



THE MESERANI PROJECT  
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## Letters from Tanzania

### Extracts from some of the letters that the young people from Meserani have sent to their sponsors

The following are extracts from letters that the pupils have written to their sponsors. The letters are poignant and give an insight in to their day to day lives. Many of the sponsored pupils are orphans, victims from malaria or HIV/AIDS. They are grateful for the opportunity that they have been given to attend school, their sponsors have given them hope, and the knowledge that someone, somewhere cares for them. Many look upon their sponsors as their new 'mum and dad', their new parents. They have dreams of a bright future, of having a career and of having enough money to help their family and friends out of poverty.

In their letters they never ask for anything...

#### Stela Michael



*My father is a farmer and my mother is jobless, my tribe is Maasai. In my daily life I was asking god every day to help me achieve my goal...because my vision is to become a pilot. It was very difficult... but I think god heard my voice. Thank you for agreeing to support me in my studies. With your help I promise that I will study hard. It was like a dream to be sponsored by somebody. I love you all because you are very important people in my life.*

#### Lelo Prosper Lewon

*You are my mum and dad. I beg you please love me as your children because I have no peace on this earth... God bless you because without you I will fail to continue with my education. Thanks for continuing to remember me, because you remove me from difficult conditions without you I can't get to school. I thank you for the good gift which you sent me which is a very good radio... it helps me to hear news and different information about the world. This really helps me during the night when the electricity is cut off.*



#### Lembris Loisulie



*I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for me. You have always been kind and generous dad and mum to me. I have nothing to give you but I always pray to god for you. I would like to say thank you for your most recent gift that is a wind up lantern. Now I don't have a problem studying on a night.*

#### Naurey Levaani

*I say thank you for your sponsorship. If you did not come to help me I do not know where I would be now...I am so happy I do not know how to thank you...*



### Leah Lucas



*I would like to say thank you for the kindness you have shown me, I pray to god to keep you and your family safe.  
I have nothing to give you, but this letter...  
It is unexplained joy to know that among the great numbers of Maasai girls who are suffering from various problems including not been given the chance of education that I am released.*

### Meporoo Sumu

*I can say that Diane and Peter have a good moral and they love us as their children because they come with gifts like clothes, exercise books, pens, balls, watches, maize and oil from you.  
Thank you for that.*



*It is true that my life is hard mum, but I work hard for you at school...*

*I would like to say thanks to you for your lantern and good radio which I can use for reading at night and listen BBC World news...I study before going to bed by using the kerosene lamp but now I use the good lantern which you have sent me with a nice radio.*

*I would like to say thank you very much for helping me because what I have and what I know about education is because of you. May God bless you my dream is I want to come to the UK to visit you if that is possible.*

### Lomnyaki Babu



*My family is poor...my father has died and there is no person to support the family. The house we live in is bad, it is made of grass...we sleep on the ground and it is very cold.*

### Maria Ngimasirwa

*I pray to god to give me strength and ability in my education and in my life. Life is difficult but god helps.*

*My mother, sister and brother are very happy when I tell them you are returning again to Tanzania. They pray to god to get you everything you need. They pray to god to get enough money for you to continue sponsoring me.*



*The Maasai are the low employed because they cannot get education. Maasai become poor because they depend on livestock and agriculture and when the rain fall is unreliable the livestock die because of lack of water and the Maasai become poorer...*

### Lucas Isaya



*I don't think I am an orphan. I feel that I still have my parents because you are the one who makes me feel that. You have taken my parents part and that is why I bring my thanks to you. I pray for you to god for all the things that you are doing for me...*

### Saningo Loisule

*My name is Saningo...I would like to thank your class for your kindness which you show for me. I would like to thank your class who co-operated together to contribute their money in order to empower me to go further with my education...I have nothing to give you...God will give you God bless all of you.*



*Mountains will never meet but people will meet.*

### Tumaini Mengoriki



*I was very glad to hear that you are well and that without your sponsorship I couldn't be here at school...this year we have a very dry spring so the farmers believe the grain harvest will be poor...*

*I love my teachers because they teach me in a good way... I want to say thank you for the gift of books which you gave*

*Moita Boys Secondary School...*

### Raphaeli Lesilale

*I haven't any parents... they have died from malaria. My mother died in January 2005 and my father died in December 2005. Now I am living with my sister in Meserani village...*



### Lootha Silamoi



*I reported to school on 12 January 2011. I am very happy at school because the teachers and students at Moita are very good.*

### Elias Raphaeli

*I am living with both of my parents...my father is blind and my mother has no job which can assist in education. So generally we are facing a lot of difficulties more especially in education. The aim of this letter is to thank you a lot for helping me in education because without your help I could not even begin to think of going to school. I have nothing to return to you but god will pay you for your good heart of helping children like me who are facing difficulties in their lives.*



*In the summer Peter and Diane are giving us all a lantern so it helps us to study in the dark when the electricity is not around.*

