

Dear donors and supporters,

I am so excited with the fresh news from Tanzania that Dareda Kati Primary School in Ayalagaya won 3rd place in the *national* competition for the cleanest school in the country, among 18,200 schools!!!!



This is an incredible accomplishment for Samwel (the head of the school), his fellow teachers, and students. When I visited his school in August, I was blown away by what I saw. I had never (ever!) visited a school as clean as this one anywhere in the world! As I described in my newsletter following my visit, students take their shoes off and put on flip-flops to go in the bathroom in order to keep the floor pristinely clean. Classrooms and all walk ways are washed daily. Soap and hand washing facilities are every where. And all students wash their hands before coming into class without being asked to do so!



This recognition is the best demonstration that you can change behavior and that the many years Karimu worked with the whole community on hygiene, cleanliness, hand washing, maintenance of the buildings, etc. have really paid off. I am SOOOOOOO proud of our work and grateful for the opportunity to be driving some of it.

I surely could not have asked for a better Christmas present. Thank you, Dareda Kati.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Nelson Mattos Karimu, Chief Operating Officer



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