

Asante! (Thank you!)

We at Karimu are profoundly grateful to all of our volunteers and donors for giving so generously of your talents and your money to the remote Tanzanian village of Dareda. Thanks to you, the Karimu volunteer trip this past June and July was a stunning success. With your help, Tanzanian builders have finished construction of a maternity ward for mothers and babies, who will now have access to modern health care to assure safe deliveries.

This upcoming year we will expand the new maternity ward so that it can keep pace with the Dareda region's mushrooming population.

During our recent visit, Karimu's founders and volunteers had the pleasure of seeing the completed water project at Bacho Primary School. The Bacho Primary teachers told us that "The children no longer get sick" because they now have abundant clean water—

enabling the teachers and children to plant ten thriving acres of maize, vegetables, and banana trees, something Karimu had never expected. In addition, taps along the pipeline that brings the water down from the Rift Valley escarpment looming overhead provide access to water for many of the village homes.

Because Karimu regards it as a tragedy when people have no access to life's most basic need, this year we are determined to help the residents of Gadgel. This village, which is adjacent to Dareda, has only one well that must be tapped by a single, outdated, rapidly failing hand pump.

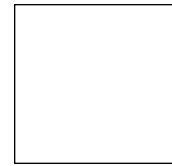


New maternity ward (left); old maternity room (below)



Completed Water Project, Bacho Primary School (above); Gadgel water pump in need of repair (right); Gadgel children carrying water to school (far right)





Despite Gadgel's struggle to access water, the future of the Dareda region looks promising, thanks not only to the Karimu volunteers and donors, but to the commitment of its people to the creation of a better future. Karimu accomplishes as much as it does because of its steadily deepening friendships with the people of the region. We believe those people understand—far more clearly than any outsiders could—their own needs and what they must do to improve the lives of the coming generations, so we strive to honor their understanding by funding only projects of their choosing.

Karimu benefits as well from deepening relationships and newfound friends here in the U.S. We are grateful for the continued commitment from Quantaphy, a business based in Santa Cruz, California. Owners Ken Terry and Deborah Burns-Walton continue to offer matching grants to Karimu because they appreciate knowing that all their funds go directly to the community of Dareda. We are also extremely thankful to Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, which has been enormously generous in helping us reach our goals to complete major construction projects.



Nelson and Claudia with Bacho Primary School teachers (left); traditional dancers thank Karimu volunteers (below)



Volunteers Ayana and Janice take a break to play with children (above); volunteers and local workers on Day 1 of the project (right)



Finally, we are excited about our new friendship with Nelson Mattos and his wife, Claudia. When Nelson and Claudia visited Bacho Primary School, the water project (and the students' excellent results on the exam to qualify for secondary school) thrilled them. They were shocked by the condition of the classrooms, however, so they have taken it upon themselves to raise funds specifically for the school's complete renovation.