



Summary of Accomplishments 2017

100% Pass Rate for All Standard 7 Students Sitting for National Exams in 2017

Congratulations to Mr. Angweni D. Lang'o, the teachers and the students of Matim Primary School. All Matim students sitting for the national standardized exams for Standard 7 – approximately, 7th grade – passed. This is an outstanding accomplishment. We are deeply grateful for the dedicated teachers who supported these students, and to AIFA donors, Maasai Wanderings, and other NGOs and friends of Matim around the world who helped facilitate their success through a daily student lunch program and the introduction of computers into curricula, among other contributions.

School Lunch Programs at Matim and Olkokola Primary Schools

AIFA began the school lunch program at Matim in 2013 feeding 150 kindergarteners. Since 2014, we have been able to provide a hot corn porridge – uji – lunch to all 1055 students at Matim five days a week. As students cannot learn when hungry, the lunch program contributes to both physical health and educational success. This year, through a very generous donor family, AIFA was able to add lunch two days per week at another Maasai school, Olkokola, in Lemanyata Valley. When the program started in January there were 735 students; by the end of the year, enrollment jumped to 917 students! Mr. Lukumay, Headmaster, attributes the increased enrollment to the school lunch program. He also reports increased daily attendance and overall academic scores.

Matim PS Library

Books teach; they inspire; and they connect humans across space and time. Having a dedicated library has been a dream for a great number of years. And, as Mr. Lang'o says, "If you have money for just one brick, then buy it and get started." Mr. Lang'o himself laid that first brick by providing an out-of-use classroom as space for the library. The second, and many subsequent, bricks were laid by AIFA donors, whose contributions refurbished the room and populated the shelves with books for all ages, in both English and Swahili. AIFA also pays a part time librarian to help students before and after school, and students may also access the library throughout the school day. Meanwhile, growing enrollment requires that the library revert back to a classroom. We are excited to share that generous contributions from an AIFA donor will enable us to build a dedicated library in a separate building in 2018.

2017 Service Trips: January 16-February 3 and September 11-22