

## Nyangere Primary School: Pit Toilet Project

Wanting to make a contribution to the local village where the Grimm family's sponsored child, Mazera Mugabo lives, 16-year-old Karl Grimm contacted Project Zawadi in advance of a July family trip to Tanzania to see what would most be needed. Upon learning that Mazera's school, Nyangere Primary, would be closed down due to inadequate lavatory conditions, Karl quickly decided that he would try to raise the money needed to construct the eight new pit toilets needed to keep the school open. **Inadequate toilet facilities at Nyangere Primary:** Through a letter writing campaign



to friends, family and his church community, Karl far exceeded his initial goal and has so far raised over \$7,000 - almost double the amount needed to construct the toilets. In his recent travels to Tanzania, Karl and his family were able to visit Nyamuswa village and Nyangere Primary School: "During our visit to the school, we were able to look inside the classrooms. They are no bigger than the ones in my high school, but at one time, at least 80 kids occupy the space." After a tour of the school, Karl and his brother were able to help with the construction of the toilet pits. "We laid several layers of bricks for the walls of the toilet pits over the span of an hour. Even though the builders did not speak English, through hand motions they were able to teach my brother and me how to lay bricks and mortar. It was quite an experience working with the local Tanzanians towards a common goal. "Finally, the Grimm family visited the Mugabo family. "Mazera's family had prepared a feast showing their gratitude. It was truly incredible. The family subsistence farms, have very little to feed themselves, yet they wanted to honor us with a meal. We enjoyed a tasty meal of papaya, roasted corn, goat organ stew, rice, and goat meat! Through Karl's efforts, the pit toilets were constructed and the school was allowed to reopen after break, ensuring continuity of study for the 1,000+ students at Nyangere Primary School.

So what's next for Karl? He hopes to raise enough money in the next year to construct a new classroom for the school! •

# **Student Profile: Nyabina**



**Nyabina** lives with her mother and five siblings. Her mother supports the family by making charcoal and selling firewood and grains to local families. Nyabina has to walk 5 miles each way to school and hopes to someday become a teacher. She receives a lot of support and encouragement from her mother who advises Nyabina to work hard in her daily studies in order to improve her life and achieve her goals. Nyabina knows her family expects her to work hard and maybe one day to be the first in her family to attend University. Nyabina is doing well through the combination of her own hard work and her mother's encouragement and is currently number two in her class of 68 students.

# **Student Profile: Ayoub**



**Ayoub** is the 5th of 11 children in his family. His mother left the family when he was very young leaving him in the care of his father and stepmother who support the family through farming. For awhile Ayoub and his youngest brother were forced to

leave the family and live on their own. Through the efforts of a Project Zawadi counselor, they are now back at home with the family and continuing their studies. Ayoub travels 5 km by foot to and from school every day and has struggled with eye problems. He is performing well in school scoring eighth out of 118 students in his class. And he also has taken on the responsibility of school store prefect, in charge of overseeing the store-room which contains buckets, axes and all the learning equipment used at the school. Ayoub thanks Project Zawadi for supporting him through primary and secondary school and hopes to one day become a judge.

## **Board Member Profile: Josephat Mboyi** "Growing Up in the Village"



I was born and raised in Nyamuswa village. My family was poor and my mom had to work hard to feed our family. She owned a small farm and sold fruit to bus passengers that passed through the village to earn money for clothes and school uniforms.

I woke up very early in the morning to fetch water before I could go to school. There was no breakfast, we just

# washed our faces, put on uniforms and ran 40 minutes to school. I didn't have shoes for seven years of primary school since we couldn't afford them. Classes let out for the day at 5:00 p.m. and I went straight home to do chores.

I didn't have time to play with neighborhood kids and sometimes didn't have time for homework. But my mom encouraged me to work hard. She told me that only through education will I improve my life. Ordinary Levels in secondary school were tough. I lived with my uncle in Dar es Salaam who expected me to work on his pig farm. He didn't give me any time to concentrate on school or provide for my school needs. I worked on a chicken farm during breaks to earn money for school fees and uniforms and grew and sold vegetables to military wives for my school supplies. I always remembered what mom told me. For Advanced Levels I was selected to join one of Tanzania's best schools where I studied physics, chemistry, biology combination. I passed the national exams with high marks, did my year of national service and went to university where I studied pharmacy. I worked for two years in Dar es Salaam before I was accepted into an MBA program in Ohio. Life was challenging - it was very cold, the food was very different, and I missed home a lot.

