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NURTURING AND EDUCATING TANZANIA'S GREATEST GIFT - ITS CHILDREN

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ADDITIONAL UPDATES...

> PZ raised \$29,000 in 2003 - nearly three times the \$10,000 raised in 2002. Special thanks to the individual fund-raising initiatives organized by:

Michelle Ahrenholtz, Rita Battaglia, Jon Friedman, Katie Graham and Jenna Lange.

> PZ increased the number of sponsored students from 38 in 2003 to **103 students** as we entered 2004 due to the generosity of so many new PZ supporters.

> In collaboration with the local community organization **Zinduka**, PZ has hired two counselors to provide ongoing support to our growing number of students in Nyamuswa.

PZ STUDENT EARNS TOP HONORS

Dear Friends,

We have some wonderful news to share with you. One of the Project Zawadi students has done something truly amazing.

At the end of primary school, all students take a national exam that determines who is to attend government-funded high schools. Yunia Gervas knew that she would do well on the exam but with only 5% getting selected she could not be certain. So she asked us to consider sponsoring her to attend a private (and generally more expensive) high school if needed. Like the others, we gave her textbooks, uniforms, and school supplies and told her that if selected to attend government high school we would pay for everything needed to attend school. Otherwise, we could not promise to have enough money for private school.

Incredibly, she did something that we believe has never happened in the 30-year history of her primary school. She was selected to attend an elite school - one of the very best high schools in the entire country. Of the 4,000 students in her district to take the exam, only 4 were selected for such an honor. Yunia became an instant celebrity in her village of Nyamuswa and thanks to support from PZ she is in high school right now.

In her most recent letter to PZ donors, she says, *"I thank you so much for being my motivation and giving me the ability to succeed on the exam. When you gave me the books I worked my absolute hardest to understand them and I was happy because I had a new awakening... Congratulations on your gifts because I am certain that others will succeed also, because now I have become their example. They are happy and I am happy and I hope you, the donors, are happy also. So please continue with your helping heart."*

We knew that giving books and supplies to the students would make a huge impact, but these results have exceeded even our expectations.

As always, thank you for your support,

Brian Singer
President

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