



# project **ZAWADI**

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**NURTURING AND EDUCATING TANZANIA'S GREATEST GIFT - ITS CHILDREN**

## fall 2002 **NEWSLETTER**

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### **FROM THE BOARD...**

This has been a great year as we made notable progress in our mission to provide care and education to orphaned and vulnerable children in Tanzania. We have sponsored 5 new children in boarding schools, contributed to the education of 18 more children through a village program, enhanced our website, and obtained 501 c (3) status from the IRS. As Board Members, we are dedicated to providing children the greatest possible benefit of every dollar donated. Proudly, 92% of all donations have directly benefited the children and, as a result, they have made great academic and personal strides. For this, we thank all our donors and volunteers. We could not achieve our mission without you, and our success and future growth depend on your support.



*Baraka, age 10, lost his parents and lives with relatives.*

### **18 NEW KIDS IN VILLAGE...**

Project Zawadi began supporting a new program this summer to help orphans in a remote village in Western Tanzania called Nyamuswa and improve the quality of education there. Working through Zinduka, a local organization, we provided 18 children with uniforms, shoes and school supplies. We are grateful to **Melissa Batson, Ginger Dail, Vickie Gaynor, Jennifer Jones** and **Annika Karlsson**, who have generously offered to sponsor and correspond with nine of these children. We are still looking for more sponsors and plan to expand this program in the near future so we can help even more children. Visit [www.projectzawadi.org](http://www.projectzawadi.org) for more information on how you can help.

**Donate Online Today!**  
[www.projectzawadi.org](http://www.projectzawadi.org)

### **\$10,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL...**

Project Zawadi is now halfway to meeting its fundraising goal of \$10,000 for 2002. We aim to meet this goal by **December 1, 2002 - World AIDS Day** since many of the children we support are AIDS orphans. Please spread the word about Project Zawadi; our goal of helping twice as many students in 2003 depends on increased funding.

### **NEWS FROM THE BOARDING SCHOOLS...**

When Project Zawadi was launched in December 2000, we enrolled just two students at Meru Peak Boarding School in Arusha, Tanzania. Today, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, there are now nine Project Zawadi students enrolled in three boarding schools. Three new students were placed at Fikiria Kwanza this year. These boys, sponsored by a group led by **Michelle Ahrenholtz**, are doing extremely well. In fact, a July 2002 visit found all of the children loving their new environments. We are thrilled with their progress and the great academic strides they are all making.



*Elibariki opens a letter from his sponsors.*



*Best friends, Ana & MaryMaria*

### **STUDENTS' CORNER...**

**Adam** - Just completed the national exams and is now preparing for high school. Writes, "Thank you very much for giving us education."  
**Mariam** - PZ's newest student, she recently wrote, "Thank you very much for giving me this gift." Mariam needs a sponsor.  
**MaryMaria** - Loves to sing and has been making great improvements in school. Sponsored by **Mike & Lea Bardash**.  
**Elibariki** - Writes hip hop songs in Swahili about children's rights. Loves his new school and has a very happy personality.  
**Thomas** - Recently jumped ahead one grade due to his great performance. One of the three sponsored by Michelle's group.  
**Ismael** - Loves soccer and music, improving in school work.