

Igondola Children's Project - Makang'wa

There are orphans in the Makang'wa area as the result of parents dying of malaria or sometimes AIDS. Poverty in households is a symptom of a father dying or deserting the family. Compassion International was offering assistance, but in 2007 that support ended. At the request of St. John's Parish in the village of Igondola, Amani joined the effort to provide nourishment and care for these children on 9.25 acres one mile from Amani.



A committee was formed with leaders from St. John's congregation to oversee the Igondola Children's Project. St. John's members provide cooks, management, homes for orphans and men for construction projects, while Amani provides assistance with food, wages for teachers and funds for the purchase of uniforms (in the picture above). Uniforms are also needed for the local Primary School. They help put every child on an equal level so they can feel like 'somebody'! There are other costs, such as medical care, but these only come up on an occasional basis.

Initial efforts were to complete the two main buildings (the first is partially completed and pictured above) and erect a "cookhouse" (the kitchen and multipurpose building are pictured below) and toilet. Additional projects include a new Teacher's room and storage area. The complex includes an in-ground rain water cistern and currently guttering is being installed for the collection of water. When completed, there will be clean drinking water for in excess of 350 children each week plus other gatherings. With St. John's Parish building and the planned addition of a two-classroom block and new toilet, it will be possible to host conferences /seminars at this site.



Through the Igondola Project, Amani has sponsored the education of a graduating Kindergarten Teacher and there are sponsors for two more. (The Igondola complex with students and teachers is pictured above.) **There are over 400 students at the Igondola preschool and in the Sponsorship Program.**

Land suited to growing bananas, paipai (300 trees) and grapes has been dedicated to this project. New grape vineyards are being developed and, with the sale of table grapes, grapes for wine and raisins, it is possible that all basic costs of operation could be covered in three years.

Mvumi Makulu School and Farm

With funds raised in 2001 with the “Walk for Water” program in Montana, Fr. John assisted the folks in Mvumi Makulu (a community of 12,000 people 10 miles north of Amani) in restoring an existing water well. As the relationship grew, the village donated 55 acres to Amani for the development of a Primary School adjacent to the site of a new Secondary School (at right with Secondary School in background). Nearby are very poorly equipped government schools, and the large Mvumi hospital, an Anglican Church hospital with a highly regarded nurse training unit.



While plans progressed toward the development of the school, Amani rented a local house for an office and began developing a Computer Training Center. The Education Department has published plans for school buildings and Amani began working with a local committee on the development process with the Regional Education Office. A school board composed of parents, local church representatives (seen to the left) and representatives of Amani was organized to oversee operations of the school.

The Hearts for Africa Thrift Shop in Australia was established in 2007 to support this project and over \$110,000 has now been contributed. In 2008, the village donated another 100 acres of land to Amani that included an abandoned well. After removal of a bee hive in the well bore, it was found to have excellent water. Installation of a windmill was funded by a grant in 2008 by “Kitchen Table Charitable Trust” in England. With the completion of the windmill, the well can supply the new Secondary School and the Amani Primary School, as well as people living in the eastern section of the village.

Building finally began on the Primary School site in May 2009 with the first two classroom blocks (seen to the right). Plans include an administration block, four classrooms, toilet facilities, library/computer block, two 1,320 gallon elevated tanks and an in-ground rainwater cistern. During 2010, a Kitchen and Dining/Fellowship Hall is being constructed. The buildings and site are being set up so bookings on weekends for baptisms, weddings, engagements and other functions will be possible.



The land at Mvumi Makulu is most suitable for agriculture. Crops (seen to the left) include millet, peanuts, sweet potatoes and there are many established mango trees on the land. As the school develops, maize, millet, sweet potatoes, bananas, papaya and vegetables will be grown. The farm is teaching and using drip irrigation and income from the farm will assist parents with school costs. Amani is also assisting the local Upendo Group (AIDS Survivors Support Group) with a vegetable garden.

To be an Amani Sponsor, please copy, fill out and return this form with your contribution.



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Igondola Children’s Project

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I/We desire to sponsor a child/student through the Children of Peace/Students for Peace program at the Igondola Education Center (St. John’s Church, Igondola).

Full Name:

Address:

.....Post Code.....

Phone:

Email:

Please indicate: Pre School: (\$120.00US)

Primary: (\$140.00US).....

Secondary – Form I: (\$220.00US).....

Forms II & III: (\$250.00US)

Form IV: (\$285.00US)

There are currently – 130 Pre School ; 97 Primary (Standards 1 & 2); 47 Secondary School .

Print two copies of this form. Post one to the necessary address printed below and keep the second for your records. Checks made out to the relevant Foundation, or (in Australia) Bank Transfer to:

Westpac BSB 034 041 A/C No. 226300 (date.....)

AUST: Hearts for Africa Fund, P.O. Box 8160, Sunnybank, Qld 4109

USA: Amani for Africa USA Foundation. 100 North 27th St., Suite 305, Billings, MT 59101

Thank you for your support for these Children and Students.

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