There was a shortage of pharmacists, so I became licensed to practice in the US, moved to Virginia and took a job with Walgreens where I still work today. I'm married and we have a small boy that we are working hard to raise.

When I visit the village now, I see children with the same struggles I had growing up. When I was asked to be a PZ Board Member, I happily joined the effort to improve education in Nyamuswa. I pray every day that God will give us more encouragement to help people in Nyamuswa.

# The Next 10 Years!



2012 Board of Directors from left to right. Back row: Brian Singer, Dr. Fran Vavrus, Bette Merchant, Emma Kasiga, Dr. Ron Aminzade. Front row: Matthew Thomas, Shannon Skally, Josephat Mboyi, Karen Stupic. Not pictured: Louise Moretto.

Project Zawadi turned 10 last December. It is a good time to celebrate our accomplishments. When we first started, all the children Project Zawadi (PZ) sponsored were in primary school, young students starting out on their path in life. Over the years, we have had the privilege of watching hundreds of young children grow into young adults. Right now we are sponsoring students at every level of education, from First Grade through 3rd Year of University. They have accomplished so much! This summer we took time to reflect on our mission and goals and look forward to the next 10 years. Much has changed with our programming as PZ has grown and matured along with our students (see time line on reverse side).

In the past, PZ provided educational opportunities to students who would not have been able to attend school. We provided access to a basic education with the promise that we would support them for as far as their studies would take them with the end goal of attaining self-reliance. In truth, we now see simply providing access was not a true opportunity due to the poor learning environment at local schools.

We continue to wrestle with how to enhance our programming so that the opportunity provided by PZ sponsorship is a real one. We have found this means deepening our commitment to the community of Nyamuswa. This year we are providing a teacher training workshop for our Guardian Teachers and launching, with our partner Zinduka, a vocational school to provide high-quality education in the trades. We are also exploring opportunities to formally join forces with local schools and educators to improve the overall quality of education in the community.

It is fascinating to me to imagine that over the next 10 years young children will be maturing into young adults. Many will become teachers, carpenters and seamstresses. Some will become computer technicians, business people and nurses. And a few are likely to become doctors, principals and community leaders. All of these young adults will do so, in large part, due to the PZ support they receive. Not only will their individual lives be impacted, but also the lives of their family members and their entire community.



# EDUCATING CHILDREN **SELFRELIANCE**

Project Zawadi is Incorporated

Expansion of Arusha program

Nyamuswa Village sponsorship program initiated

Student counselors hired; two classrooms constructed

2004

2005

2006

2007



First sponsored students enter secondary school

First vocational graduate; girls dormitory constructed

Mugumu Village sponsorship program initiated; two classrooms and a teacher's residence constructed by the Sunshine Initiative

Two classrooms and an office constructed by the Building Hope Campaign













# Project Zawadi

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makes a long-term commitment to our students. We hope our donors will match our commitment in one of two ways: multi-year sponsorship of a student or annual donation to our general fund. If you choose to sponsor, we ask you to commit to supporting your student through multiple years of school, not just one. The cost to sponsor a student is just \$16.67 per month or \$200 per year. In photos and letters from your student, you will be able to see your support make real changes in his or her life. If sponsorship isn't right for you, consider making a one-time or recurring donation. Your support helps Project Zawadi continue to partner with all of our students in Tanzania, educating them for self-reliance. Donations of all sizes are needed and appreciated. Donations to Project Zawadi can be made by check, credit card, or online at www.ProjectZawadi.org. Thank you so much for your support. Project Zawadi is a nonprofit 501(c)3. organization. Donations are tax-deductable to the extent allowed by law.

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Income	
Board & Individuals	\$38,443
Foundations & Corporations	\$29,834
Pass-through (Quakers)	\$23,892
Sponsorship Donations	\$23,988
Total Income	\$116,157
Expenses	
Fundraising	\$2,660
Management & General	\$4,094
Program Expenses	\$85,238
Total Expenses	\$91,992
Surplus (deficit)	\$24,165

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