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Dear Karimu Supporter,

Happy holidays to you and your loved ones. We have much to celebrate, thanks to your support of Karimu. This [year end video](#) offers visible evidence that your generosity has facilitated an astonishing achievement, of which we also have statistical proof: Ayalagaya Ward's 15,000 residents no longer live in poverty. The [video](#) showcases Karimu's 2024 accomplishments in both Ayalagaya and Arri Wards and reflects the profound gratitude of their people. (If you like the video, don't forget to give us a 👍.)

The changes in Ayalagaya, in the Babati District of Tanzania's Manyara Region, seem miraculous. In 2008, the year of Karimu's founding, people lived in mud huts and children attended school in crumbling classrooms. Clean water was available only in bottles and the health clinic's two tiny rooms had neither water nor electricity. But today we see many modern houses and thriving businesses, clean water is within easy walking distance for everyone, all six schools have been renovated, and the Tanzanian government recognizes the Karimu-built Dareda Kati Health Center as the Manyara Region's best.

Eliminating poverty is more than just a dream - it can become a reality when an NGO addresses all of poverty's interrelated causes, collaborates with the community, and ensures that the community actively participates in and maintains all projects. This approach helps ensure that poverty remains a distant memory once the NGO moves on to other areas.

Karimu is moving on, transitioning its focus to replicating the success of Ayalagaya with the 20,000 people in Arri and the 25,000 in Dabil. However, we are not abandoning Ayalagaya. We still have a few projects to complete as part of our strategic plan developed with the community, but we are proud to say that we are turning the page on poverty in Ayalagaya.

We hope you enjoy [2024 video](#). Thank you for all that you have done to ensure a brighter future for thousands of people, and may 2025 bring you peace and joy.

Asante sana (thank you),

Marianne Kent-Stoll, President and Co-founder  
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