

We broke ground to rebuild the Bacho School in Tanzania

Dear Bacho School Donor,

First of all, if you don't want to continue to receive our updates, please let me know and I will remove you from my distribution list.

Claudia and I (as well as Don and Marianne - the founders of the NGO, called Karimu, with which we are closely working) are excited to inform you that we broke ground to rebuild the Bacho School in Tanzania. The local community completed its fundraising and started the foundation work for the first block of classrooms. As we mentioned in previous emails, all projects from Karimu are done following a tight partnership between Karimu, the local community, and the government. In our case, the local community is responsible for paying the gravel and bricks, for clearing the land and, for constructing the foundation on their own. Karimu (actually, your donations) will fund the remaining work through hired workers and will send volunteers in mid-June who (like the local community) will be responsible for some phase of the project. The government will come in at the end, paying the teachers, providing educational material, etc.

In the attached pictures, you can see the locals working and the rocks and gravel which are the contribution from the Bacho community.

We are also wrapping up our fundraising for this project soon. I am optimistic that we achieved our goal given the solid support of many Googlers during Google Giving Week program a couple of weeks ago. As we don't have the official report from Google yet, we cannot fully estimate where we stand. Without the donations from Google Giving Week, we were at \$82,558 (just \$7442 short of our \$90K target). We will update you as soon as we hear from Google.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank you, thank you, and (once again) thank you. There are no words to express our gratitude for the tremendous positive impact that your donation will have in the lives of so many children.

We wish you all a peaceful and holiday season and the most gratifying start of 2017.

Nelson & Claudia Mattos

