



Dear Friend of Tanzania:

Thank you for your kind support, which has enabled volunteers with the Karimu International Help Foundation to complete a successful visit to the East African nation of Tanzania for the third summer in a row.

The twenty-seven volunteers of 2008 and last year's thirty-one volunteers focused on renovating and expanding Ufani Primary School, which serves a tiny, remote village called Bacho. Working alongside the villagers and local builders, Karimu's volunteers helped complete six classrooms, two shared teachers' offices, and a principal's office. Ufani School was crumbling and barely usable when Karimu's founders first saw it three summers ago. By last September, however, pride in the school's new appearance—and an outstanding faculty for which Karimu can take no credit—helped motivate Ufani graduates to achieve the highest secondary school entrance-exam scores out of one hundred fifty primary schools in their district.



Ufani Primary School is the pride of Bacho.

This summer twenty-nine Karimu volunteers between the ages of fourteen and sixty-nine visited Bacho. After their overwhelmingly joyful and generous welcome—we should all experience an African welcome at least once before we die—the volunteers took part in building two more Ufani classrooms and also lent a hand at nearby Ayalagaya Secondary School, where Karimu is funding construction of living quarters for two teachers. Karimu had already done the same at Ufani because lack of decent housing drives many Tanzanian teachers out of remote villages toward the larger towns and cities. But villages stand a good chance of

keeping qualified teachers for whom they can provide modest apartments with running water, flush toilets, showers—and perhaps even solar panels, which Karimu hopes to begin adding to all teachers' apartments at both Ufani and Ayalagaya.

Yet Karimu's volunteers did far more than build on the trip which ended August 18. They helped arrange distribution of six hundred forty mosquito nets and delivery of ten thousand dollars' worth of medicines to the local health clinic. They brought a microscope for the clinic, which means that its very able and perpetually cheerful doctor, Sadock Wilson Bilama, will have use of the only microscope owned by any of the forty-nine rural clinics in the sprawling Babati District. They educated the Ufani students about the importance of handwashing and they taught Ufani teachers how to use the first-aid kits which Karimu brought.



A photo op with community leaders—and then back to working on the windows!



To the obvious delight of some twenty village women, the volunteers demonstrated use of the Stovetec “rocket stove,”

designed by the engineers of Aprovecho Research Center in Cottage Grove, Oregon, to minimize use of firewood and emission of lung-damaging smoke while cooking. (Karimu may also have found a donor of some stoves.) And the volunteers tested Bacho’s four sources of water with a view to figuring out how to clean it up. Meanwhile, the villagers will benefit from the volunteers’ lessons about the importance of boiling drinking water and about solar pasteurization.

Thank you again for your support. Karimu urges you to think about coming along on the summer 2011 trip, when the volunteers will do more building as well as deepen and broaden their healthcare projects.

But Karimu trips always involve much more than work. If you come along, you can expect to cook, sing, and dance with the villagers. Then, after leaving Bacho, you will enjoy three days of safari—although nobody can promise that you will see, as this summer’s volunteers did, a lion chasing, killing, and eating a zebra just a few yards beyond the safety of their four-by-fours!



Villagers and volunteers dance, play, and work together.



Less than a year to go until we meet again.

If you have an interest in joining Karimu’s summer 2011 trip, please e-mail Don Stoll (darulegbk@gmail.com) or Marianne Kent-Stoll (kentstoll.marianne@gmail.com) or phone them at home (831-336-2715).

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 19, at 244 Ocean View Avenue in Santa Cruz, we will hold an information night about our summer 2011 trip.

A showing of the award-winning film about Karimu’s work, “Until We Meet Again,” will highlight the evening.

Asante sana (“Thank you” in Swahili) from the Board of the Karimu International Help Foundation: Lorraine Flores, Joas Kahembe, Marianne Kent-Stoll, Don Stoll.