



## 2015 Accomplishments Summary

We couldn't wait to get this out to you. 2015 was another amazing year for A is for Africa—one made possible with your continued support and enthusiasm for directly assisting the Maasai children of Lemanyata Valley, Arusha, Tanzania in receiving the highest quality education possible. Here's a brief summary of the impact our work.

**A safe, secure and reliable source of water...**Through the leadership of Mr. Angweni Lango, Headmaster, Matim Primary School, the work of many community members, a strong partnership with Maasai Wanderings, and the financial donations of Friends of AIFA, **the Lemanyata community has a safe, secure and dependable water source.** In celebration, we'll say it again. The Lemanyata community has WATER! Woohoo! The importance and positive ripple effect of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. 2015 will be forever remembered within Lemanyata as the year the hour-long round-trip walk and hours waiting in line at the next nearest well ended. Truly, the well project has been a labor of love. The older students have been assisting the workers with digging waterline trenches from the well to the school. In addition to making the school lunch program sustainable during the dry season, now all families in the surrounding area will now have a reliable source of clean, fresh water for cooking, personal hygiene and other domestic needs.

**Matim Primary School Students Soar Again...**Matim Students outperformed previous National Standard 7 Examination results for the second consecutive year. The 2015 results provided by the Ministry of Education report that Matim is ranked *1,630 out of 16,095 primary schools in Tanzania*. Last year, Matim was ranked 3,230. They are now ranked 29th out of 110 primary schools in the District. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for the students, teachers and Headmaster! Excellence in a quality education has been a central mission of *A is for Africa* since our creation in 2007-2008.

**A Community Library...**Preliminary but critical steps were taken to establish a community library at Matim PS. A large number of books donated by St. James Episcopal Church and Mount Airy Middle School have been transported via our checked baggage already to Matim. An old classroom is being refurbished with paint and new floors as we write this note. A new desk and chairs as well as a storage cabinet are already in place. More desks, chairs, shelving and a computer area will be coming in 2016. A fully functioning library is a centerpiece of our 2016 plan.

In addition, we want you to know that your support continues many important, on-going activities: daily lunch for 900+ children, salary support for two kindergarten (nursery school) teachers, school supplies in the way of pens, pencils, exercise books, computer lab support including room refurbishing and more computers, Teacher of the Month awards, and the teacher lunch program.