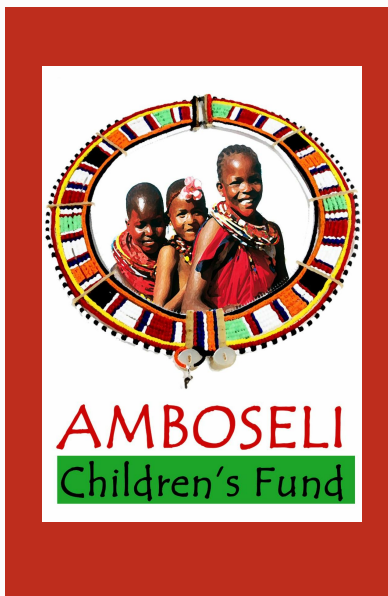


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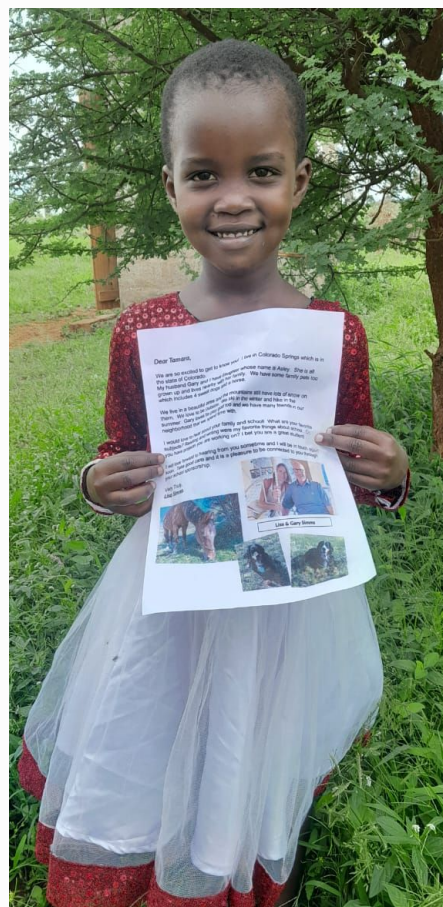
Updates From Us

**One team. One community.
A whole lot of support.**

We've had some exciting things happening with ACF and the Amboseli community. First and foremost - many days of rain have finally brought an end to the 3 year drought in Kenya! It started in April and has continued sporadically for months now - Leonard reports the pastures have turned green and the crops and livestock can now thrive. It's truly a relief for our Maasai families as many lost cattle and their means of support.

The other exciting event happened regarding the collection of grade cards, photos and letters. As we have grown, this process has become difficult for Leonard and Anne in ways that are hard for us to imagine.

Our students go home 3X a year to villages that are spread out over hundreds of miles - with no paved roads making them easily accessible. With the help of a motorbike, Leonard will try his best to travel to all of the



villages and meet with each child. But many times they will be gone - out in bush with the cattle, visiting relatives, or helping another family. Leonard can't "call ahead" as few own a cell phone, so many times it's a wasted journey.

We truly feel getting this info and connecting with our kids is important - so with the help of generous donations made to our Scholarship Fund - we tried a different approach. **We brought all of the kids together in one place at the same time!**

While a few could make it to our meeting point by foot - others were simply too far away and we had to rent motorbikes or all terrain vehicles to transport them (pictured to the right).

A local church allowed us to use their premises to host a small meal and share the letters sponsors had sent, followed by picture taking, letter writing and lots of socialization.

Our older students provided assistance - as Leonard and Anne had their hands full. But they believe the gathering proved very beneficial. Our new students gained the knowledge that they are part of a special group - ACF - and learned more about our mission to break the cycle of poverty for the Maasai people.

We were able to send all the sponsors individual updates on their child(ren) including grades, photos and letters - it was heartwarming to see all the smiling faces!

While we feel it's important to relay this information to sponsors so they will be able to see firsthand the progress of their student, it proved to be a bit costly. Even with the church donating their grounds, we still had the expense of transport and food for 40 students.

