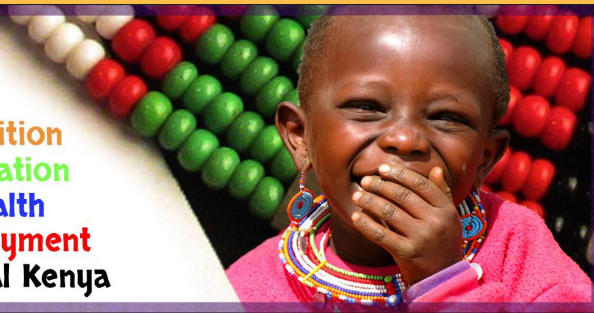


THE LEMONG'O PROJECT

Nutrition
Education
Health
Employment
In Rural Kenya



FALL 2018

EMPLOYMENT

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.

EMPLOYING THE WOMEN OF LEMONG'O

The Maasai women of Lemong'o have been creating stunning, vibrant beadwork since the introduction of glass beads to Africa by Europeans in the late 1800's. Today, each piece is one-of-a-kind, created by an artisan whose skill, creativity and design reflects the artistry of many generations. And now, with the assistance of The Lemong'o Project, this truly unique "wearable art" is available for you to purchase with 100% of the proceeds going back to the village. Lemong'o is located in a remote area of Kenya with virtually no access to tourist trade. But with volunteers for The Project coming to the village each summer, an opportunity became apparent. What has evolved is an annual "mama's market" where village women sell their amazingly intricate beadwork - jewelry, ornaments, mirrors, baskets, belts, etc. The Lemong'o Project purchases the beadwork directly from the women at a fair-trade price and brings it to the US to sell at events in Anchorage. ALL proceeds from U.S. sales go back to Lemong'o to provide free school lunch to the children of Belgrove Primary School. A little goes a long way - \$2 feeds one student a hot school lunch for an ENTIRE month. For many, this meal is their most substantial meal of the day.



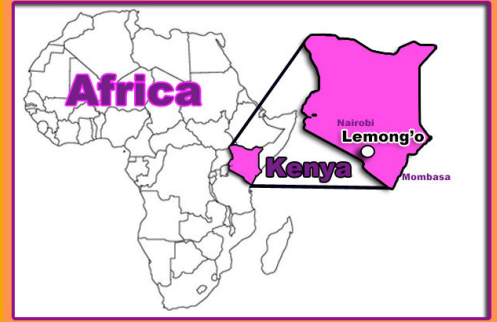
If you'd like to make a purchase of Lemong'o beadwork or host a trunk show "contact us" [here](#) at the bottom of our homepage. For our Anchorage area supporters, we'll be holding local events in November and December 2018. Once dates have been set, information will be posted on our website under "Upcoming Events" [here](#)



VOLUNTEER CORNER

CAIL HUBERT

After two days of traveling, I found myself bouncing up and down on the ruddy road within minutes of entering the village of Lemong'o. I had no idea what to expect upon first arriving at our adorable manyatta, but had a feeling it was going to be an experience I would never forget. I was right. From the second I arrived, to the goodbye hugs two weeks later, I will forever remember the people I met and the culture I absorbed. One of my reasons for traveling from Alaska all the way to Kenya was to learn about the Maasai culture through the lenses of my cameras. It is one of my greatest passions to experience a culture personally and then share it with the world to make a positive impact through digital storytelling. I have done quite a few stories working with smaller indigenous villages all around Alaska and the hardest part has always been finding individuals who are brave enough to share their stories in front of the camera. I thought I was going to have this same challenge in Lemong'o, but I was very pleasantly surprised. The people were eager to share their stories and teach me about their culture. I could not put my camera down almost the entire time and shot over 1200 minutes of raw footage with over 20 amazing interviews. I can't wait to start going through this precious footage. I know it will bring me right back to a warmer place reliving those memories.



Belgrove Primary was named the **"2017 Most Improved School"** in the region. This success was due in part to **YOUR** donations which result in providing a nourishing lunch each day to students and retention of teachers who are providing consistent instruction.



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