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THANK YOU



*Mark Tuschman
photographing
Makongoro Secondary
School students in front
of their new dormitory*

This past March photographer **Mark Tuschman** and his wife Jana visited Nyamuswa and documented PZ's activities, projects and students. This newsletter features some of the wonderful images they brought back. Thank you, Mark and Jana!

A DOUBLING OF STUDENTS

A group of New York Quakers had been successfully supporting school construction projects in Tanzania when they asked Project **ZAWADI** to replicate our successful sponsorship model in the nearby village of Mugumu.

So in January, PZ went to Mugumu to lay the groundwork. Since an equivalent organization to Zinduka, PZ's capable partner in Nyamuswa, did not yet exist, Brian Singer, Michael Musa and Zinduka members worked with local leaders to seed such an organization. Okoa, the new non-profit organization, has matured rapidly since and is close to earning full recognition by the Tanzanian government. Once Okoa is fully established, it will take the lead in procuring student supplies, managing school tuition payments, counseling students and advocating for them. In the meantime, we have already hand-delivered supplies and paid tuition for 125 new PZ students. When combined with an increase of 50 students in Nyamuswa, our program has doubled this year to more than 300 students!



*(above) Max Madoro, Executive Director, Zinduka
(below) Muse Mwisawa, Chairwoman, Zinduka*

3 NEW PLACES FOR LIVING & LEARNING



Makongoro Secondary School female students pose after exploring their new residence hall

For the first time in the school's 16-year history, Makongoro Secondary School's girls can focus all their energies on their studies. No more anxiety-filled searches for lodging in town, hour-long walks to and from class, and fears of harassment from strangers. 50 girls, including 2 PZ students, now live and learn in their on-campus residence hall.

Zinduka's newly elected officials, Chairwoman Muse Mwisawa and Executive Director Max Madoro, formally opened the residence hall as part of a ceremony that celebrated the power of intercontinental collaboration. The Dormitory was built from stones gathered by community volunteers; bricks baked and laid by community artisans; and mortar, windows, doors, and roofing purchased with support from, among others, PZ partner organizations SSKIDS (Simple Supper for Kids in Desperate Situations) of Greeley, CO; Malaika Project; and Friends of Tanzania.

Furthermore, 2 primary schools are enjoying new spaces of their own. At Marembeka and Busore Primary Schools, PZ students no longer cram into crumbling classrooms alongside more than 100 peers. Two new classrooms -- completed this spring by local artisans and volunteers with support from Bruce & Jackie Erickson via PZ's School Construction Fund -- provide students with a learning environment worthy of their efforts to achieve self-reliance through education.



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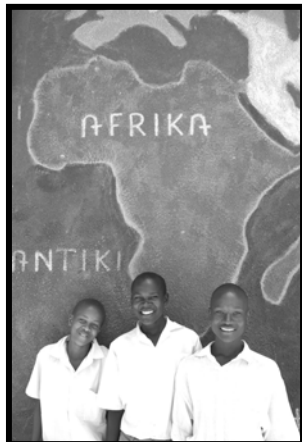
KCAU News Channel 9 in Sioux City, IA featured PZ President Brian Singer on its March 12, 2006 evening broadcast. Brian spoke earlier that day to an audience of 60 about his experiences with ProjectZAWADI and the Peace Corps. Long-time PZ supporters Jan and Clayton Kooiker invited Brian to Sioux City's First Unitarian Church to introduce PZ and raise awareness of the tremendous impact that even modest investments of time and money can have on the lives of children affected by HIV/AIDS. The presentation helped raise over \$1,000 for the work of PZ. Thank you, Jan & Clayton!

- If you are interested in bringing Brian to your community to speak, please contact us at bsinger@projectzawadi.org.

FORGING BONDS BETWEEN STUDENTS HALF A WORLD APART

Juma Tingo attends Form 2 at Makongoro Secondary School thanks to friends he has never met. Juma and 75 ninth and tenth graders in San Anselmo, CA found each other through ProjectZAWADI and Mobius, a small-learning community at Sir Francis Drake High School that challenges students to wrestle with "Essential Moral Questions." These questions connect their studies and push students to think critically. Last term, under the guidance of Cooper Clark (Science teacher), Mary Jane Jones (English teacher), and Marlene Kandall (Social Studies teacher), the students considered the following question: *How do your actions affect the lives of individuals, the community and the future?* They decided to launch the *Make A Difference Project* and began researching activists who drive change and explore their own potential as agents of positive change. They found PZ and after consultation with Board Member Karen Stupic took on Juma's cause as their own. After reading the novel "Kaffir Boy" and learning of the barriers to attendance posed by school fees in Africa, students raffled donated items including a quilt made of African fabrics and gift cards and prizes from local businesses. The raffle raised \$500 to support Juma's secondary school education.

- To discuss partnership options with your school or class, please contact us at kstupic@projectzawadi.org.
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