and the Peter Ozolins Dining Hall were completely finished and furnished while the children were at home due to COVID. The Crane Classroom Building has five classrooms and a library and the Peter Ozolins Dining Hall has a kitchen with high efficiency wood stoves, storerooms, a laundry and

sitting/eating space for 500 people.

- The school grows much of its own food and livestock. After a growing season with plentiful rain, the school harvested enough corn and beans for the rest of the year. The school's cows and goats are also providing sufficient milk and meat for the school.

#### PROPOSED DORMITORY

The next priority for the school is a dormitory. Dormitories are needed for two primary reasons: first, the school needs a dormitory to be fully certified by the Tanzania government as a primary school, and second, having a dormitory will allow Maasai students from urban areas to attend the school and their payment of school fees will help make the school more financially sustainable.



The proposed dormitory is approximately 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (380 m<sup>2</sup>) and will cost approximately \$120,000. It will be constructed using bricks made at the school to reduce construction costs. Construction of the dormitory must start this year to maintain the school's conditional certification and we hope to complete the 1<sup>st</sup> dormitory by the end of 2021.

#### MESSAGE FROM A STUDENT



"My Name is Loserian Mwaana, I am a new student from OI Doinyo Lengai village. I am so happy to be a boarding student in this school. Before I joined the school, I had so much to do but my first job is to keep the livestock and if I mess up with anything anyone was allowed to beat me up. If I lost any livestock, I must not come back home until I get it even if it takes some days. I can also be sent to far bomas (homesteads) for anything even at night just because I am boy. I just can't believe that I am now free from all of these and my only work is to study hard. Thank you all for helping me."





## **STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS**

Interested in sponsoring a child such as Loserian? A student sponsorship is \$700 per year and supports the child for 11 months and includes their tuition, fees, clothing, room and board. You can also provide partial support for a child. Sponsors receive semi-annual updates on their child and occasional letters and pictures/photos from the child. For more info, please email [maasaieducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:maasaieducationfoundation@gmail.com).



*Drone photo of Engaruka English Medium Primary School. Crane Classroom and Restroom Buildings upper right. Peter Ozolins Dining Hall left. TX Foundation Pre-school Building lower right.*



*Students in front of Crane Classroom Building.*



*Students and Ms. Maliack (2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher) in new Crane Building.*



*Happy boys in their new dorm room.*



*Children enjoying dinner in the new dining hall.*



*New kitchen in Peter Ozolins Dining Hall*

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