

## Winds of Africa News, January 2015



*'Education is the keystone towards success...'*

*'Happiness is a good feeling...'*

*Every morning we wake and begin to prepare for a new day. We each have our own routines; enjoying a cup of coffee or tea while reading the daily paper, watching a favorite TV station, or listening to familiar voices on the radio; oops I forgot opening your tablet, iPhone, smart phone, droid or laptop...*

*Whichever tool you are using it is to gather information that hopefully will brighten our day.*

*Instead we are reminded of ongoing crime, devastation, and hatred. It feels as if we cannot escape the distressing news we receive every day. I was chatting with a friend over the holidays and we agreed that there should be a newspaper or news station that reports "**Happy News**"; why? Because **happiness is a good feeling to share** and the world just may be better-off.*

*We will offer you news that will make you feel good but also share news that our ongoing supports and new comers ought to know.*

***I do promise to keep you smiling***

*Audra DiMambro. Director . WoA Foundation.*

*The boys' soccer team of Engikaret Secondary School. →*

*Instructor John Macha with student Ester sponsored by Lee and Cliff Quinn during an evaluation. September 2014*



Throughout the years we have assisted Tanzanians by offering original ways of learning. We offer hope to those searching for a better way and are committed to the welfare of the local communities. We are very grateful to all those who have joined with us in our efforts to overcome poverty, poor health, disease and premature death.

*John Macha, Ester Nderitoi and family at her home.*



*Father Karamuna with Susan Hashimu, Rehema Siara, Ester Nderitoj, Ester Gideon, Juliana Sabaya, and Ester Locums; as the Father said it is the year of the Esters... smiles*



At the May 2014 fundraiser I spoke of sponsoring qualified girls who attend the Engikaret Maasai Primary School to attend Secondary School. Tanzania only requires Primary School attendance thus most girls go no further in their education. This idea was accepted by the local Village Council and some parents. It took all-embracing efforts to bring it together by Fr. Karumuna, the Pastor of Engikaret Mission, with the assistance of WoA Lead Instructor John Macha.

*John Macha, Rehema and Kaka (her mother)*



Last September Fr. Karumuna select a group of girls to attend a three month lesson to prepare them for Secondary School. John assisted with evaluations. We are pleased that five girls, from different Maasai Villages, succeeded and are attending the Engikaret Mission Secondary School this year



***Father Karumuna,  
the Parents, family members  
and Winds of Africa express a  
Special Thank You  
to those that have chosen to  
sponsor a young girl to attend  
Secondary School.  
You are offering a rare  
opportunity.  
For them it is a hunger that is  
beina satisfied.***

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Winds of Africa Annual Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, April 19th, 2015 at 4:00 to 7:30 Marina Village, Mission Bay**

Join us in for another evening of good fun while supporting WoA's educational efforts to overcome poverty, starvation and disease in Tanzania. Enjoy great food and cheer, live music, good conversation, silent auction, Maasai Market with unique items for sale.

**A really fun place to be, please do invite your friends.**



*Education and Agriculture go hand and hand ... cleaning the maze ...*

### **2015 IS A NEW YEAR FOR EDUCATION**

2014 ended with a triumph for Winds of Africa's study programs and workshops.

Our student's successes are shown in their school grades, movement into college, creating their own business and receiving higher placement within their job.

I would like to share some examples with you as follows:

Recently a former student that studied English, computer, and report writing with WoA contacted me. He was excited and began telling me that he had received a promotion and an increase in salary with his company. He now plans to marry.

A young woman that works in a reputable lodge as a kitchen aide attended an English course to learn how to read and write properly. Her goal is to be a Chef; she is now working as an assistant to the Chef.

A young man, sponsored by WoA, graduated from college with an Economics degree in Nov. 2014. He now has an internship as a financial assistant with a Financial Company.

A security guard working for a luxury tent safari lodge aspired to be a safari tour guide. After attending a three month English course with WoA he was promoted and is now a guide.

A young girl, also sponsored by WoA, graduated school with high grades. With the continued help from WoA she started a small basket weaving business. Some of her baskets will be on display and sold at the WoA fundraiser this April 19<sup>th</sup> to be held again at Marina Village in Mission Bay, San Diego.

These are a few examples of the value of an education that would not have occurred without WOA and our donor's generosity.



Boma N'gombe Vocational Training Center Update

Approximately 75% of the students that have attended the Boma N'gombe vocational school (BVTC) are either self-employed or employed as a seamstress, secretary, or teacher of Tailor and Design; they are proud to be able to support their family. It is a special school for youth and young adults coming from extreme poverty.

The goal of WoA is to upgrade the dorms and add a learning and student center for BVTC. This will be highlighted at our April fundraiser.

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