



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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The Meserani Project is a unique 'home-grown' charity with a primary focus on providing secondary, further and higher education for young people in an area of East Africa where secondary and further education are not accessible to them due to poverty and family circumstances. We are a relatively small-scale project, but we currently support 174 young people from the Meserani region of Tanzania - 102 pupils are attending one of three secondary schools that we have links with, six students are at Arusha Vocational Training Centre, twenty are studying A' Levels at High School, seven students are studying Diplomas at university & college and four students are studying degree courses at university. We also have two students who are applying to Arusha Vocational Training Centre, and thirty-three students who have just completed secondary school and are waiting for the national examination results.

Further to ensuring that these young people have an education, we have also built and furnished twelve classrooms in three primary schools, provided twenty-four water tanks to four schools, installed solar power in a girls' boarding school and renovated the teachers' homes in a primary school.

The project has evolved from these successes, and now has five current strands:

- Providing basic writing equipment, exercise books and text books for four primary schools at Meserani: Meserani Juu School, Meserani Chini School, Lesiraa School and Losingira School.
- Sponsoring an increased number of pupils to attend Moita Boys Secondary Boarding School and Kipok Girls Secondary Boarding School.
- Sponsoring an increased number of students to go through further education, ranging from Vocational Courses right through to A' Level studies.
- Sponsoring an increased number of students to go through higher education, ranging from Diploma Courses right through to University degrees.
- Supporting the provision of basic classroom and dormitory accommodation at Kipok Girls Secondary Boarding School.
- Supporting St. Secilia School, which is in Kibera, Nairobi, the second largest slum area in the world.

Through engaging with the schools and communities identified above, the project aims to:

- Provide the young people with a decent education, thereby giving them an actual chance to make progress in their lives.
- Developing the independence necessary to escape poverty.
- Give the young people actual hope, and ambition.
- Give local communities and families pride in the achievements of their children.

Because the project is run at their own expense by a group of six trustees from Teesside, and there are no administrative costs, every penny that is raised is spent directly on the project in Tanzania and Kenya – nothing at all is syphoned off as necessary expenses.

From this (2004):



LESIRAA SCHOOL

To this (2007):



From this (2007):



MESERANI JUU SCHOOL

To this (2009):



From this (2011):



MESERANI CHINI SCHOOL

To this (2013):



In Tanzania, the vast majority school age children do not complete their secondary education – this is because they have to pay. To send a pupil from Meserani to one of our secondary Boarding Schools currently costs £160 a year (44p a day). The eighty-six fortunate youngsters below are just some of those currently being sponsored by the Meserani Project.



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