So our current plan is to do this twice a year - during the April and December break. Hopefully this will be adequate and prove beneficial to students and sponsors alike. Suggestions or comments are welcome. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will help us cover the costs and we appreciate any amount you might give!



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2025 Kenya Trip

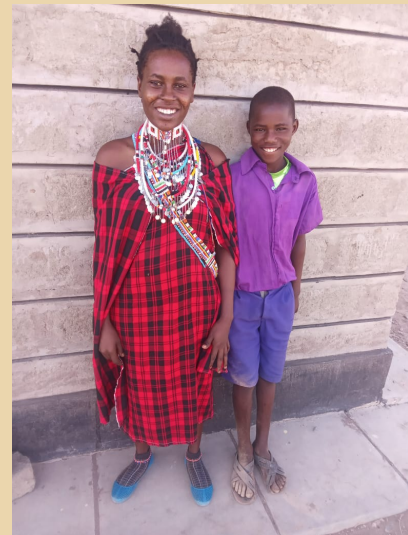
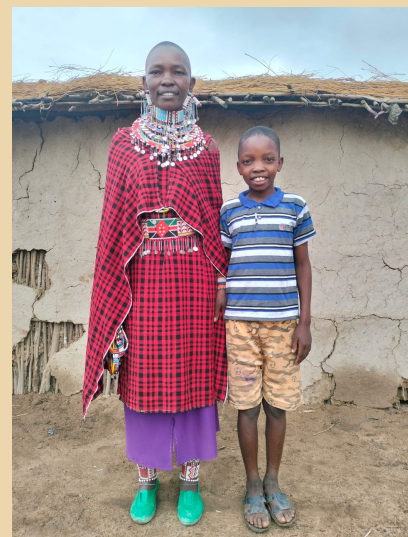
In the last newsletter I asked for feedback regarding a trip to Kenya in 2025. The response was good and it definitely looks like we will have enough people to make up a small group!

August was the preferred timing - which works well as we should be able to observe the fabulous wildebeest migration. My thoughts are to combine a few game drives and tour experiences with our trip so that everyone has a great first impression of Kenya!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2nd two weeks in August (dates to be determined but this is an approximate) and more details will come next year.



Milton Answers Our



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Memiri Letoluo (shown on top) is 11 years old and in 4th grade. His teachers tell us he is a humble boy and always

Questions

How has receiving an education changed your life so far?

For me I can say that it has changed my life in countless ways. It has truly opened my eyes to the world around me and helped me understand what is possible for the Maasai people.

Education has also resulted in my personal growth, critical thinking skills and a sense of fulfillment.

A sense of fulfillment in that I have business ideas that I hope to explore after graduation.

What aspect of university do you enjoy the most and why?

I have enjoyed the social aspects of university, such as making new friends who are following the same career path. We have played a big role in each other lives; molding and encouraging one another.

I participate in extracurricular activities such as our school football team which is fun.

But also I like the academic side of university, such as learning new subjects and developing specialized skills through our projects done in school.

What type of job do you hope to secure?

It's important to choose a job that aligns your values and interests. Right now I am Majoring in Accounting, but will have many options in my profession because I'm also working on my CPA Certificate. I will be able to secure a job in a variety of industries including finance, government, healthcare, and education. Some common job titles for accountants include auditor, tax accountant, financial analyst, and controller. Accountants can also work in public accounting firms or start their own accounting practices. This is PROMISING!

How will this affect your family and the Maasai community where you are from?

For me, securing a job after completing my education can have a significant impact on my family and community. A good job can provide financial stability, which can help me support my family members and contribute to the local economy. I can assure you I will contribute to the local society in a way that you will be proud of me.

