

Kenya Help Foundation ♦ P. O. Box 516 ♦ Menlo Park, CA 94026

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Dear Friends,

Wow! You are over 500 strong, you friends of St. Francis Xavier Secondary School for Girls (SFG)---the school you have helped to build in Naivasha, Kenya. Thank you so much for all you have done to help us get to where we are today. I'm writing to show you what we have done with your gifts.

Pictured here are our girls, Forms 1 and 2, with their teachers and staff members. Behind is part of the main quad, about 80% complete.



I was privileged to spend 2 months this summer in Naivasha, mostly teaching math at SFG and getting to know these wonderful girls and staff members. Every day I arrived to see progress on the new construction.



The dining hall/kitchen accommodates the 320 students we will have upon completion of the school. It also serves as a meeting hall, theater (with stage!), and chapel, and it provides a meeting place for community groups when school is not in session.



This dorm wing has space to accommodate 144 girls. At right angles to it is the matron's quarters. Water storage tanks will be behind it.

In addition we have completed three more classrooms, the library and staff room.

The volleyball court, soccer field and basketball court, donated by a group of middle-school basketball players in Menlo Park, are all complete and in use.

Currently underway is a water-harvesting system of partially undergrounded tanks for storing rainwater from roofs of the dorms and matron's quarters. Enough precipitation falls during the rainy season to supply most of the water needs. Well water in this area is not appropriate for drinking, as it is highly fluoridated

We have yet to build the second dorm wing, three more classrooms, the dispensary for the matron to care for ailing students, a large underground cistern to harvest water from the classrooms in the quadrangle, and staff housing, which we consider essential for retaining highly dedicated teachers to our school. Our salaries cannot compete with those of government-subsidized high schools.

I am enclosing information about our 3rd annual gift-giving program. The idea is that you may purchase a stone, desk, etc., by making a contribution to Kenya Help in honor of someone you wish to remember with a gift. We send to you (to send to that person) a beautiful booklet with pictures of the school and students, along with the story of the project. You may choose a manger scene cover or a drawing of an African village. This program has been well received in the past and we hope, in a time of reducing materialism, you will consider this kind of gift for family or friends.

Note cards with wonderful drawings by Calestor Kizito, Kenyan artist, are available for \$20 per package of ten different cards. You can view them on the website:

www.kenyahelpkenya.org

We are pleased to announce the IRS has granted *Kenya Help* tax-exempt status, so we are now a 501(c)(3) foundation! We will be sending tax letters to our 2008 donors at the end of January. We are also able to accept donations of stock, giving a tax deduction to the donor. Contact me at 650-322-0821 or margomca2@sbcglobal.net for details.

Gratefully,

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