*In Tanzania the children die from poverty only so I try to study very well in order to help my family.*



### Helen Sangan



*I was born in a poor family...my parents do not have the ability to help us to get the basic needs like education, food, clothes...*

### Winnie Michael



*I thank you my sponsors because I face many problems and obstacles in my daily life and studies. My father has died and my mother is a widow. Thank you for helping me and relieving me of these problems because without you I would not be accepted to study or continue with secondary education...*

### Agness Samwel



*I appreciate your kindness and everything you have done for me...you are like a guardian to me...I miss you and Peter. My future plan is that I want to be a police woman. My dream one day is to come to England.*

### Theresia William



*I don't have anything to pay or give you for your kindness. But I will pray to our heavenly father to keep you safe today, tomorrow and forever and ever...and may he open all doors of blessing to you my sponsors. Never give up on helping me...*

### Jesca Leskar



*I was born into a poor family When we are at primary school it was very difficult for us to get clothes, exercise books and other important things. My parents were very happy when they hear that I get sponsorship and I am very happy too. Thank you for pens, shorts, sweaters, exercise books, pictures and pads...*

### Nabulu Ngariavusi



*My father has died in 2005. My father was a farmer but my mothers' occupation is to only care for the family, she has nothing to do...and that leads to a difficult life. Thanks for helping me and may god bless you for what you have done for me. This school has no light, there is no electricity. If you don't have a torch you cannot study...*

### Fatuma Omari



*My father died in 2001 and my family is poor. My mother did not have a job. She is not employed which means she has no income and means we only eat one meal per day...education is the key to life. I promise that I shall use this chance effectively.*

### Christopher Medutieki

*I'm happy because of your aid and appreciate it very much. I promise to work hard and not to let you down.*



### John Sanare



*When I failed in my secondary school exams I knew it was the end of my life. But you still love me and care for me. I thank you very much. Now through college I will try my best. I know you have spent a lot of money. I have talked with Peter and Diane and they encourage me concerning this college so now I am very happy.*

*"We are together to win this race."*

### Pendael Emanuel

*My mamy passes away when I was just 5 years old. Since she passed away my grandmother started to take care of me until now, my father is a farmer and he can't manage to pay for my school fees and even other important needs that a child must get...My life is difficult due to poverty...*



### Dada Nemande



*All in my family are married except me and my sister Rose. I work hard in my education because education is the key of life. I want to work hard because in our family there is no one getting secondary education. I am the first member of my family to get secondary education.*

### Elizabeth Medutieki

*I am honoured to have the chance to write to you I am happy to have the opportunity to be part of the Meserani project to pay for me to go to school.*



### Margreth Parsalau



*The aim of this letter is to say thank you. In January I go to school and I am smart because Mr Peter has bought school uniforms for me. I am very happy because I was like other students at school who have parents. I have got school uniform such as skirt, shirt, shoes and sweater. My mother was very happy because she was thinking where will she the find money to buy a uniform for me...*

### Korduni Kipara

*The water tanks that you bought help us in a different way. This water tank stopped the students going away to find water...*



## Gideon Rosiyo



*Myself I like to study very hard in order to improve the life of our family...Why... because I dislike poverty in my family...*

*I am sure that without your sponsorship I would be a street child...when my father died, he did not leave any property or inheritance to me because I was still too young...so now I live through your sponsorship. When I think of the problems which face me, I cry.*

*Without education my life would be nothing...education is my key to life.*

*I want to tell you when I complete my studies I will help others as you have helped me...without your help I would have remained at home...because our family is very poor.*

*My mother is retired now. She can't find food and is resting. Some days we miss food...*

*In our tribe advice is better than money...thank you that is enough for me.*

*Things that are good in my life is the good education which I get from you Hilda, nothing else. My ambition is to be successful, it's my happiness. Things which are not good in my life is the poverty, that is why I am working at my best level to work hard to eradicate it.*

*"Different eggs are looking the same. But they do not belong to the same bird."*

*Means. That I don't know you but you help me more than those I know.*

*Peter and Diane are not my sponsors but they help me like my sponsors...they advise me about my studies and I receive information from them. I share a drink of soda, barbecue etc. with them. I love them so much. If Africa belonged to me I would give them a piece of land.*

*Talk with God when you need company  
Talk to him when you feel alone  
Trust him when you are in doubt  
Think of him when you need a true friend  
May god protect you on your journey*

**Jackson is extremely poor, he lives in a boma with a thatched roof that leaks when it rains. He has no bed and sleeps on the earthen floor. Hilda has offered to pay for a new house with a corrugated roof. This is Jackson's response to Hilda:**

*Thank you very much Hilda. But I would like to tell you that I haven't a house but I would like to advise you, don't lose your money, because you have given me more than the house, also you are so tired at 86, I like a good house but not from you again, you have already helped me, this is enough. If the African continent belonged to me, I would give it all to you.*

## Jackson Sanare

