

We are finishing up 1st block of classrooms of Bacho Primary School

Dear Bacho School Donor,

We are so excited with the latest news from Tanzania! As you can see from the pictures below, we are in the late stages of completing the 1st block of the project of the Bacho Primary School (3 classrooms and the school office). With such a visible progress, the Bacho community is getting super excited with the prospects of sending its children to a new school in the upcoming school year. You cannot imagine how thankful they are!!!

We also have great news on the fundraising front. Late last year we receive a gracious donation from two organizations in Switzerland and raised an incredible amount during the Google Giving Week. Thank you, Googlers and thank you, Mary's Mercy Foundation and Lion's Club in Zurich.

We overachieved our funding target of \$90K. :-)

Given that we collected more than originally planned, we would like to request your permission to use your donations to expand our original plan and also

- 1) build bathrooms for the school
- 2) put some money aside to build a kitchen

We are not building the kitchen immediately because we first need to talk to the community about the importance of providing lunch for the children. Local tradition in this part of Tanzania discourage children to eat outside their homes for fear that the food could be cursed or poisoned. Karimu has built other schools in the area all of which provide lunch to the children by requesting that the community provide the ingredients themselves: rice, maize, beans, etc. For this reason, we strongly believe that we will convince the Bacho community to do the same when we go to Africa in June and we will subsequently start the construction of the Kitchen.

If you don't support the above expansion of the project, please let me know and we will return your donation to you.

Thank you, once again, for your support.

Nelson & Claudia Mattos (with a lot of support by Karimu's founders: Don and Marianne)



