



NEWSLETTER  
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# *Dear Patrons & Well-wishers,*

We saw our world changing drastically in front of our eyes in the last two months. From wealth and prosperity to poverty and unemployment, from global and connected to isolated and lonely, from certainty and strength to uncertainty and fear – our world changed faster than we could ever imagine. I hope you and your family are adjusting to the new reality, staying home and staying healthy.

Even during such challenging times, our red(P) International team based out of Nairobi, Kenya, could squeeze in a quick trip to the village of Oltome Culture Boma to meet with our scholarship recipient students and their families to hear their stories. They also met with the village council to understand their existing challenges and explore additional projects to help the villagers.

Our team was happy to report that the scholarship recipients are doing well and making progress. The team members came back with amazing stories and many innovative ideas. We are glad to share their stories in this edition of our newsletter. I hope, in this challenging time, our stories will bring smiles to you.

Please stay safe and strong.

Thanks,

*- Deb -*

# JAMBO!

Hello in Swahili

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Receive greetings from Kenya - red(P) Kenya and the Amboseli team. We, red(P) Kenya, had the privilege to meet the Amboseli team on Saturday 14th March 2020. We are grateful and extremely humbled by the warm welcome and generosity we received from the host, starting from Richard Jr waiting for us by the roadside for many hours to everyone's assistance late into the night after a series of getting stuck in the mud.

What an experience!

We are also glad that we now know the location and are fully aware of what we need to be ready next time.

Our next visit should be much smoother.

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## New Leadership

We have newly elected officials for red(P) Kenya. The leadership team consists of the following:



**Glaucia  
Young**  
red (P) USA  
Founder



**Debasish  
Mukhopadhyay**  
red (P) USA  
Founder



**Serah  
Lois**  
red (P) Kenya  
Director



**Lindy  
Cromwel**  
red (P) Kenya  
Secretary



**Caleb  
Kimani**  
red (P) Kenya  
Treasurer



**Agnes  
Itote**  
red (P) Kenya  
Member



**Amit  
Vyas**  
red (P) Kenya  
Member



**Richard  
Lepores (Sr)**  
red (P) Kenya  
Member



**Richard  
Lamisi (Jr)**  
red (P) Kenya  
Member



# UPDATES

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## COVID-19 Disrupts Education

At the time of this publication, Kenya just like the rest of the world is experiencing a decrease in social involvement due to the ongoing pandemic caused by COVID-19. A situation that has seen most sectors slowed down if not shut down to curb the spread of the virus. One of the sectors highly affected is the education sector where the Government of Kenya came in and issued a directive to have all schools closed and students sent home. This has disrupted the learning processes and end of term examination schedules up until schools' resume. A notice whose time-line nobody knows yet.

# STUDENTS APPRECIATION

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Regardless of the current situation that has brought schools to a close, the students were happy to have us around. They then went ahead and wrote down their appreciations. Have a read of what they said.



## Magdalene Naisanti Tanjeu

Kimana Girls Secondary School, Loitokitok

*“Hello, it is my pleasure that you are fine and doing well. My main intention of putting this information is to for sacrificing yourself to pay my school fees. I remember the last time we were together I promised that I will work hard to achieve my best and fulfil my dream in school. This year I joined form 2 and I am struggling with my books for me to accomplish my main mission in school. As you continue with your charity work of sponsoring my education, May God bless the work of your hands. Thank you so much.”*



