

MESHA'S VILLAGE

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TANZANIA SCHOOL CLOSURE - UPDATE

Haradali Pre & Primary Schools, where all eleven of our sponsored children attend school, still remain closed temporarily to slow the spread of COVID-19. Mesha's Village has been working directly with the Haradali Headmaster, Dominic, to ensure that all MV children receive food and necessities during their time at home.



A NOTE FROM OUR INTERN...

Hello, all! My name is McKenzie Wells and I'm currently enrolled at The University of Texas! As the newest member of the Mesha's Village team, I couldn't be more excited to continue helping this organization in any way that I can! I want to extend my thanks to those who constantly give this cause life through your generosity and time!

Looking forward to hopefully meeting you all in person soon!



DONATION LIST
 Below are some things we're looking to bring to our students in Tanzania this coming Fall!

- o Clothing for Ages 3-12
- o Small Toys
- o Books
- o Gently Used School Supplies
- o Sunglasses
- o Stuffed Animals
- o Nail Polish
- o Shoes



We Can Pick-Up!
 To limit contact, we can come grab your donations!
 Just contact us at meshasvillage@gmail.com

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CALLING ALL SPRING CLEANERS!

We'd love your help in collecting the following supplies to deliver to the kids during our upcoming trip to Tanzania this Fall...



If you have anything you would like to donate, let us know at meshasvillage@gmail.com !

Thank You!!

'UBUNTU'

A TIMELY ARTICLE THAT WE'D LOVE TO SHARE



At the Festival of Peace, in Florianopolis, South Brazil, the journalist and philosopher Lia Diskin related a beautiful and touching story of a tribe in Africa she called Ubuntu.

She explained how an anthropologist had been studying the habits and customs of this tribe, and when he finished his work, had to wait for transportation that would take him to the airport to return home. He'd always been surrounded by

the children of the tribe, so to help pass the time before he left, he proposed a game for the children to play.

He'd bought lots of candy and sweets in the city, so he put everything in a basket with a beautiful ribbon attached. He placed it under a solitary tree, and then he called the kids together. He drew a line on the ground and explained that they should wait behind the line for his signal. And that when he said "Go!" they should rush over to the basket, and the first to arrive there would win all the candies.

When he said "Go!" they all unexpectedly held each other's hands and ran off towards the tree as a group. Once there, they simply shared the candy with each other and happily ate it.

The anthropologist was very surprised. He asked them why they had all gone together, especially if the first one to arrive at the tree could have won everything in the basket - all the sweets.

A young girl simply replied: "How can one of us be happy if all the others are sad?"

The anthropologist was dumbfounded! For months and months he'd been studying the tribe, yet it was only now that he really understood their true essence...



"Africans have a thing called ubuntu. It is about the essence of being human, it is part of the gift that Africa will give the world. It embraces hospitality, caring about others, being willing to go the extra mile for the sake of another. We believe that a person is a person through other persons, that my humanity is caught up, bound up, inextricably, with yours. When I dehumanize you, I inexorably dehumanize myself. The solitary human being is a contradiction in terms. Therefore you seek to work for the common good because your humanity comes into its own in

community, in belonging." — **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsorship, becoming a **Mesha's Village** member, or making a one-time donation please visit www.meshasvillage.com or email meshasvillage@gmail.com