

Nurturing Minds NEWS



**Change Our World,
Educate A Girl**
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Letter from Director


Dear Friend of Nurturing Minds,

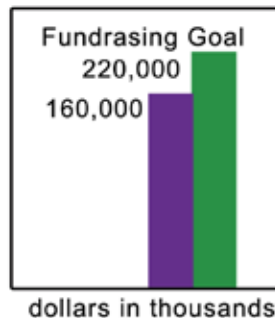
Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter! So much has happened in the past few months that we've barely had a chance to come up for air! We are so incredibly thankful to all of the people around the country who have donated time and money so that we could get to where we are today. In the past 12 months since receiving our 501c3, we have been able to raise over \$300,000 that has enabled us to acquire land for a school, drill for water, construct a foundation for a boarding school, and begin our day school program for 30 at-risk girls. We thank you for your generosity --- and faith that by working together, we can make positive changes in our world.

Warmest wishes,


Polly Dolan, director and founder

Construction Update

Thanks to the funds raised in 2008, Nurturing Minds will resume construction of the first multi-purpose building of the Segra Girls School! The foundation was completed last spring, and this month we will begin building the first structure which includes two classrooms, a dormitory for 24 girls, a teacher's office, matron's quarters and bathrooms. Our capital campaign efforts have raised \$160,000 towards the project with a goal of \$220,000 for 2009, allowing us to complete the first building in time for our girls to start secondary schooling in January 2010. 



NEW - Student Sponsorship Program

We are happy to introduce our new student sponsorship program which partners donors with individual girls in order to enable them to receive a year of secondary education. This is a terrific program for donors/families wanting contact with individual girls or groups/clubs that want to support a good cause together. Anyone interested in sponsoring a girl for a year of education, should contact Tracey Dolan at traceydolan@aol.com or (610) 639-1213. 

Type of Sponsor	Annual Donation	What Sponsorship Provides	What Donor Receives
Sponsor	\$720	Teachers, transportation, books, recreation equipment.	Quarterly correspondence / updates from student.
Tree of Knowledge Sponsor	\$2,500	Basic sponsorship + medical exams, hot meals, uniforms, and small investment in the development of the future school.	Quarterly correspondence with student, plus name added to "Tree of Knowledge" (a mural painted on a wall in new school).
Angel Sponsor	\$5,000	All of the above, plus significant investment in future of the Segra school through support of the Segra Residential Program.	Quarterly correspondence with student, plus name on plaque at entrance of new school.

Water Update



The Segha School has water!

We started drilling for water a few weeks ago and are happy to report that we have potable water at 87 meters! Thanks to all who donated towards this effort! 🌍

Kili Climb Fundraiser

Interested in climbing Kilimanjaro to benefit the Segha Girls School? Or if you aren't that physically inclined, would you be interested in supporting the cause? A Colorado based mother/son team are traveling to Tanzania this summer to raise funds for our program. The climb is August 1 – 5 with a 3 game park safari and school visit afterwards. For more information on this laudable effort, log onto www.ingageinc.com/about-us/passion-for-a-cause or contact Karen Davis directly at: karen@ingageinc.com. 🌍

New Grants Received!

Special thanks to The Ripple Effect Foundation for its pledge of \$30,000 and Kennett Monthly Friends Meeting for \$2471 to support our newly implemented Gardens for Life Program. 🌍

Day Program Update

In July 2008 we opened a day program in a borrowed classroom in the nearby town of Morogoro for girls aged 12-16 who had formerly dropped out of school. Thanks to you, 30 teenage girls in desperate circumstances are now on their way to completing primary education (through 7th grade) and will be ready to attend our secondary school once it's opened in January 2010. What makes our program special? Transportation to and from school; hot meals; small class size; and psycho/social support for those in need. 🌍



Student Spotlight: Pili Ibrahim



My name is Pili Ibrahim, I come from Mbeya. I was living with my father and my step mother. My father is a mason and my step-mother is a house wife. I am the only child in my family. I stopped school in 2005 because of pregnancy and death of my father. I was chased from home and school. I had to look for the person who was responsible for my pregnancy, but he refused the pregnancy. I had nowhere to go. A Good Samaritan took me and I lived with her. After nine months my grandmother came and took me. I didn't know how they knew where I was staying. I gave birth in February 2007. I stayed for one month and I started doing domestic work (being a maid) for a long period of time. One day my neighbor told me about SEGHA, she directed me to the chairman and he gave me application form. Since I've joined SEGHA, my dream is to study hard and be a doctor. I like to study hard in order to end poverty and have better life in the future. 🌍

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