



## **Mission Statement:**

Project Kesho is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the tomorrows of East African communities through the education of today's children. We are committed to ensuring that all East African children have access to a high quality education in order to successfully achieve their future goals.

## **History:**

Project Kesho was founded by husband and wife, Ian and Cathi Barnes, along with Ian's brother, Elliot Barnes. The three shared a concern about the future of Africa and sought to create an organization focused on improving the future for the children they met during their travels in East Africa. Believing that education has the power to change people and communities, they chose to focus the efforts of Project Kesho on improving access, quality and outcomes in East African education. The organization became a federally registered 501(c)3 in 2006 and is a registered corporation in the state of Washington.

## **Where We Work:**

Project Kesho's mission is to support education in East Africa, which include Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya. We have focused our main efforts in programming in two main areas. One area is near the town of Iringa, Tanzania and includes the Lundamatwe and Ulonge communities. The town is located along the Tanzam Highway, which stretches from the capital city of Dar es Salaam, along the coast of the Indian Ocean, and all the way through Tanzania to the country of Zambia. Our primary relationships in these villages are in connection with the local primary schools. The second area is located in Mityana, Uganda, which is approximately one hour west of Kampala. We have developed relationships with community members at a primary school and orphanage, Little Angels, and a secondary school, Mityana College, Kikumbi.





## How We Help:

Project Kesho is committed to ensuring that all East African children have access to a high quality education to successfully achieve their future goals.

We support education for East Africa in the following ways:

- Increasing **access** to learning opportunities
  - Sponsoring orphans and children living in poverty to attend school
  - Constructing schools and classrooms in villages
  - Supporting community health and development projects to reduce illness and disease
  
- Improving the **quality** of educational experiences
  - Providing basic educational supplies (pens, paper, pencils and books)
  - Supporting teachers to improve instruction through team teaching and workshops
  - Reducing class size through school construction projects
  - Revitalizing existing schools by making repairs to classrooms and buildings
  
- Supporting future **success** for children and families
  - Providing educational opportunities for parents and community members
  - Addressing community health needs such as clean water and medical care access
  - Helping children and families utilize their education to secure jobs and a livelihood



## Fast Facts about our 2007 Projects:

- Sponsored 37 East African students to attend secondary school for the 2008 school year
- Distributed needed school supplies to over 1,600 East African primary school students
- Distributed 100 pairs of shoes to the Lundamatwe orphan population
- Constructed sanitary bathroom facilities for schools in both Tanzania and Uganda



- Built and furnished a brand new classroom for the Ulonge Primary School in Tanzania
- Logged over 200 hours of time teaching English to children during the summer of 2007
- Revitalized existing classrooms at the Lundamatwe Primary School, the Ulonge Primary School and the Little Angels Primary School by painting walls, repairing desks and adding chalkboards
- Provided vital medicines and first aid equipment for a Tanzanian village clinic
- Provided needed bedding and food supplies for an Ugandan village orphanage



### **Some of Project Kesho's Goals for 2008:**

- Secure clean water for the communities we work with to reduce waterborne illness and death rates
- Complete school construction projects at the Lundamatwe Primary School and the Ulonge Primary School and begin school construction in Uganda (6-8 classrooms total)
- Improve Lundamatwe medical clinic facility and provide needed supplies
- Continue secondary school sponsorship program and expand to a new student group (75-100 students total)
- Continue the Lundamatwe Primary School revitalization with repairs on windows, roof and desks in existing classrooms
- Begin partnerships with existing organizations to provide community libraries, adult learning opportunities and/or health education

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