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## Reshina Lepores Richard

St. Clare Girls' Secondary School, Loitokitok

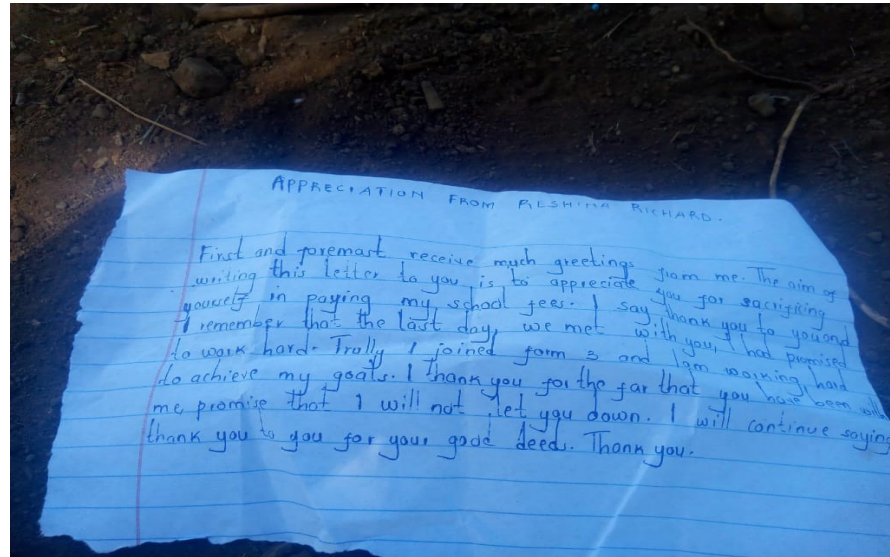


*“First and foremost, receive much greeting from me. The aim of writing this letter to you is to appreciate you for sacrificing yourself in paying my school fees. I say thank you to you and I remember the last day we meet with you, I had promised to work hard. Truly I had joined form 3 and I am working hard to achieve my goals.*

*I thank you for the far that you have been with me, promise that I will not let you down.*

*I will continue saying thank you to you for your good deeds.*

*”  
Thank you.*

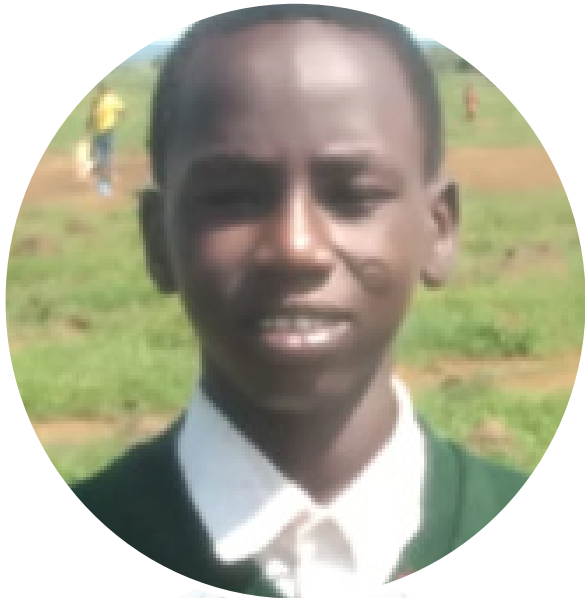


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## Francis Tipilit Muentet

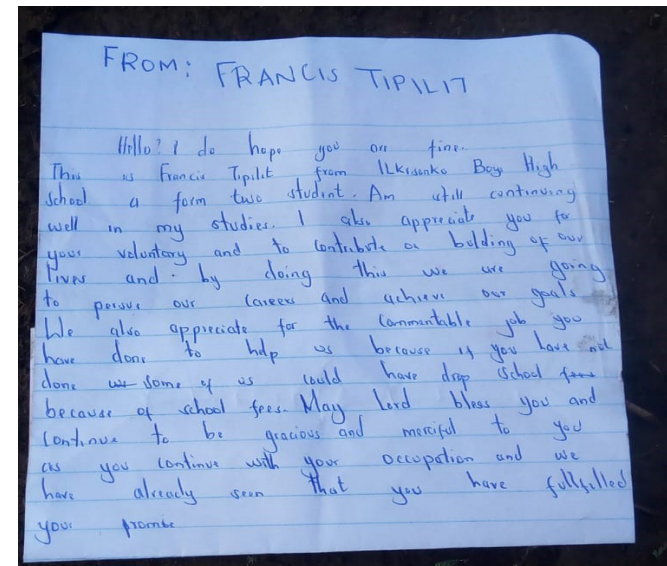
Ilkisonko Secondary School, Loitokitok



*“Hello? I do hope you are fine.*

*This is Francis Tipilit from Ilkisonko Boys High school a form two student. I am continuing well in my studies. I also appreciate you for your voluntary and to contribute or building of our lives and by doing this we are going to pursue our careers and achieve our goals.*

*We also appreciate for the commendable job you have done to help us because if you have not done some of us could have drop school because of school fees. May Lord bless you and continue to be gracious and merciful to you as you continue with your occupation and we have already seen that you have fulfilled your promise.*”

