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NEWSLETTER



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Help us raise \$60,000 to help the children of Kenya.

The Riordan Family Foundation has agreed to match all funds raised this year up to \$30,000. This is a powerful opportunity. Your cornerstone contribution of \$250 will be matched, so it will make double the impact on the lives of thousands of children.

In commemoration of your \$250 donation we would like to send you an Emerging Humanity t-shirt and bracelet so you can be an ambassador for Emerge in your own community.

Our next project cycle begins June 20. We are planning a number of larger construction projects such as toilets and rain-water catchment systems.

During this next project cycle we will begin building more toilets for our partner schools. Our dream is to lower the ratio of children per latrine to below 40:1. Currently, at a school like Migosi primary there are over 120 students for every one pit latrine.

Schools also suffer from a lack of water with which to clean the latrines. Our rain water catchment systems, which we built at two schools last year, have been very effective. This year we plan to increase the size of the catchment capacity at our partner schools in order to provide access to water for cleaning and drinking. Our goal is to make the systems large enough to provide 2 liters of water to each child daily, even if it does not rain for several days.

Next, students were so enthusiastic about the playgrounds we built last year that they wore out the metal chains on the swings. This year we are planning to repair these swings with a more durable design that includes ball bearings.

Finally, during the bureaucratic upheaval which followed the election riots in Kenya, two of the headteachers of our partner schools were transferred to different institutions. As a result, we have accepted a new partner school of roughly 1700 children in Kisumu, which is called Arya primary. Mark Ouma, the new headteacher of Arya and our old friend, has requested learning materials such as the colorful wooden flash cards which we made for Pandpieri last year. With this project our goal will be to increase the scale of our support by providing enough learning materials to instruct about 1,000 students.



Bustani youth-employment initiative finds its wings

10 young people have found full-time employment and housing at our Bustani farm on the outskirts of Kisumu. We now have 8 acres under cultivation, as well as a poultry house with over 400 birds. Several employees from last year have since moved off the farm and started their own enterprises. Emerging Humanity has helped them begin these enterprises by loaning them start-up capital.

During the election violence, the farm was able to serve as a haven for several youth who were victims of police brutality and tribal persecution. Several of those youth have since been given jobs at Bustani and are living at the residence facility which we built in Kibos.

James Oindo, our Country Director, says the rains have been good this year and everyone is expecting a good harvest this August. All the profits gained from the sale of the vegetables will be used to pay employees. Our goal for Bustani Farm is to employ 30 young people by 2010 and be a self-sustaining enterprise by 2012.

Later this year, we will begin an environmental re-generation project in the rural area surrounding Bustani farm. This project will fight desertification and hunger in the area by distributing compost and tree saplings to rural farmers so they can increase their crop yields.



Mark harvests Kale - a staple food that is grown at Bustani farm and sold to local mothers.

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Emerging Humanity is proud to be an institutional partner of the **4th World Youth Congress** which will be held this August in Quebec City. 600 of the world's leading social entrepreneurs will be attending the Congress, and Emerge representatives will be hosting workshops and exhibitions throughout the entire ten-day event. The event will also serve as a platform to announce our goal of helping 20,000 children by the year 2010.

The plan to help 20,000 children by 2010 will be unveiled in August. We are busy designing an application process to accept new partner schools, and we are creating a *project package* for those partner schools. The *project package* is a collection of small and large projects such as classrooms, toilets, school forests, and murals. Once completed these projects will create a holistic improvement of the learning environment at a coalition of schools that have a combined enrollment of 20,000 children.

To finance our ambitious goals, we are writing two large grant proposals - one for the future of our school projects, and one for the future of the Bustani youth-employment initiative. Once completed, we will announce these two documents at the World Youth Congress with the goal of attracting more partners who share our dream of creating an Emerging Humanity that provides brighter schools for children and better jobs for youth all across the world.

Is it safe to drink water with a small amount of asbestos in it?

We were worried that it would be unsafe for students to drink rain water which was harvested off of the roofing at our partner schools because the roofing contained asbestos. To research this dilemma we contacted a drinking water toxicologist at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) who said, "it is good that you are asking the question, but asbestos fibers in water is a rather small issue. It is only carcinogenic when inhaled, and rain-water harvested from the roofs will be relatively clean and stable."

We are now able to move ahead with our attempts to provide 2 liters of water for every child each day. The first of these drinking water systems will be completed by the end of this August. Meanwhile, we are learning about proper disposal methods from a Wisconsin-based asbestos removal company, so that we can dispose of any broken asbestos slabs properly.



A rain-water system installed by Emerge at Pandpieri primary.

Announcements

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Travel and Learn, Inc. is organizing a trip for 7 volunteers who want to travel to Kenya and work on Emerging Humanity projects from December 1st to the 12th of this year. Please visit their website to find out more details about the trip, and contact them if you would like to apply as a part of the team that will be going to Kenya.

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We have completely redesigned our website. Many thanks to Adam Hill and Anjali Puri for volunteering their time and energy for the past 6 months. The new site will be launched officially on July 1st. New features will include video updates from Kenya, as well as Paypal capability so that our supporters can donate with ease online. Visit the site frequently to see our newest projects as they happen!



Bart Abbott received a Waikiki Rotary t-shirt from club President Sara Tenney after speaking at their weekly meeting.

Bart's presentation at the Rotary was one of 7 different speaking engagements he gave for local Hawai'i groups during April and May. The presentations were aimed at forming relationships and raising funds for projects in Kenya; they gave a visual tour of our past accomplishments and outlined our future projects, as well as the funding that we will need to accomplish them.

While in Kenya this June, Bart is planning to meet with members of the Rotary Club of Kisumu with the hope of establishing a network of supporters for our future projects. He is also working on two long-term grant proposals which we will publish this August during the World Youth Congress.



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