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Lunch at St. Timothy Academy

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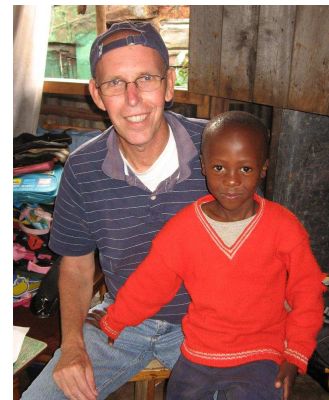
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Ed and Kibera Student

## Back Home in America

Dear Ed,

I arrived home in the states on June 25th and will hang around for a couple of months before returning to Kenya. I am happy to spend some time catching up with family and with old acquaintances. It is also a great time to do some planning for the future of the Foundation with Board members and supporters. It is great to be home although the hot weather is far greater than in Africa. In Kenya now, they are experiencing winter, and it was quite cool in the Nairobi area as I left.

Along with renewing connections with friends and family, I also have a "to do list" of work activities. I want to research some grant opportunities for a new building project. I have a good amount of video footage that I would like to put into a DVD to share with you all. Pictures often do speak louder than words. And there are some

### DONATE

A  
COW!

**Only \$150 each!**

Ed received a number of donations for the purchase of cows before he left Kenya in late June. Thanks to all who contributed. **But it is not too late to purchase a cow!** After three to four months, these cows, which were purchased in the north of Kenya, will have added weight and can be sold for a quite a profit. This buying and selling is a way of life for the Maasai and Ed has joined in the great cattle

additional sales outlets that have surfaced for selling our bead work and I want to make the most of these opportunities.

There are some things that **you** can do to support our work in Kenya. So read on and please consider how you can help! Thank you so much for your continued support. Please consider a donation and forwarding this newsletter to family and friends!

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

ED

## I Would Really Like to Help . . . . .

There are a number of things that we can do to support the Foundation and all the Maasai and Kamba women and children who struggle in Athi River, Kenya.

- 1) Support our projects with a donation, big or small. We are a designated Public Charity in the U.S. and all donations are tax-exempt. Send to **Journey: The Ed Colina Foundation, P.O. Box 199, Burlington, KY 41005.**
- 2) Research corporate connections, especially those who may be able to fund adult literacy projects. If you have a grant or donor connection worth pursuing, please let [Ed](#) know!
- 3) Support our projects and Ed's travel to Africa costs by purchasing a cow for \$150 each. After some months, these cows will be sold for a substantial profit.
- 4) Buy some bead work items or arrange for a sale in your local area. Ed brought back hundreds of beautiful hand-beaded necklaces, key chains, belts and sandals for sale. We make very little profit from these items but the women are kept working and are able to pay school fees because of these efforts.
- 5) Host a "cocktail party" at your home for 10 - 12 couples/friends who may be new to the Foundation's efforts. Ed will come and speak for ten or fifteen minutes, describing our work. It is an easy way of sharing the great things being done in Kenya and of "widening the net" of donors.



Proposed Resource Center

venture.

Send your donations to:  
**COWS - The Ed Colina Foundation**  
PO Box 199  
Burlington, KY 41005

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently searching for grant opportunities to fund a new **Adult Literacy Resource Centre**. If you are aware of any funding options, please [let us know](#).

## New P.O. Address

As we reported in the May eNewsletter, **Journey: The Ed Colina Foundation** received its 501c3 tax exempt status. We now have a new mailing address in the United States. To contact us, write:

**Journey: The Ed Colina Foundation**  
P.O Box 199  
Burlington, KY 41005 USA

## Would You Like Ed To Come and Speak?

One of the goals of our Foundation is to connect children and adults in the U.S. with the culture and struggles of Kenya. Ed Colina is now scheduling talks and visits to local schools, churches, business groups, etc. If you would like Ed to come and speak to your group, contact us at [ed@edcolinafoundation.org](mailto:ed@edcolinafoundation.org) We would also be happy to set up a bead work table at any gathering to share the beautiful Maasai crafts.

Below are websites of some of those who support our work.

## A New Adult Resource Center Planned

Before Ed left Kenya for the States, he contracted with a Kenyan architect to draw up plans for his dream of an Adult Resource Center. Currently there are approximately 75 (mostly women) adult students learning English, Kiswahili and mathematics. The classes take place in a metal-sheeted "church structure" but more often than not, the classes are held under a tree. Three times per week, two hours per day, these women come with their infants to learn some basic skills that will improve their lives and the lives of their children. Our dream is to construct a simple structure that will provide two classrooms to conduct these classes, as well as provide a resource library containing materials for education to combat HIV/AIDS, Female Genital Mutilation. We hope to teach classes on agriculture projects and provide a "demo-garden" outside. The building will house an office for our Foundation, an office for sustainability (Goat, Cattle and Beadwork Cooperatives) and even provide a small space for volunteers and staff to live. Please help us in our search for grant opportunities and funding sources. In the near future we look to kicking off a construction campaign that will fund the property, the building and the projects. Our hope is to do all of these activities for a price tag under \$50,000.

## Sustainability Progress

**A goal of our Foundation is to make all of our endeavors sustainable (in other words to pay for themselves and continue after initial funding). Here are some of our recent projects and their progress towards sustainability.**

**Cows** - With your donations, Ed has been able to purchase twenty cows which will be kept for some months and resold at a substantial profit. This money will be used for Ed's airfare, housing and food as well as Foundation projects.

**Goats** - The Maasai Women's Cooperative now has over 80 goats (and counting) which provide milk for the Maasai children and will be sold at a good price. Goat milk is very nutritious and good for fighting diseases and strengthening those with HIV and immune deficiencies. Funds generated from this cooperative are used to pay for school fees and to purchase food items for the family.

In addition, the Foundation pays a number of student school fees. Where possible, we are looking to eliminate our involvement with paying these fees and instead, give the family a goat. We will monitor school records and if fees are not being paid, we will "repo" the goat!.

**Beadwork** - A new outlet for our beadwork, the Safari Park Hotel, has begun purchasing Maasai necklaces from us. Sales continue on both U.S. coasts and in the U.K. If you would like to display our items in your area, please [contact](#) us, Profit from the sales are used for school fees.

**Chickens** - We recently purchased chickens for a group of thirty-six

Florence Rotary

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Hopecraft

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KEST

Nyumbani

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Westpak, Inc.



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Kamba widows. These women know how to raise chickens and do farming projects when the rain cooperates. This is yet another sustainability venture that will help the women provide for themselves.

**Agro** - The Maasai women of Athi River are beginning to plant maize on a plot of land leased by the cooperative. This is a unique project for the Maasai who are herders and not typically farmers.

**Goats for School Fees** -

## Kibera Slum School



**New Latrine Built in Kibera**

Last December, the Ed Colina Foundation agreed to pay for sweaters and build a latrine for a small school in the Kibera slum. The sweaters were purchased and the latrine, pictured above, was completed. This month, the Foundation agreed to buy chairs for the 65 students in the school. Thank you!

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[WWW.EDCOLINAFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.EDCOLINAFOUNDATION.ORG)

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