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Dear Friend of Karimu,

We just received news from Tanzania that ***ALL*** 111 students from our Ayalagaya Secondary School passed the National Exam and will be allowed to continue their studies into high school AND college. Our school now rates 7th in the whole state!

This is a historical achievement - an extremely rare event for a school in Tanzania that was accomplished for the first time in our area. We have been working to get here for over 12 years and many, many Karimu volunteers and supporters have contributed to this success. However, the biggest effort clearly came from

- the students who left their homes to live in the school for 10 months, sleeping on the hard concrete floor to be able to study harder,
- the families who supported their kids stay in the school, losing a much needed extra hand,
- the teachers for dedicating so much of their time for the kids education, and
- the broad community who have partially funded all Karimu projects in the school.

Two months ago were ***ALL*** 22 students of Bacho Primary School who also passed the National Exam and will go to secondary school. Another big accomplishment! Haysam Primary School achieved a 94% pass rate. Dareka Kati Primary saw a 20 point improvement in overall pass rate. And girls across the board increased their overall pass rate by 13 percentage points!

We are very happy with our success metrics across all schools in Ayalagaya. Since we started:

- School enrollment is up 30%
- School attendance rose significantly, averaging 88% for boys, 91% for girls
- Girls attending secondary school grew from 50% to 60%
- Girls passing the secondary school national exams grew from significantly lagging boys to having surpassed them.

I hope you feel as proud as the Ayalagaya community does.

Thank you VERY much for your support. Asante sana kwa msaada wako.

Nelson Mattos
Karimu, Chief Operating Officer

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