

THE MESERANI PROJECT

EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF MESERANI, TANZANIA.

Inspired by the pupils, staff and parents of
Acklam Grange School, Middlesbrough, England.

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Thank you for taking an interest in sponsoring a pupil to be educated in Tanzania through the Meserani Project. The details that you may wish to know now are given below.

The Meserani Project is registered as an official charity with the Charity Commission, but we have always taken pride in the fact that there are no administration costs or any other costs taken out of any money that is raised or donated - all our personal costs come out of our own pocket - every single penny that is given to the project goes directly to the young people of Meserani, Tanzania.

Further education and higher education in Tanzania has to be paid for in full, along with all other associated costs. Due to the remoteness and poverty of the Meserani District, young people in this area who are successful at secondary school and are selected for further education, are not able to progress because of the costs. The Meserani Project is facilitating the sponsorship of students from the Meserani District who achieve a place at high school, college or university. There are two options for potential sponsors:

1. You can sponsor a student to study A' Levels for two years at a high school (these are students who have achieved the necessary pass marks in their final examinations at secondary school). If you sponsor a student to attend one of these schools, not only will you be providing them with their two years of further education, but you will also be providing them with accommodation, food, transport costs, text books, paper, writing equipment, scientific calculator, subject specific equipment, personal clothing and uniform, footwear, sports kit, a metal security box, a mattress, blanket & bedsheets, a mosquito net,

- The cost to fund a student through two years of further education is £320 a year (£640 for the full two years) - equating to £6.14 for each week of the year – less than two pints of beer or a decent bottle of wine each week!

2. You can sponsor a student to study a three-year degree course at university (these are students who have achieved the necessary pass marks in their A' Level examinations). Universities are residential, so you will be providing them with the same resources as those being sponsored through A' Levels. Students at universities also require substantial extra resources such as laptops and subject specialist equipment.

- Many of our university sponsors 'share' the sponsorship, in which case the cost is £320 a year for three years - equating to £6.14 for each week of the year – less than two pints of beer or a decent bottle of wine each week!
For those who wish to be the sole sponsor, the cost to fund a student through three years of university is £640 a year - equating to £8.28 for each week of the year – less than four pints of beer or a couple of decent bottles of wine each week!

Selecting Pupils: The students who are selected to be sponsored are originally identified by a committee of people who work voluntarily on our behalf in Tanzania, (teachers, village elders and community leaders.). The criteria is that the personal circumstances of the students are such that they simply would not be able to afford to go to further or higher education, and would be left with no future once they had finished secondary school or A' Level studies – many of the pupils selected have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS or malaria. The pupils identified by the committee must be good attenders, be personally motivated, and have achieved the necessary pass marks in their final year at secondary school or A' Level studies. Once a number of pupils have been identified by the committee, we will make a final decision on who should be sponsored dependent on the number of sponsors that we have. A' Level studies begin in July, and university courses begin in October.

If you do wish to go ahead and sponsor a student through their two years of further education or three years at university, please let us know. There are currently 53 young people being sponsored through further and higher education, all by individual people, families or groups who have become aware of the project and what it does. The young people who are being sponsored love to know everything about their sponsors, so we do ask sponsors to provide us with photos and letters about themselves, which we take over with us when we go to Tanzania. We visit Meserani at least twice each year to monitor the progress and attendance of everyone, and we bring you back details of their progress when available. We keep in touch with students throughout the year, and we also have a contact in Meserani who acts as a link between us, teachers, and everyone being sponsored.

Anyway, a bit long-winded, but at least you have the full picture. If there is anything further that you wish to know please visit our website: www.meseraniproject.co.uk or do not hesitate to contact us at: meserani@hotmail.co.uk

From Lelo to his sponsor, Ruth:
"You are my mum and my dad. I beg you please love me as you love your children because I have not peace in this earth .. God bless you because without you I will fail to continue with my studies."

(Lelo is now a carpenter in Dar Es Salaam.)



From Ngivuyoni to her sponsors, Colin & Amanda: *".. thanks for all your help .. which was like a dream for me to continue with further studying .. I am very sad to tell you that my mother died with AIDS and I am born with it too .. Don't worry because I'm using my medicine . I have a lot of hope to live longer because I have the new parents."*

(Ngivuyoni sadly lost her battle with AIDS, and has passed away.)



From Leah to her sponsor Sarah: *"It is unexplained joy to know that among the great number of Maasai girls who are suffering from various problems including not given a chance of education, I am released. Thank you, and surely God will always keep blessing you day after day."*

(Leah is now a teacher at Kisongo, Arusha.)