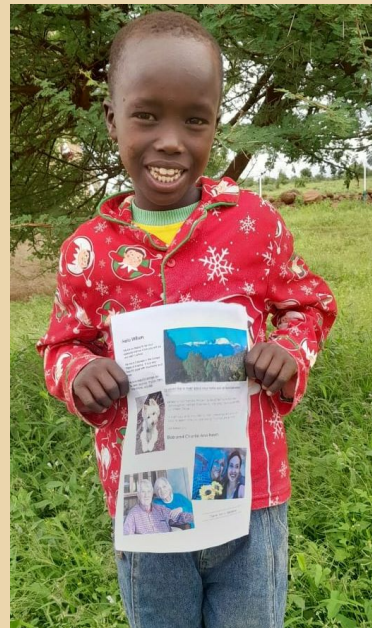
Additionally, some jobs may provide opportunities to give back to the community through volunteer work or other means. The same way AMBOSELI CHILDREN'S FUND has helped me is the same way I will step up to support the vulnerable by contributing to their schooling and education.

finishes top in his class. Peter Nkirrimpa (bottom) is 12 years old and in 5th grade. He lost his father and his Mum is struggling to pay school fees. He is a good student and really wants to get an education so that he can take care of her and his siblings.

Our ACF Scholarship Fund has allowed us to bring these boys into our program - while they await their sponsors.

If you have been considering sponsoring a child - either one of these boys would be available and absolutely thrilled! For just \$48 per month you can transform their life with education; bringing hope and opportunity for a brighter future!

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It's hard to believe our students return to this type of home when they are on break from their boarding schools. Made of mud, cow dung and sticks, a manyatta will house parents, children and baby livestock. Cooking must be done over an open fire and there are no windows. Modern conveniences simply do not exist. Many of our students say they plan to build modern homes for their parents once they complete their education and begin working.

Education Brings Change for the Maasai People

Maasai children are attending schools at higher rates than ever before. When we first started our program it was difficult to find parents willing to allow their child to pursue secondary and post-secondary education. Now, we have families lining up to have their children be considered for sponsorship!

The Maasai elders have come to realize that change is inevitable and not necessarily a bad thing. These changes include appearance, housing, materials, diet, attitudes and more. Once a child embarks on an educational path, the whole family benefits as they share their knowledge. Early marriage and FGM are rarely seen in households with an educated child. Poverty eradication is our eventual goal - which may take a few generations to achieve but we truly believe it is possible. Each child in our program will make a huge impact on their village and the ripple effect is tremendous.

Your continued support of our mission is what makes this possible; please know that together, we are truly making a difference!

Nelly Receives A Score of Distinction

Nelly Lasoi has been with our program since the beginning, back in 2013. For the past 2.5 years she has attended Nairobi University in the Pharmacy program.

This is a 5 year program and one that is sought

after by many students as upon graduating one is pretty much guaranteed employment. Nelly consistently applied herself through out primary and secondary school - which then enabled her to score very high on the National Exam. This got her into the University but she still had to persevere to be accepted into the program.

Not one to ever give up - Nelly went to classes and sat in the Administrators office on a weekly basis - until she was finally accepted!

Now...halfway into the program she has received a "distinction" which means she is in the top 25% of her class.

We couldn't be more proud of our Nelly and wish her continued success in her educational journey!



ACF Scholarship Fund

This fund was created for those people who would like to support our mission but are not ready to sponsor a child.

It helps pay many additional costs including the extra expense of post-secondary education - which we believe is vital to break the cycle of poverty and bring about real change.

We have several more students who will be attending University within the next few years. WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

The ACF Scholarship Fund also provides for workshops, educational fieldtrips and student gatherings where we can collect grade cards, write letters and take pictures for sponsors.

100% of your donation goes to breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing about real change for our students!

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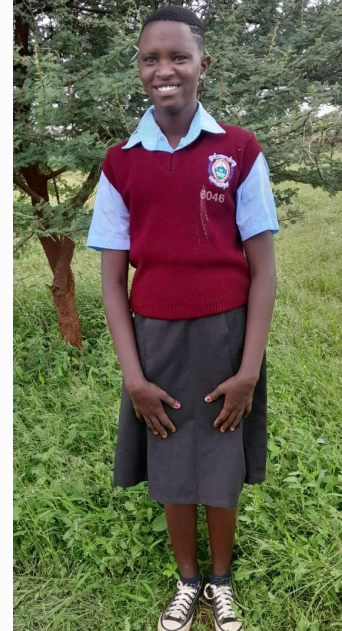
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