

THE LEMONG'O PROJECT

Nutrition
Education
Health
Employment
In Rural Kenya



Fall 2017
Education

The Lemong'o Project is dedicated to providing support to the Maasai Village of Lemong'o in rural Kenya in the areas of: health, nutrition, education, and employment. We are committed to helping the beautiful people of Lemong'o not only thrive, but also prosper.

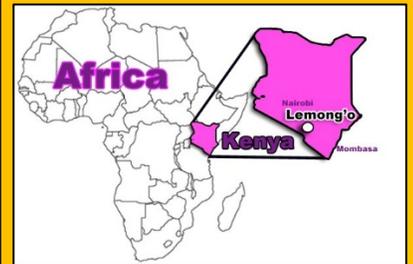
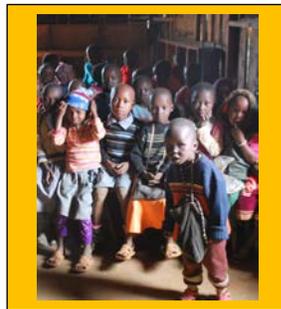
Education in Lemong'o, 2017:

VILLAGE SCHOOL: **Belgrove** (pre-school through 8th grade)

ENROLLMENT: **394 students** (180 boys, 214 girls)

TEACHER SALARIES ARE PAID BY:

- The Kenyan government: **3 teachers & 1 principal**
- Parents, through tuition fees: **4 teachers**
- The Lemong'o Project: **4 teachers**



\$5.00 U.S. ... the cost of 1 year's tuition for a child

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Tenacious Lemong'o Students

A day in the life of a Lemong'o student is quite different than that of a typical American one. Lemong'o students often complete many chores before school, including: milking cows or goats, caring for younger siblings, gathering wood, and starting cooking fires. They then walk to school, often for quite substantial distances. Some students walk as long as two hours *each way*. School starts at 7:30 am for those in grades 4 – 8, so they must start walking quite early to arrive on time. Many students come to school with empty stomachs; free school lunch is their only substantial meal each day. They learn in classrooms where desks and school materials are in very short supply. There is no room at the crowded school for the students in pre-school and kindergarten so they meet in two small rooms at a nearby church. At 4 pm students begin their long journeys home where numerous chores await them, including: herding cattle, caring for younger siblings, hauling water, cooking, washing clothes, and cleaning. They complete homework and study for exams by lantern or firelight. Grades seven and eight attend "extra learning" during school breaks, on Saturdays, and after school hours as the National Exam approaches at the end of each school year. Despite all of these challenges, the students are grateful for the opportunity to attend school and put forth tremendous effort each day.

What the Kenyan government provides:

4 = the average number of students sharing 1 book, though some classes have a much higher ratio

4-5 = the number of students often sharing desks built for 3

0 = desks and chairs provided for teachers

0 = physical education or activities provided



Reuben & Okello: 2 of the 4 teachers supported by your donations to The Lemong'o Project

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

ShuzyQ in South Anchorage for hosting a pop-up fundraiser for The Lemong'o Project featuring jewelry created by the artisan women of Lemong'o.



VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Nicole Lamb

Walking up to the school you feel like a celebrity as the students rush up to meet you, touch your hands, and wave hello. Little did I realize they would touch my heart so easily and give me a new perspective on my own teaching. The short time I spent in Lemong'o left me with an everlasting impression of how powerful and life-changing education can be, especially for those who have very little. I share pictures, videos, stories, and songs with my kindergartners hoping they will start to learn the value of education from an early age. I encourage them to one day travel the world and see how different children learn around the world. Maybe some will visit Lemong'o one day.

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