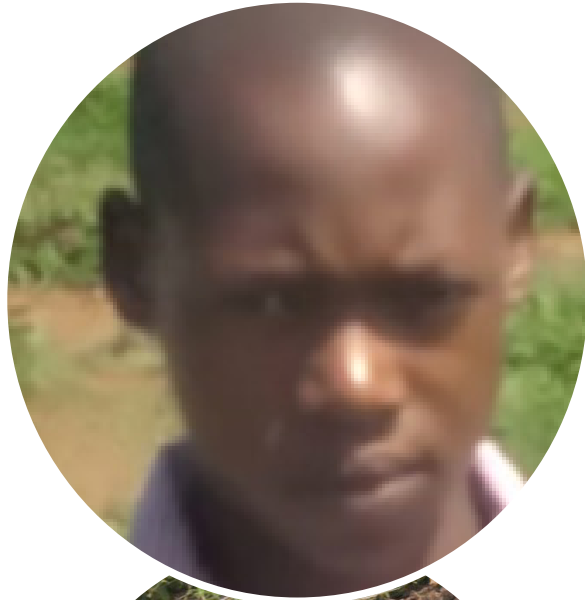




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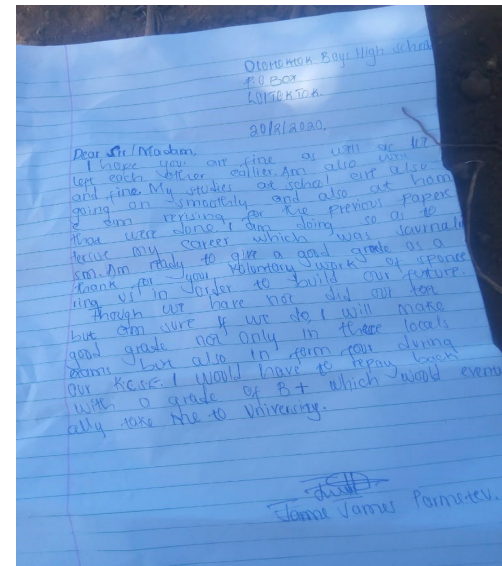
**James Pameteu Sikonka**  
Oloitokitok Boys High School, Loitokitok



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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I hope you are fine as well as left each other earlier. Am also well and fine. My studies at school are also going on smoothly and at home am revising for the previous papers that were done. I am doing so to pursue my career which was journalism. Am ready to give a good grade as a thank you for your voluntary work of sponsoring us to build our future.*

*Though we have not did our test but am sure if we do, I will make good grade not only in these local exams but also in form four during our KCSE. I would have to repay back with a grade of B+ which would eventually take me to university.*”



# THE TRIP!

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13 members of our Nairobi based team made a trip to beautiful Amboseli National Park. The park is located about 150 miles south east of Nairobi. The village Oltome Culture Boma is inside the Amboseli National Park. They spent the entire day with the villagers and Here is a field report from them.



A welcome song and dance presentation,



A much needed stretch mid-way during the trip.

Upon arrival at the village we were treated to a warm unexpected welcome song and dance, not to forget the Masai signature jumps. Our team joined into the occasion, but they most-definitely need to practice their jumps a little, especially now that they are working from home, so that next time they can do it better.







# THE TRIP CONTINUED...

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Part of the team visited the Oltome Primary School with a student population of over 100. A community school within the village with the aim of nurturing young minds and preparing the students for a better education. Currently the school has capacity to accommodate pupils from Pre-Unit, Standard 1 and standard 2 in that order from the door on the left as shown below. The blue door serves as the staff room and the headteachers office. The kids had a very good time with the team who took them through an interactive English, Math and musical session. Their sharp minds and bright smiles made the interaction easy and the best highlight of the visit.



Above: Oltome Primary School. Below: Class 1 pupils welcoming red(P) team.



Pupils participating in a simple Q&A.





# THE TRIP CONTINUED...

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We also agreed with Richard that it would be completely okay for the team to meet the children in the village on the next visit. No need for them to be at the school on a Saturday. We all remember from our days in school and how we hated the days when we had to go to school on a weekend.

The other part of the team met with the village council to discuss the scholarship program.



From left to right: Father Emanuel (a family friend to Carol and Agnes), Carol (sister to Agnes), Agnes and Richard Jr as they discussed the scholarship program.





# THE TRIP CONTINUED...

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We were introduced to the parents of the pupils who are currently in the program. The mothers to Samuel and Francis joined us during the program discussion. The tea prepared was so good it deserves its own special mention.

*“Richard, please let the women know that we carry the memories of the milky tea even as we drink our bland Nairobi tea.”*



Richard Jr making a point while enjoying his cup of tea.



Mother of James Parmeteu Sikonka



Mother of Francis Tipilit Muentet.



# FINALLY...

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This month had a very interesting run. Starting from a bumpy but exciting trip to Oltome Culture Boma to closing of schools to curb the COVID-19 outbreak. It is still amazing to know that the communities' hold on to the vision to see a well-educated upcoming generation. This encouraging factor is seen in all their faces and speech. Red(P) Kenya aims to use this experience to enhance the bond and network around the needs of the community.



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